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GINLING COLLEGE

CHENGTU, SZECHWAN

January 20, 1940.

室公辦長院
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

*For this letter
Miss Chester*

Dear Mereb,

Your good letter of September 27th took a long time to reach Chengtu. I do not remember now when it was received, but I am sure it came after I had sent you my long letter. I have been slow in answering this letter, partly because I wished to have a chance to talk to Miss Lin Yu-wen and partly because I was hoping that I might get an answer from ^{you to me} my letter ~~to you~~.

As I told you before, Lin Yu-wen is taking a post-graduate course in the Agricultural Economics Department at the University. She has a good scholarship of \$80 a month for a period of two years. Recently she came to see me in regard to her thesis material and she expressed a wish that she might get the main part of her investigation of rural families in Jenshow where our Rural Station is. It is then very clear that she definitely plans to finish the two-year course at the University.

In regard to Chen Pin-ling, she wrote to us and asked that a transcript be sent to you. Miss Chester got it ready and I have been holding it for several weeks. As Miss Chester pointed out, her academic record does not show a very high standing. However, you know her personal qualifications and you know of her work when she was at Kulou Hospital. I shall leave it entirely in your hands to decide whether and where to recommend her for a scholarship.

The need for more well-trained social workers is more urgent than ever. Our Rural Station in Jenshow is getting on much better this year under Miss Highbaugh than it did last year. I was there for a few days before Christmas and I saw a great future for development. At the same time, I saw the great need for a better trained and more experienced Chinese person. I just do not know where to look for such a person.

Last autumn I had hoped that Tsu Yu-dji would spend two months at our Rural Station in Jenshow in her scheme of investigating the rural families in Szechwan. I remember I told you that she joined the staff of James Yen's establishment in September, 1938. She is much interested in developing

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the women's work under Dr. Yen. I do feel keenly the place left vacant among our own group by her not coming. In December she wrote me that they had changed their plans and she was not going to do the investigating in a few hsiens as she had thought in September. Dr. Yen is making vigorous preparation to open a college in the fall of 1940 for the training of social and rural workers. It will give a four-year college course and also post-graduate course of two years for special training to college graduates.

In spite of this new college being established, it still seems to me there is the need for Ginling to train women workers for the rural families. It is not only that Dr. Yen's group has not had enough work done along this line, but in a large institution the main emphasis is bound to be placed on the training of men workers along various lines including civil servants for the hsiens. When I first thought of setting up a rural station, I had in mind giving a short training course of two years to train women workers for the practical work in the country.

At present our staff in Jenshow are too busily occupied with the immediate work, and moreover, we must have one or two more experienced Chinese workers if we want to attempt such a thing. I feel so helpless and I would welcome any comments and suggestions you may have on this large subject. Of course I realize that you cannot do one-hundredth part of what you would be able to do if you were right on the spot.

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I am very anxious to hear your thinking on my question whether you will be able to return to Ginling after the war. I realize it may be very difficult to make any decision now in view of the fact that your dear Mother has heart trouble. Anyway, I would appreciate it very much if you could let me know what you think about my proposal.

*With best regards to you dear Dad and Mother
and love to yourself.*

Sincerely yours,

W. H. W.

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

February 8, 1940

Mrs. T. D. McMillan
Ginling College
150 5th Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. McMillan:

Your letter of February 6, with reference to Miss Chen and Miss Lin has just arrived. Concerning Miss Chen, I shall do nothing more on the scholarship for the New York School of Social Work for her, unless I hear from you making suggestions concerning what you think I might do.

Concerning Miss Lin Yu-Wen, I wish very much that you could help her in making an application for Boston University if the New York School of Social work is out of the question. I believe that Miss Lin has a very valuable contribution to make in China in the field of social work, and I should like to help her secure a scholarship in this country. Would you be so good as to go ahead with application for her at Boston University, giving me as reference. I shall be glad to do anything that I can for her in any way possible. If you have suggestions to make to me on other places that have scholarships in social work for oriental students, I shall be more than glad to do anything possible for her. She is an able girl and is ready for training.

I hear regularly from Wu Suen-I. I wrote a letter of application for her today to Columbia University for next year, and I am writing the Home Economics Association at her request. If there is anything more that I can do to be of help to her, please let me know. I know her personally and know of her qualifications both in school and on the job. She is a person whom I can recommend as being able and worthy of additional training, because of the contributions she will make when she returns to China.

My kindest regards to you.

Most sincerely,

Mereb E. Mossman

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GREENSBORO, N. C.

March 8, 1940

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

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

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am sorry that there seems to continue to be confusion about the applications for scholarships of our students. I have not done anything at all except write letters when I have been asked. I had a letter from the New York School asking me about Miss Dzo Yu-lin. They simply asked for me as a reference. I have no time in which to write to you of each of the references which are asked as I have a large group of our students here whose placement is also my responsibility. I have answered about ten or twelve or perhaps more applications for students from China this year. On many of them, the letter has been merely a form letter from the school saying that that individual had given me as a reference. I have written a letter of reference for them, presuming that perhaps the whole thing had gone through your office in the original application.

With reference to Miss Dzo Yu-lin, if you read the letter which I wrote, ^{to the N.Y. School} you will have discovered that I did not recommend her strongly, for I wrote them that Dr. Wu did not recommend her consideration. This came in a personal letter to me from Dr. Wu earlier in the year. I also told them that for several reasons, which I named, Miss Dzo would not be the first choice. At that time I suggested to them that I should like to know what should be done to have them reconsider Miss Lin Yu-wen, but I did not hear from them. There are no plans in behalf of Miss Dzo Yu-lin of which I know, for I know that Dr. Wu has not written to me of her as a possible candidate. Miss Dzo herself wished to come, but I think Dr. Wu has not planned on her as a possible person to be there permanently at Ginling.

Because of all of this trouble I shall do no more for any of the applicants other than word which comes from your office. I am writing to Dr. Wu today in answer to the air mails, both of which came from her yesterday. I shall enclose her letters to me, along with the transcript of Miss Dju Gioh-fang, who was one of the ablest young students I have ever known. I shall write Dr. Wu also today asking her to please send all further correspondence through your office with regard to all college matters, as it inevitably leads to confusion when there are questions upon which I have information which should rather be in the office in New York. I shall send any letters, or parts of letters which in any way pertain to graduate work to you. I am enclosing Dr. Wu's letters as well, and I am asking that these may be returned. In writing to her I shall tell her that all of the matters which have to do at all with students should not be mentioned in letters to me, in other than a definitely personal way. That I shall be doing nothing except through specific request from your office, as this has been your request. In order to make it clear, I am sending a copy of your last two letters to Dr. Wu, so that she will understand. I shall tell her that I have turned over her letters concerning Dju Gioh-fang, and you may do as seems best to you.

I am more than sorry to have caused you such trouble.

Most sincerely yours,

Meredith E. Dawson

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From President Wu to Mereb Mossman

Ginling College
April 1, 1940

Dear Mereb,

It seems to be always some business that prompts me to write to you, but I suppose that is the way not with me alone.

The most urgent thing is to tell you that Miss Chou Li-chiu is resigning. The Sociology department in Yenching is asking her to go back and during Dr. Leighton Stuart's visit here Easter week-end, it was probably settled. I was ill in bed so missed seeing Dr. Stuart, and I have not talked with Miss Chou since I got up. However, she showed me the letter before Dr. Stuart came and she indicated that she felt that she should answer the invitation from her Alma Mater. From our letters you might have sensed that Miss Chou has not come very much during the three years, so I felt this might be a good time for her to make a change.

I realize, of course, that unless we are able to find a good person to fill this vacancy, we shall be greatly handicapped. I have tried to secure Miss Kit Kin-Lei, and even offered her the special Boxer Indemnity chair, which was granted us last spring, but she could not come. She had been doing very interesting work under the Kiangsi Government in the training and the organization of women workers throughout the province. Perhaps she has got so used to the huge scale of Government work that she may not be happy with college work even if she comes to us.

The question which remains unanswered is where to look for the person we want, that is, someone with a academic standing, practical experience, and a vision for training college students. Mrs. Macmillan was quite interested in recommending Louise Chang (Chang Fu-liang's daughter) who was just getting her M.A. in Sociology from Michigan. She was brought up in Shanghai, went through McTyeire, Yenching, Vassar, and Michigan. I just do not see how such a young person without understanding of interior China could do much when we have not you in the department.

This brings me to the biggest question I wish to ask. I asked you in my earlier letter whether you could come after the war is over. Before that reply comes, I am asking almost an impossible question, that is, whether there is any possibility for you to come next autumn for a period of two or three years. I had wished that you were here, but never actually thought we should ask you to return under the present conditions. Last night, I thought a great deal about the future of our Sociology department, and also of the tremendous opening in this particular period in which Ginling finds herself, and yet is not doing anything for.

When I first thought of starting the Rural Service Station in the spring of 1937, I thought of giving practical service and also starting a training course for high school graduates to go out to work among the rural homes. I had high hopes, but I did not find the right person to head it up so the first year was wasted. The second year we were so happy to have Miss Highbaugh, and the work is really being developed. But in the meanwhile, men's organizations are going ahead. Dr. James Yen is opening a college of rural reconstruction. I understand there are three divisions, one a four-year college course, one a post-graduate course for college graduates, and the third a short course for high school graduates. If everything goes well,

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this college is to be opened next fall not far from Chungking. The Szechwan Government is also giving superficial training of a few months to rural workers. There are mostly going out just to do publicity work in connection with the war and with enlisting.

Last evening, Miss Highbaugh told me that the agricultural College of Nanking University is applying for government funds to give a training course to college women for doing rural work. While she has not heard the details, it shows clearly that the Agricultural College paid no attention to the feeble efforts we were making for serving the rural home and did not even consult us in the least before they thought of this plan of training college women. It was during Miss Highbaugh's busiest time in holding the exhibit at the China New Year that a man from the University came to consult her as to the courses that should be included in such a training course. These facts revealed to me the actual situation to be something like this. The need for well-trained women for rural work is urgent. We are too slow in taking up the challenge, and the men's institutions see the opportunities and go ahead with programs, even if they do not know how to carry them out. Quite often it weighs very heavily on my conscience whenever I realize that Ginling,^{as} a woman's college, is not taking up the responsibility as she ought to in this war time, particularly in meeting definite fields of work for which college women should be trained.

The Women's Committee of the New Life Movement under Madame Chiang has given training courses to women workers. The earlier classes were practically all high school girls or even those who had not completed high school. But when they go out into the country to give active service they need group supervisors, and Madame Chiang wants college women to be such leaders. If we have the personnel, we should be giving a special training course for women to be such supervisors, and I am sure I could apply for funds to do this if we have the personnel to carry it through.

When I reviewed such facts, I came to the conclusion that I would write to you and ask a question point-blank. I would like to know if there is any possibility of your considering coming to Chengtu next September for a period of two or three years, if your parents could not allow you to come for longer. Of course, I do not mean that you alone can do the work, but at least you can plan and be the rallying force for our Alumnae and others. Even in the city there is a great deal to do also. The Ministry of Education has asked all the colleges and schools to have centers to carry on what is generally called Social Education, in other words, it is more like extension work and neighborhood work. Miss Chou just could not see the challenge enough to give her energy and time in starting this work during last school year, so for this year I secured Miss Liu Chu-yuen. She has done fairly well in a small way, but I have the impression that she is the type that can do much more if under the direction of a capable leader. The University of Nanking is inviting Miss Chen Wen-sien to head up this work next year. You must have seen her while she was working for her Ph.D. in Chicago. When she was student secretary under the Church of Christ in China and came to Nanking with the Student Movement activities, I had the impression that she had no use for women's colleges. So I do not see much possibility for cooperation with her if we have no one strong enough to deal with her. Dr. Smythe has tried his best in getting all the Sociology departments in Chengtu to cooperate, particularly after the standardized course lists for college majors were issued by the Ministry of Education. He finds Dr. Lung somewhat difficult to work with. It is only fair to Miss Chou to say that she has not received the kind of cooperation and help from Dr. Lund that would make her work easier.

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This is getting so late in the year that I would wish to ask you to reply by cable. If by good fortune, my "wild" request should be workable, will you please send just these words: "Ginling, Chengtu. Coming. Mereb." If otherwise, "Ginling, Chengtu. Impossible. Mereb." I would expect also a letter from you in addition to the cable reply so that I could know more about your reactions and your thinking on the subject. I am also very anxious to know if you cannot come this summer is there any probability in the near future.

I have one other item of business, that is in regard to the application for scholarship for Dju Gieh-fang at the School of Social Administration in Chicago. We are very anxious to help her to secure the chance to study abroad. She is very capable academically, as you know, and after the war she developed greatly in her thinking and purpose of life. It was Mrs. New that helped her most while working with her on the clothing committee in the winter of 1937. I hope my last letter with her college record reached you in good time and you were able to help her in securing a scholarship. Thus far the official application blank has not come, and I hope that does not mean there is no more chance for her to get the scholarship for this year.

With best regards and waiting anxiously for your reply,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA

November 5, 1942

My dear Mr Evans:-

Your interpretation of this letter of March
Mrs. Mason's seems from the context the interpretation
I believe I would gather together from her folder
in the Gilling office from your correspondence
with her, and from Board Minutes re
actions and her acceptance of the debt (if
you find such acceptance) and ask her
whether her letter means that she is
repudiating this debt.

She took her father abroad since
she came home, she has helped her
mother (so she has said) in his graduate education.

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She was devoted to Chang Tuh-wei and loved.

Her I think when she was here. But these things are no reason now for repudiating a debt if she ever accepted it -

Besides people at Guilin are near the starvation line - But, while that might not appeal to her, yet it might be worth trying - Second thought, it probably would be -

This situation is a most disillusioning one here - She is a Sociologist - Is this sort of social ethics going to create a brand new state world?

Miss Moseman has I believe a good position at the Univ of North Carolina's Woman's College. I would like to know the salary - but it may be \$3000. It would be less than \$2400 - and it might be above \$3000. - Yours sincerely Rebecca Thorne

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P.S. It is true that she gave all her skill and training to the job in China, and did a good job. But Guilting gave her her first chance, I think, as a teaching job. She was running an orphanage & some such thing following taking her M.A. at Chicago - and it was partly, I should believe, on her Guilting teaching record that she got her present teaching job.

I understand that her mother objected to her return to China - and that she went back agreeing to return if her family wanted her to come back.

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Her father was then president of
small Methodist College in the
middle West - Kansas I think -
and Mrs. The Cornell Lumber firm
at least. -

I recall that Miss Hodge and I
worked out some kind of an agreement
with her and I hope that agreement
can be found in her file in the Gentry office.
A. H. B. -

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

May 25, 1943

Dr. ~~Wu~~ Yi-fang
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. ~~Wu~~,

Imagine how surprised I was to read in the New York Times yesterday that you are in this country. I was so excited that I almost called you on the telephone, but I realized that you would have left the Smith campus and I did not know just how to reach you. I am so anxious to see you that I am hoping against hope that you will be here for a while and that ~~we~~ can have a good visit.

I am planning to be in Washington after June 7 for the rest of the month of June. I shall be at the National Office of the American Red Cross. If you could let me know whether you are expecting to be in Washington at any time, then I surely do want to have a chance for a little visit with you. There are a thousand things that I want to talk about so that I can hardly wait until I do see you.

I do hope you are getting a little chance at a rest while you are here, for I know how you need one.

Most affectionately,

Mark E. Massman

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468 Riverside Drive,
New York, N. Y.,
June 18, 1943.

Dear Mereb:

Well, here we are in New York, hard at work. Dr. Wu has been dashing here and there mostly to committee meetings, Associated Boards, Nanking Theological Seminary, International Missionary Council, United China Relief--she has a broadcast on Monday and meetings with the International Girl Scouts. I do not see too much of her, but enough to keep very busy.

Because she has so many engagements lined up ahead, she feels that she will not be able to return to Washington until late in July. I hope this does not mean that we shall not see you again--perhaps the fates will keep you in that Alexandria office--they have been advertising for people a long time and so perhaps they will not be able to let you move on! Or, perhaps you might come this way, although from what I learned at the area office they seem to be overwhelmed with people to help Red Cross up here.

Dr. Wu noted from the memorandum with her ticket that she owes you 52 cents. I am enclosing this amount in stamps. She appreciated so much what you did for her. I thought we would have the speech finished the day before --really two days before we did, and I was sure that by Sunday I could either run down myself or possibly go back with you and get the ticket. I was so involved in the speech that I forgot the ticket until you were about to start the car. Thanks a lot for the help!

I thought the speech went very well. Dr. Wu followed the manuscript closely, but spoke quite naturally. Followed as she was by Jimmie Yen with his extemporaneous speech, made with many gestures and much warmth, the two were as different as possible. Without her careful and well planned presentation I do not feel that the content of the meeting would have been complete, although of course, Jimmie Yen covered a lot of ground. A great deal of the weight and dignity of the meeting was provided by Dr. Wu and it seemed to me that her personality and ability had fair chance of expression. The people were most attentive and responsive.

It was fun seeing you. I regret that there are not more opportunities for us to get together. While our paths are in different directions, I feel that there are so many interests which we have in common, and knowing the experiences of each other would be of real value. It is good to know that when we do come together the stream seems to flow on almost as if there had not been so much interruption. That was the thing which counted so much when Dr. Wu and I met here in New York after her arrival.

Hoping that we shall see some more of you, I am

Sincerely yours,

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December 29, 1943

Merel Messman
Dear Merch,

I am ashamed of myself for not having written you at all during all of these months. Now it is a matter of business that started me to send you this letter, so I will get down to business first.

I wish to get your help in telling me the best University where to apply for a fellowship for Dr. C. F. Lung and secondary which institution is the best for Rural Sociology. Dr. Lung has really worked very hard during the last 8½ years, and he definitely expects to take his leave of absence for a year for research in America. In fact, Futan tried hard to secure him as they were building up a strong Sociology department, and he did not go mostly because of his hopes of this Sabbatical leave and studying in America. His special interest is to go into the history and development of Sociology. As you know, his special line is in theory and not the applied side of sociology. The other factor is that he will have to have full fellowship covering all of the expenses and not only the usual students tuition scholarship. I don't need to explain to you that it is because no one is able to save any money during these difficult days in war times in China. If it is at all possible, I wish to get some information from you before I start home ward. My present guess is that I may be leaving around January 10. I expect to be in Washington from January 5 and my address there is, c/o Mrs. Gordon Bowles, 4801 Brandingwine, N. W., Washington.

The second question is on account of Hsuing-Ya-Na, who graduated from Ginling in 1941. She is the girl that won the first prize in the field of Sociology in the first national competitive examination given by the Minister of Education in 1940. While in college she was very active in student organizations and after graduation she has been on the staff of the Rural Service Station. She did a splendid job in starting a sub-station in a village about 10 li from Jenshow. Both from her academic ability and the practical experience, she is well qualified to take post-graduate work. I want very much to see her come over next summer if at all possible. While I know many universities may be interested in granting ~~scholarships~~ to such a student, I wish to find the right place for her to get the training that will be most helpful to her future service. She is definitely interested in rural work, and her father was a Methodist minister in the country in Kiangsi province.

I am expecting Miss Hsiang to return to the department in Jinling and I am sure she will be able to contribute greatly to this big and important field of rural reconstruction.

If you are not able to tell me without inquiry what institution Miss Hsuing should go to, I shall leave word with Mrs. Mills for her to attend to the application on behalf of the college. I presume Mrs. Mills has sent you a copy of my general ~~lose~~ letter. It is absolutely true that the cable from Ruth Chester has urged me to return early in January. It is because Dr. D'Jang Hsiang-Laing has high blood pressure due to overwork and some kidney trouble. I am eager to return, although I have not finished one-half of the things I

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would have liked to do while here. Partly it was because I had not planned my program more that I feel I have not accomplished so much. However, I am happy to have come at this time and to have renewed contact with so many friends and make new friends.

One of the things that I have wished to be able to talk to you more about is in regard to yourself. I remember clearly how in that hot summer in Washington you seemed to express a wish to return to China. I would like to know whether there is any possibility for you to return to Jinling. I don't need to tell you that I will be more than glad to give you a standing invitation for you to come at any moment that you are able to. Ever since you built up the department it has been the largest in the college, and especially with the emphasis on the sociology reconstruction in recent years it is bound to receive more attention. At the same time, we must strength our own program now that other universities are also developing their sociology departments, so we shall be very happy, indeed, if we shall be fortunate enough to have you back with us again.

This year we have three Christians besides Dr. Lung on the Sociology staff. One is Mrs. George Wu (formerly Miss Kao-Chuem-Chih) who visited Jinling when you were there. Her husband is now working with the National Christian Council in Chungking, and I can never be sure how long Mrs. Wu may be willing to work in Chengtu. The other woman is Tang Ming Sing (Jinling 1928) who studied in Smith and Chicago. She was married and her husband died during the war. She was on Dr. Chen-wen sociology staff in Hankin University for 2 years and joined our faculty only this past fall. The fourth member is a young man graduated from Yen-Ching University. He was on the staff of Jimmy Yen for several years and is interested in rural sociology and vital statistics. Dr. Dzo-Yu-Ling is still with us as young instructor and I am sorry to say that she has not shown much academic interest in research and Dr. Lung does not like her well.

From this account you will see that we actually need to secure additional permanent members for our Sociology. If you should know of any prominent Chinese students in this county, I shall be very glad to hear about them. I have come to the conclusion that I would inquire about either men or women and it may be advisable to even consider couples at the same time. I have lost so many young women in recent years that I have wanted to try having a married woman with her husband to come together.

When you write home, do please give my kind regards to your father and mother. I have thought of them, but being a poor correspondent, you wouldn't expect me to write and please also remember me to your sister and brothers. I do hope they are all getting on well and especially the young people are all well established.

With much love to yourself.

Affectionately yours,

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

January 17, 1944

Dr. Wu Yi-fang
Care of Mrs. Gordon Bowles
4801 Brandywine, North West
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Wu:

I was away when your letter came and have just gotten back into town. I am going to try to answer your questions hurriedly and then perhaps I can make better suggestions later.

First, with regard to Dr. Lung. If I remember correctly, he took his Ph. D. degree at the University of Southern California with Dr. Fogardus. They have very good work there in theory and I believe they also have some scholarships. I wonder whether you would like to have me inquire for him since I think it is a little easier for a third person to do the asking. The University of Chicago has good theory work but they are usually not very generous with their scholarships. I am wondering whether it would be well for Dr. Lung to apply to some organization for a post-doctoral fellowship. I would be glad to inquire about this if you think that is a good idea.

The second question was with regard to Miss Hcuing-Ya-Na. She sounds like a most unusual person and I am wondering whether she would not qualify for the Foreign Fellowship. ^{at the N.Y. School of Social Work} This is about a \$1200 scholarship and would, I believe, cover all her expenses. While the New York School of Social Work does not aim at training in rural work, they do have a very broad program and I think they could work out a schedule that would meet her needs for at least one year. Cornell University does not have rural social work but they do have good rural sociology and if I remember correctly, they have good scholarships. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has good rural social work but not scholarships. Mills College on the west coast has some social work and I understand they have rather generous scholarships. I am not properly acquainted and would have to find out more about that. If you will let me know as to whether you would like to have me go ahead with this or if Mrs. Mills will get in touch with me for any information she would like to have, I shall certainly be glad to do anything that I can.

You do not know how disappointed I am not to see you again. I had hoped that we might have a real visit here in Greensboro. With regard to myself, I hardly know what to say. I only wish I might return to Gouling. However, as you know, at the present time I have very heavy family responsibilities which I am the only one who can handle. This would mean that for the next few years at least, I can not plan on leaving the country for any length of time. I spent Christmas with my parents in Chicago. Both of them have failed noticeably in

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health and I feel very responsible for them at present. I think they would not be able to even bear the thought of my leaving them just now and of course, I always have the rather heavy financial responsibilities which I have taken. I do wish it were not so for I should love to come to West China with you. Perhaps in a few years if you still have a need, I shall be free and can consider it. In the meantime, I shall do everything possible to help you get the right persons for the department and as I know how important it is, I want to see you have the kind of staff that you need.

Do give my love to each of the faculty members there. I had a letter from Wang Ying-An the other day asking about a scholarship to come to this country. I would like your opinion of her work and whether you think she is a person who could best profit by study in this country. I shall wait to answer her until I hear from you. Again let me say how sorry I am not to be seeing you and I hope that we may meet before too long. If you should be in India, I would certainly appreciate your inquiring for Penita because she might possibly be in one of the Red Cross Clubs at an airfield where you would be landing. I know that she would love seeing you and I would love for her to see you.

My best wishes for a good trip to you and let me know what I can do.

Most affectionately,

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January 18, 1944

Miss Mereb Mossman
The Woman's College of the University
Of North Carolina
Department of Sociology
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mereb,

Won't you be surprised to hear from me again? I was greatly disappointed that I could not get on the plane I had hoped so much to take. Now I am hoping for good luck this week.

I wish to thank you for your prompt reply and for your kindness in offering to make enquiries for Dr. Lung and Miss Hsiung Yana. I agree with you that it is much better for a third person to make the preliminary enquiry, so I should greatly appreciate it if you can find out for me which two or three institutions are best for Dr. Lung. As you understand, ~~that~~ there has to be the combination of a good place for theoretical sociology and the offer of a scholarship or fellowship. Since most institutions wish to have applications in early, could you please do this preliminary at your earliest convenience? After you have secured information, please kindly write Mrs. Mills the names of the institutions and the names of the persons to whom she can officially apply for Dr. Lung.

In regard to Miss Hsiung, I do so thank you for your suggestions. I will ask Mrs. Mills to make enquiry at Cornell University, yet I still wish to trouble you to see if you could find out whether some of the institutions in the Middle West may not be better places where she might get Rural Sociology and some practical experience in rural work. I seem to remember someone mentioned Wisconsin and Iowa as good places for Rural Sociology; however, I do not even remember whether the reference was to Iowa University or Iowa State College. Since you have said that there is good Rural Sociology at Chapel Hill, it may not take too much of your time to make further enquiry. Please send names of institutions and persons to Mrs. Mills who will attend to the formal applications.

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You asked about my opinion in regard to Wang Ying-An coming to America to study. Frankly, I do not know about her work at all because she came to Ginling last February just when I was starting from Chengtu for America. In a recent letter from Ruth Chester, she mentioned that Wang Ying-An is not so very co-operative with others. In regard to her service to Ginling, we are not obligated to help her secure a scholarship. Ruth told me there has been a flood of requests to the Dean's office for transcripts, for the Ministry of Education has suddenly encouraged students to come to America to study, and that started many of our graduates to plan to come. From the viewpoint of the College, we should help Hsiung Ya-na and Dzo Yu-lin first. I am therefore inclined to think that if Wang Ying-an asked only for tuition scholarship you may do what you can to help her, but certainly we do not want her coming to keep either Hsiung Ya-na or Dzo Yu-lin from receiving scholarships.

In regard to Dzo Yu-lin, I do wish to ask your help. She sent me a letter some weeks ago, but unfortunately it was lost before I had read it. From Ruth Chester's letter I know she has asked for a transcript, so she must be expecting to come. Since she joined the Sociology staff in 1937, we should help her to receive further training. From 1937 to 1942 she was assistant, then was promoted to rank of instructor. Dr. Lund had not liked her work very much because she did not seem to be too keen in research or serious academic pursuit. However, she has been very good in the practical aspect and she has given courses on case work. I wonder if you think she could qualify to go to the New York School of Social Work. The only reservation I have in mind is this: that school has had very good students from Yenching, and only Dju Yu-bao as a representative from Ginling; if we send any other Ginling graduate, we would wish to have a good student. You know Dzo Yu-lin as a student better than Dr. Lung, so if you think she is able to do creditable work there, I would support your recommendation. However, because Mrs. Mills has to handle the two applications for Dr. Lung and Hsiung Ya-na, I wish that you could start the preliminary application for Dzo Yu-lin.

After I get back to Chengtu I will get in touch with these people and will keep Mrs. Mills informed which of them are definitely able to come for the summer of 1944. I certainly do not want to have scholarships kept open for them if they are unable to come.

Again I wish to thank you for all this help. The reason I come to you is because of your knowledge of this field here and your interest in training personnel for the department.

I am glad you told me about your sister, Benita. I certainly would be very happy to see her if by chance we may happen to be in the same stop. Otherwise, I do not think there is the time while I am in India for me to see friends. Now that I am delayed so long here in America, I shall have to try my best to get home without any stopovers if at all possible.

With many thanks for all the help in the past and what I know you will give us in the future,

Sincerely yours,

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March 4, 1944

Miss Mabel Mossman
Woman's College of
The University of North Carolina
Greensboro, N.C.

Dear Miss Mossman:

Dr. Wu left with me copies of her correspondence with you, concerning scholarships for several of the Ginling Sociology faculty who hope to come to America to study. In Dr. Wu's last letter to you, dated January 18th, I note that she asked you to go ahead with preliminary applications for Dr. Lung, Miss Hsiung Ya-na, and Dzo Yu-lin, and to send the information you secure to me. This letter is not meant to prod you, but merely to inquire whether you have made any progress with these inquiries. If scholarships are to be awarded for the fall, we have very little time for all the formalities.

I am a little pessimistic about people getting here in time for the beginning of the fall semester, as it seems to take such a very long time to make the trip. However, if we have scholarships definitely lined up, it may facilitate travel permits. In Dr. Wu's letter to you, she said, "After I get back to Chengtu, I will get in touch with these people and will keep Mrs. Mills informed which of them are definitely able to come for the summer of 1944." Since she has just arrived in Chengtu, it will probably be some time yet before we can expect definite word about these applicants. I believe most institutions make their scholarship awards before the 1st of April, which does not give us much time.

I note that Dr. Wu has asked you to go ahead and secure any help you can for Miss Wang Ying-an, but this applicant's name is not on the list Dr. Wu left with me. I am therefore not doing anything about getting help for her.

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I shall be glad to hear from you and to receive any information you can give me that would be helpful to our friends in Ginling.

You will be glad to know that we have had a cable, saying that Dr. Wu has arrived safely in Chengtu and is well.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
OF
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

March 25, 1944

Mrs. Plymer Mills
Gingling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I think that you are right in your statements about Miss Dzo Yu-lin. If Miss Dzo has made application to the New York School and her recommendations were not good then I would certainly hesitate to re-open the application with them. They are extremely cautious in giving foreign fellowships and we would certainly not wish to have a person whose recommendations we question. I feel that Miss Dzo could do work at the New York School but I would not wish to recommend her if there is any question about her scholarship. It is true she was just a very average student in college but I had understood that she had grown a good deal on the job and thought that she might do very well in the school now. I had thought of the New York School because they had the most generous fellowships to foreign students. As other possibilities, I had suggested the Smith School of Social Work and Western Reserve University School of Social Work. When a Chinese student is going work in the field of social work it seems to me most essential that her field work be carried in an urban area. It just occurs to me that a real possibility would be Boston University. They do offer some ~~generally~~ nice scholarships and fellowships and I believe they would be especially interested in a Chinese student. That would probably be a better possibility than Western Reserve.

If you will let me know of any ways in which you would like to have me be helpful, I shall certainly be glad to try.

Most sincerely,

Mereb E. Mossman

Mereb E. Mossman
Associate Professor, Sociology

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School of Social Work
Boston University*

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April 14, 1944

Miss Meref Mossman
Woman's College
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Miss Mossman:

At your suggestion I wrote to Dean Conant of Boston University on behalf of Dzo Yu-lin and got a prompt and cordial reply offering her a tuition scholarship and suggesting that I write to Dean Lucy J. Franklin and ask for a maintenance grant. Of course I did so at once and am now waiting eagerly for a reply. This seems to be all that needs to be done for Miss Dzo at the present moment. I only hope that she can get here without undue delay or difficulty.

I wrote to Dr. Bogardus about Dr. Lung, but the reply was somewhat disappointing in that Dr. Bogardus merely said that he had no suggestions to make. I am therefore writing to you again to ask what school you think would offer Dr. Lung the best courses in the history of the development of social thought, which seems to be his special interest. Since he has his Ph.D., I don't suppose he would be working for a degree, which really gives him more freedom of choice.

Cornell was not the least bit encouraging about Hsiung Ya-na, so I think I shall write to Iowa. Have you any other suggestions about her? Perhaps the New York School would be a good place for her, since her record as a student seems to have been better than average. How about the New York School for Dr. Lung? I know so little about the sociology field that I feel very inadequate in trying to make these arrangements. I shall therefore be grateful for your further help.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

April 17, 1944

Mrs. V. Plummer Mills
Ginting College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am delighted that it looks as though Miss Liu will be able to go to Boston University. They have a good deal of the kind of atmosphere that I think she will enjoy in order to get a good deal from.

I am disappointed that Dr. Boggs has no suggestion about Dr. Sung. Dr. Sung's field is that of social anthropology. I don't believe that he would be interested in the New York School. I know that he would very much enjoy ^{Columbia} ~~the~~ University in the Sociology Department or a school like the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill is a very inexpensive place to live but they do not have a ^{post-}doctoral fellowship.

I think the New York School might be a good place for Miss Hsing. If her research is good, the New York School would be a good place. Pittsburgh University is a good one. ^{are} ~~are~~ the research on city and social work. I think it is a good place for students of social work to go to a school in a town where they can get the contacts and the opportunity to get some field work in connection with Chinese villages. The Pittsburgh School is a good one in this respect. I think it is a good school. I think it is a good school if you can get a good deal of field work.

Sincerely,

Muel D. Moorman

Muel D. Moorman
Associate Professor, Sociology

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

May 9, 1944

Mrs. Cornelia S. Mills
Ginning College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have your letter of May 3 and I have gone back through my old records to try to find something about Miss Zia. I knew her casually but not well enough to write a letter of recommendation. She comes from a very fine family and was a fine young person. However, I can not say more than that because I did not know her except as Mrs. Chu's sister. Do you think it would be helpful for me to write Dean Milam this much? As I remember, Miss Zia had a good record but I would not be able to say more than this.

Most sincerely,

Mereb E. Mossman

Mereb E. Mossman
Associate Professor, Sociology

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May 11, 1944

Miss Mereb Mossman
Women's College
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Miss Mossman:

Thank you for your letter of May 9th about Miss Zia. I do not believe it will be necessary for you to write to Dean Milan about her. Since I wrote to you, I have heard, through Miss Griest, that Mrs. Chu has had a letter from Dean Milan saying that a scholarship would be awarded to Miss Zia if one is available. The difficulty seems to be that an award has been made to a girl who may not be able to claim it. If she does not come, Miss Zia will receive the benefit. I am very much afraid that Miss Zia may not get here, as she is in China, and you know something of the difficulties of travel these days. However, there seems to be nothing that we can do about that.

I appreciate your willingness to write to Dean Milan, but I do not think it is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

April 11, 1945

Mrs. Plummer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York city

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I received in reply to an earlier letter which I had sent to Northwestern University (see enclosed). Do you have any suggestions as to what I should do now, if anything? It looks as though funds might be available at Northwestern, and they have a fairly good course in social work.

Most sincerely,

Mereb E. Mossman

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Department of Sociology
April 5, 1945

Professor Mereb E. Mossman
Department of Sociology
The Woman's College of
The University of North Carolina
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Professor Mossman:

Your letter of April 3 to Dr. Todd, who retired last year, was referred to me for reply. I think if Dr. Todd had heard from Miss Loh, he would have given us the information.

Through Professor James here we have contact with certain funds available for fellowships for Oriental students, so if you care to send us further details of Miss Loh's whereabouts and qualifications, the facts might be placed in Professor James' hands.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas D. Eliot
Professor of Sociology

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April 23, 1945

Miss Mereb E. Mossman
The Woman's College of the
University of North Carolina
Greensboro, N. C.

Dear Miss Mossman:

Thank you for your letter of April 11th, with the enclosure from Dr. Thomas Eliot of Northwestern University.

I am afraid this is all Greek to me, as I have had no information about Miss Loh or her desire to come to America or any arrangements that have previously been made for her. As far as our records go, we have nothing at all about her. We do not even know her complete name. I therefore have no suggestions to make in this case.

For your information, perhaps I should say that it is now practically impossible for a private student to get out of China. The Government is sending approximately 1,200 a year, but aside from these, there seems little opportunity for other students to get passports or passage. These Government students are selected from certain categories that the Government is interested in, and arrangements are made for them. They include especially men in engineering, agriculture, and other applied sciences. There are also a few in the humanities and an occasional one in other fields. Both Dr. Wu and Frank Price, who have just arrived from China, say that a private student must have a fellowship or an assistant professorship paying a minimum of \$150 a month, before application for passport and passage will be considered. Frank goes on to say that he would not advise our trying to get students over here just now. He said this because of the extreme difficulty of getting passage. According to him, there are now over 2,000 people in India waiting for transportation to America, and he did not want to see this number increased by students. Dr. Wu had much the same idea.

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I am afraid this is not very encouraging for Miss Loh, but it happens to be the situation and I thought that you should know it. I shall be glad to keep you posted on any changes that we hear of, and I hope that before too long, it will be possible for our students to come to America for further training.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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