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MISS M. E. HODGE

April 17, 1936

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Hodge:

I had a long talk with Dr. Mott over the telephone yesterday. It seems that he wrote to China some time ago asking that Dr. Chung Cheng Yi surely come to the Executive meeting of the International Missionary Council which is to be held in London in June, at which time all plans will be made for the Far Eastern meeting. He further said that, if Dr. Chung was unable to come he hoped very much that Dr. Wu would come as Chairman of the National Christian Council.

He has now heard from Dr. Wu saying that the Board of Trustees have asked that she spend some time in raising money in China during the next months, which would make it impossible for her to come to London. Dr. Mott seems very much upset about this because in view of the fact that that Far Eastern meeting will be somewhere in China and in view of the fact that the Chinese delegates do not wish to have it at Kowloon they did not want to make any mis-step at that meeting, nor do they want the plans for that meeting in the Far East to be made entirely in the West.

I wish you might have heard all he said about Dr. Wu but I have not time to go into that now, but he is asking that Ginling Committee help him to get Dr. Wu at the London meeting if it is at all possible. I have asked him to send me a letter giving reasons and details and I have told him that I would

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at Hotel
Old Jordan's
near Beacon St
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bring it up before the Committee next Thursday and that I was sure the Committee would do everything it could.

It occurred to me that there were three things which had happened since Dr. Wu wrote to Dr. Mott, namely: - our raising of the \$5,000 deficit; Mrs. Morrow's visit; and a prospect of quite a little money at least from China Colleges. I thought perhaps these three things would not make Dr. Wu's efforts in China quite so imperative at this very time. Of course it in no way lessens the necessity of that particular effort.

I think that Dr. Wu travels fairly easily and I believe she would get fully as much, if not more, rest coming and going from China as she would if left to herself. Dr. Mott said that if she could not leave there until the middle of May she could come by Siberia and save quite a bit of time; otherwise she could come by the U.S.A. I suggested I thought it might be well if she came one way and went back by the other.

I knew you would want to be thinking about this before the meeting. Hence this letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence G. Tyler
Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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230 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY

April 20, 1936.

Dear Miss Tyler:

As you know, the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council to be held in England, June 4-9 is to be of the utmost importance. It has to make many significant decisions involved in the location, program, and preparation for the World Conference to be held in China in 1938. In all probability this conference will be held in the Far East. In view of this fact and of the possibility or likelihood that it will be held in China, there is a unanimous desire on the part of the leaders of the International Missionary Council that Dr. Wu, the Chairman of the National Christian Council of China, be present throughout the meeting in England. This is highly desirable not only because she is the President of the organization, but because she is a leader of such outstanding ability and wisdom. Moreover, we wish to integrate more thoroughly the women of the world with this coming gathering and the presence and collaboration of Dr. Wu would help greatly to this end. The need is the greater as the only other woman on the Ad Interim Committee is Baroness van Boetzelaer.

In response to a letter that I wrote Dr. Wu raising this possibility, she replies that much as she would like to come she fears it would be impossible owing to plans contemplated for launching a special campaign in the near future on behalf of Ginling. I am profoundly interested in that college as I am naturally in connection with the coming meeting in England, and I have the impression that if Dr. Wu could come to the West, that is, Britain, and on her way to England or on her way back to China to America, the fresh contacts which she would have and the opportunities for consultation in certain quarters would abound to the benefit of the goal she has in view in any such campaign.

I was glad to learn from you that the American Committee related to Ginling are to meet this week. I would request, therefore, that you kindly bring this letter to their attention. If the committee regard with favor what I have stated and could see their way clear to recommend Dr. Wu to come to the important meeting in England and to visit America on the way to the West or on her return, it will be tremendously appreciated by all of us of the International Missionary Council. I stand ready to help meet any expense that may thus be involved.

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Praying with you that God's plan may be made plain
in this matter which has such a vital bearing on His Kingdom,
I am,

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Motz

Miss Florence G. Tyler
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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April 28, 1936

Dr. John H. Mott
230 Park Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Mott:

Miss Tyler is out of town this week but I felt that you would wish to have copies of the cablegrams sent to and received from Dr. Wu of Ginling College. After the meeting of the Ginling Board of Founders the following cablegram was sent on April 24:

"GINLING FOUNDERS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVE YOUR ATTENDING LONDON MEETING YOUR PRESENCE AS CHAIRMAN INDISPENSABLE BECAUSE CRITICAL DECISIONS BUT WELCOME MIAO AS CONSULTANT NO PROMOTION ENTAILED RETURN WHEN YOU THINK BEST THOUSAND AMERICAN DOLLARS SPECIALLY PROVIDED SUGGEST EMPRESS JAPAN AT LATEST
HODGE MOTT"

This morning the following cablegram has been received:

"SAILING EMPRESS JAPAN WU."

I believe that the Empress of Japan sails from Shanghai on May 3 and arrives in Vancouver on May 19.

Very sincerely,

Secretary to Miss Tyler

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York

7 September 1936

My dear Miss Munger:

When, in spite of the rain last June, we at Wellesley were so joyously paying tribute to Miss Pendleton, at Smith Mrs. Morrow was paying tribute to Ginling College and its President, Miss Yi-fang Wu. Mrs. Mead, when she learned of Mrs. Morrow's speech suggested that I send you a copy, since you had met Dr. Wu at her home in May. We were not at liberty to send out this speech until we received Mrs. Morrow's permission, and so I am now enclosing it, for I believe in the light of the keen questions you asked Dr. Wu and the comments you made about China and education there on that evening in Mrs. Mead's home that you will find interest in Mrs. Morrow's impression of this College.

Miss Wu has been at various conferences in England and on the continent this summer and is returning to America via Montreal on September 10th. She is going to Newport, Rhode Island, as the guest of Mrs. James Cushman, one of the members of the Ginling College Board of Founders, and then to Boston to represent Ginling at the Harvard Tercentenary celebrations. She will reach New York not later than September 21st, and is giving her time from then until she sails on October 17th to presenting Ginling's endowment campaign to as many friends and acquaintance of the College as possible.

Ginling College has had generous gifts for buildings and has an endowment fund for their physical upkeep, but for the inner life of the College - salaries, library, books, and laboratory equipment - she has depended on current income. As the College has grown and as money values have changed, this income has become inadequate, until last spring the Board here was forced to decide upon an endowment drive or admit that Ginling would have to face a reduction from Senior to Junior college rank. After careful consideration, an endowment campaign for \$300,000 extending over a period of three years was decided upon. It was felt that if the College can increase its annual income by \$10,000, it can do the work for some years to come that is being increasingly demanded of it in China. In order to have a plan here we are seeking for one hundred one thousand dollar gifts, for four twenty-five thousand dollar gifts, and two fifty thousand dollar gifts. That it may not work out this way at all, we, of course, realize.

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Dr. Wu is wanted here to present the facts about the College, but she has also had a call from the alumnae in China to return as soon as possible to help present in China to the "officials" (those of influence) the financial campaign which the Ginling alumnae have started there. A public campaign for funds in China for a college is a very modern adventure indeed, and that this alumnae association has had courage to start it and has made a modest beginning in contributions is encouraging and challenges us not to fail them. We are earnestly hoping for their success, but it doesn't make less pressing the American effort.

If Dr. Wu impressed you sufficiently when you met her in May, I am hoping that you will consent to see her again and talk over with her Ginling's scope of influence, the position and achievements of its alumnae, its needs in its effort to prepare its students to work for their own people and to solve some of China's many problems. Consent to receive a call from Dr. Wu does not, of course, mean assent to any financial aid for Ginling, but it will give her courage in her task to talk it over in a friendly and understanding atmosphere. It is, however, quite frankly the hope of the Board of Founders that sometime within the three years of this campaign you may find it in your heart to budget a gift for Ginling.

I cannot close this letter without speaking of Miss Pendleton. The shock of her loss to her friends of long years and to her classmates I can faintly understand because I, who knew her only an ordinary undergraduate knows her, still carry a hurt heart unreconciled to so great a loss. How thankful all of us who were at Commencement must be that we could share in that outpouring of respect, admiration, and genuine affection which was so wholeheartedly hers, and could see her pleasure in it all. I shall always remember her - beautiful, gracious, dignified, and happy - as she truly "queened" over the pageant in her honor on that rainy Saturday afternoon.

If you are willing to see Dr. Wu, I hope you will write to her not later than the date of her arrival in New York, September 21st, suggesting a time convenient to you. She can be reached September 10th-14th in care of Mrs. James Cushman, Avalon, Newport, Rhode Island; September 15th-18th in care of Mrs. William Tudor Gardiner, 184 Beacon Street, Boston; September 21st-29th in care of the Associated Boards for China Christian Colleges, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The only days after September 29th when she will be in the New York area will be October 3rd and 4th. The days that are wholly filled at present with appointments difficult to change are September 22nd, 25th, and October 4th.

I can be reached at any time through my home address at 208 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but I shall have to be in New York, because of Dr. Wu and the Ginling planning, most of the remainder of the month. The Gramercy Park Hotel, or Associated Boards, 150 Fifth Avenue, will be my address, if you prefer to write me.

This letter is so long that it alone is an imposition, but I want before I close to tell you how happy I was to be included in Mrs. Mead's invitation last May because it gave me the opportunity of meeting you. What you did for Wellesley in Mungar Hall is one of its gifts which makes me happiest. Wellesley has always been so untouched by snobbery about the girl who earns a part of her college expenses, that to give girls a chance to earn under such wholesome and charming conditions must give you as well as these girls great happiness indeed.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jessie D. Mungar
Prospect St. Plainfield

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Paid - 4/8/37

1441 Prospect Avenue,
Plainfield, N.J.
September 13th, 1936.

My dear Miss Griest,

It was pleasant to have your friendly letter and to recall our delightful evening together at our dear Mrs. Mead's home.

Perhaps it is better from me to answer to you instead of to Miss Wu, for I really don't see how I can give any appointments for some time to come. This will probably be difficult for you to understand, but since I came home from my vacation I have not left my desk before mid-night any evening and the work for which I am responsible presses so hard that I can't see my way through for some time to come. Of course I simply take on too much, I know it, and I have been reminding myself lately that I am only a few years younger than Mrs. Mead and should know better! I have decided that this fall I cannot give appointments to all the people who ask for them and believe I should keep to this decision.

Please tell Miss Wu for me that my contribution to Ginling is not affected by my inability to see her. For some years past Ginling has been in my will, and I can not give largely now, but during the year 1937 I will try to give \$5000. My very best wishes go with this gift and I only regret that I cannot personally visit the college.

It is my hope that we may meet again soon and that I may not always be so hopelessly pressed for leisure as at present.

Cordially yours,

Jessie Mungler

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
September 15, 1936

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My dear Miss Munger:

My heart has been tumultuous today, full of gratitude for your promise of so generous a gift to Ginling in 1937 and for your remembrance of this College in your will.

I do indeed understand a little how heavy a schedule it would be possible for you to carry. May I say, not because of disappointment that you cannot see Dr. Wu, but because I have watched my mother and other women of hers and the next younger generation stay at their desks until midnight, that what you say troubles me for you. It is, of course, presumptuous for me so to write, but the strain of such a schedule is too great too often, and the loss that sometimes follows is too heavy a loss.

Dr. Moment has very generously and graciously asked Dr. Wu to speak at the Sunday morning service or at five o'clock on the 20th. She will be Mrs. Mead's guest during the day. As I have written her of your gift her Chinese sense of propriety will find it difficult not to thank you in person, but I think I have written so that she will understand. It is very kind of you to express the hope that we may meet again. It would give me genuine happiness.

May I say again inadequately that your gift is deeply appreciated and a great encouragement in this campaign.

Sincerely yours,

signed (Rebecca Walton Griest)

Miss Jessie Munger
1441 Prospect Avenue
Plainfield, N. J.

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MISS JESSIE MUNGER - 1441 PROSPECT AVENUE - PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

3/10/37 a/c. rec'd receipt sent.

April 8, 1937

Yinling College,
150 5th Avenue
New York City

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed please find my check
for \$5000. in payment of my pledge
for the Endowment Fund of Yinling.

My very best wishes for the success
of the college go with my check.

Yours very truly,

Jessie Munger

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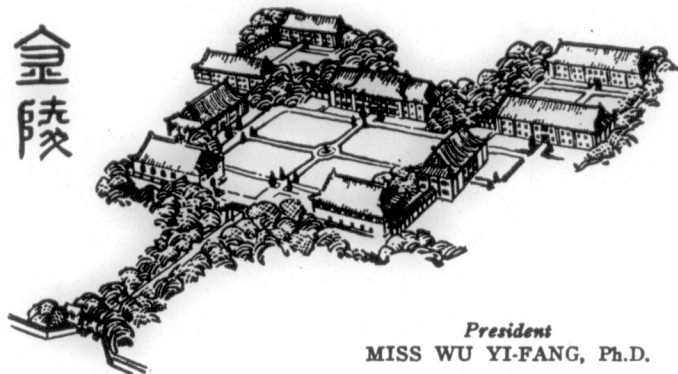
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Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.
April 10, 1937.

My dear Miss Wu:-

I wondered when I recognized your handwriting
in an envelope on my desk this morning if you were moved
especially to send this gift at this time. Yesterday had been
such a depressing day that I thought to myself last night,
"something pleasant must happen tomorrow, for it nearly
always does after things have gone as badly as possible." I had,
however, no thought last night that it would be anything
as stimulating as this check from you!

The Ginling Board of Founders rejoiced last
fall when they learned of your promise to try to
do this in 1937. I hope this gift gives you as much
joy as it gives to those of us on the Board of Founders,
and as much joy as it will give Dr. Wu courage and hope.

Dr. Wu has recently written asking us to add

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every possible penny to the Endowment Fund, and
Miss Vautrin, nee the most devoted of the American teachers,
has written that nothing is as important as strengthening
the teaching staff at Guilting.

The alumnae are working hard for the college
as Dr. Vautrin has reported, and the new alumnae
secretary's report will show you. The Alumnae
Association, ^{activity} is not yet a year old.

I am enclosing also a very new piece of publicity
prepared for the Smith College friends of Guilting. It
may not have much in it that you haven't
seen before, but you may be glad to see it.

I trust that the Albanian girl had a happy
vacation. I had with me for me with me of the
Vellesey vacation the Pau Tsui, a Guilting graduate
who is studying for her M. A. at Vellesey in
Physical Education. She is very attractive,
and is rejoicing because she has received a camp
appointment for the summer which will
enable her to earn her way this summer and
also become acquainted with American camp
organization.

Again I express the deep appreciation of the
Board of Trustees for your generosity and interest in
Guilting College. --

Sincerely yours,
Rebecca Chalba Guest

Miss Jessie Munch
1441 Prospect Street
Cambridge, N. D.

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

November 10, 1937

My dear Miss Munger:

You will, I believe, want to know of the courageous planning of President Wu Yi-fang for Ginling College in this crisis in China. I am sending you some of the material which has come to us.

President Wu has been at Ginling since the war started in Shanghai. With her through the anxious weeks of August and September were a small group of Chinese staff, and Miss Vautrin and Miss Sutherland of the American group. These two Americans stayed because they felt unable to leave Miss Wu in such a crisis. Miss Vautrin superintended the digging of protective trenches and dugouts on the campus, the making of sand bags, the organization of fire squads, the training for protection during air raids, and aided with the organization of sewing units among the Chinese women left in Nanking.

Miss Sutherland acted as Miss Wu's secretary. Miss Wu herself spent hours each day on the problems of relief. She is a member of the National Executive Committee of the Women's Relief Association, acting as its treasurer and receiving the jewelry the Chinese women are giving. The hours she has spent on purely Ginling problems you can easily imagine as you read the plans for the Ginling units within the International Concession in Shanghai and at Wuchang. The Ministry of Education was unwilling to have women students return to Nanking. A canvas made by Ginling showed the parents equally unwilling to risk Nanking for their daughters. Miss Wu writes cheerfully, carefully, uncomplainingly. The alumnae are cooperating; the spirit is undaunted.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Jessie Munger
1441 Prospect Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

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