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August 3, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Mrs. New:

We are sending you the mail that came in this morning. I note that one of the letters is from the Student Christian Movement, and as I have been talking with Mr. Sweetman about your schedule, I couldn't help wondering if this letter dealt with that suggestion also. Of course, I'd be glad if you will keep me posted if he writes to you about possible dates.

I talked to Mr. Evans Saturday morning and he says that he agrees definitely to the program that Mr. Sweetman is suggesting, that is, working in the New York State Colleges during the fall. We both hope that the program can be arranged without too much strain on you and that it will be a profitable one.

Of course we have been in communication with a number of other colleges and some of them are very definite about wanting you on the campus at some time during the coming year. Macalester College in St. Paul is one place where Mr. Evans and I feel you should go if it is at all possible. Mr. Evans feels strongly that the contacts there and the opportunities to work with certain people on that faculty are very important. Dr. Turck, the President, has written to me very cordially and offers to make contacts with other colleges in that vicinity, so I am hoping that when you make this trip, it will not be for one place only. He gives us complete latitude in the matter of dates. Therefore, the fall program that we are suggesting should not interfere with this engagement. What would you think of suggesting

to Dr. Turck that a trip to St. Paul be planned for some time shortly after Christmas? Perhaps early in February would be more convenient for the college since that is the usual date for the beginning of the second semester. I am writing to Dr. Turck again and will, of course, keep you posted on developments.

I hope you had a pleasant trip and that you will have a good visit with Dr. Woolley and Miss Welcher. It was so good to see you in New York last week.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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August 4, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Mrs. New:

Thank you for your letter with the enclosures from Ong Hwei-lan and Smith College.

I wish very much that Miss Ong would open the windows of her soul to the kindly breezes that might blow upon her. She seems so sure that she is a victim of deliberate discrimination and prejudice that I cannot help asking what attitude she herself has shown in dealing with people. My own experience in life has been that most people are friendly and kind, and when I find a person so sure that the opposite is true, I cannot help wondering why. I do sincerely hope that she soon finds a job where she can be useful and happy.

Miss Lo has not yet approached me about her application to Smith. I wonder if Miss Bryson is laboring under a misunderstanding about Miss Lo's Ginling connections. Miss Bryson says in her letter "Would she be a good investment for Smith and for Ginling?" This would seem to imply that Miss Bryson thinks Miss Lo expects to return to Ginling to teach, and of course this is not the case. Miss Lo has had no connection with Ginling since her graduation ten years ago, so I would not like Smith to give her a fellowship under the mistaken impression that she will return to Ginling. I understand that she expects to return to the Presbyterian school in Canton, where she was teaching before she came to America. Of course she needs help and I would be very happy to see her at Smith, if it could be satisfactorily arranged. I do think, however, that there is a very grave question as to whether she could meet all the Smith requirements.

We are working on your schedule with Mr. Sweetman and I'll keep you posted on developments. As it stands now, you are to go to Skidmore for November 18th and 19th and to Pottsdam for the 20th and 21st.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Aug. 5, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Your letters of Aug. 3 & 4 have been received. Yes, Mr. Sweetman's letter has also been received. He spoke nothing of the definite plan yet, but a cordial letter of letting me know that he is now working out a program for speaking in the fall. Probably, that is just making an introduction, after I have answered him, I shall send it on to you. Because I do feel I must keep you posted on these communications as much as you are keeping me posted on develop-ments. I am really so thankful to you for hav-ing done a great deal already - how many correspondences you have to write and on my account - altho I know neither of us looks at it as a personal thing, but something - if the outcome is good - should benefit all

parties concerned. I am only a vessel to be used.

You are right regarding Ai-djen and Hwei Lan. I do not know who has written to Smith. I was greatly surprised. They should at least write through our Office. The point you mentioned is just the point I feel uneasy about. I may write to Miss Bryson again to clarify that point that she has no connection with Guiding staff at all.

I wrote a long letter to Hwei Lan to encourage her to be friendly and to think well of others first, then she will receive a kinder world back. For girl, she had the most unfortunate family and a rather biased + arrogant childhood. The windows of her soul were blinded to a certain extent, because of unfortunate parents + family, mentally + emotionally warped.

Please read Miss Dyer's letter especially the marked paragraph which told of a different story. She and Howie Lam are in the same university. Therefore more and more I know it is due to Miss Cheng's own attitude. But I do want to know the way to help her. However, it is not a matter in verbal advice.

I have written to Miss Dyer if she cannot get her wish of having Dr. Hsieh to marry her, she can come to Vermont to be married.

Later when Mr. Sweetman is talking over with you about my schedule, I wonder if you would not mind at the same time suggest a few subjects so that I can prepare on them. I am very glad that Mr. Evans also endorses the plan. With regard to Macalester College, St. Paul, I cannot say

off hand yet. I dare not promise anything so far, again it is the same old fact of my strength. If the fall program should go through in the way I carried the spring and summer plan, then I would say going to the West is possible. At present, I cannot promise anybody beyond Christmas. I have an invitation for me to go to Iowa University for Oct. 18 and 20 other talks, but I have declined, because I do not wish to go so far and return for the New York program.

Thanking you, I am

Yours cordially

J. T. Geeslin

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Aug. 7, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Your letter of Aug. 4 with the returned letters of Dr. Baldwin and Miss G. F. Dyer's came to me this morning. I have already written to Miss Bryson explaining that point you mentioned about Miss Lo. I do hope later on ex-grads & teachers will learn to do things through office.

I am overwhelmed with Dr. Mu's recent letter - what a wonderful

report - it's so encouraging.
Thank you for letting me know
the program S.C.M. At least,
I know that I am wanted
as early as Oct. 4th, then
I can plan my program.
I try to read up a few books
that this library has - my eyes
do not cooperate with me. If
I do one or two hours, it's all right,
but 4 hrs. a day would just
strain my eyes to such an extent
that they will turn red. So, I must

go to an optician again this year. Last summer I had been checked and glasses were changed. I may have to go to Boston after the visit to Mrs. Verlaine's to have a few things with regard to health attended to first.

There are even so many letters to write - socially. I would like to turn in the enclosed letter from a Smith Alumna, so that our office may have her offer in mind. Mrs.

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Hopkins wrote to me about the plan she had in Washington for Girling and finally she could not carry it because of urgency of work. The probable has also sent you that yellow announcement.

Time goes so quickly, probably before we know, Fall is right at the gate. I am glad that your holidays will come soon. Thanks you for writing to Dr. Baldwin. I do not know how this work will react.

Cordially
M. T. Zeeb

August 7, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Mrs. New:

Your two letters of August 5th, with enclosures, came in this morning. I am returning Dr. Baldwin's and Miss Dju's letters to you. I have written to Miss Wu, sending her a copy of Dr. Baldwin's letter and your letter to me. I will also write to Dr. Baldwin and see if we can arrange the rebate for Miss Wang. I hope that she accepts Dr. Baldwin's advice about staying at Saranac a little longer and that she will then go to Vermont where she will probably make a more speedy recovery than would be possible in Boston.

Isn't Miss Dju's letter refreshing and encouraging! We are indeed proud of such Ginling girls. I hope she gets the plans for her marriage worked out happily.

If you have time, it might be a good plan to write to Miss Bryson at Smith and make Miss Lo's case clear. I would gladly do it except that none of the correspondence has come through this office, and I do not want to make it too complicated. We do not want to stand in Miss Lo's way, of course, but we must not leave Smith in ignorance of her true relationship to Ginling.

I had another talk with Ray Sweetman yesterday and the plans are beginning to shape up in this way: Vassar from October 4th to 7th, then to Syracuse for a Student Christian Movement Conference of students from several schools. Mr. Sweetman thought this would be interesting and helpful to you in making contacts. Egbert is very anxious to arrange some time at Syracuse University, so that would probably follow at once after the S. C. M. Conference.

I am suggesting that Eva and Egbert arrange matters for you at Syracuse, as they will know how best to protect you and conserve your strength and see that you get a little rest. These plans are not absolutely final yet, though I think they will work out this way.

I am glad you did not accept the invitation from Iowa University for October 10th, as that would come right in the time that Mr. Sweetman is planning for New York. I do very much hope that it will be possible for you to go to Macalester in February or March. Perhaps you might visit Iowa University then, as it is more or less on the way.

I'll think about subjects for talks and also consult Mr. Sweetman and let you know. I don't want you to work too hard over this or let it be too much of a burden to you, though of course I know you want to be thoroughly prepared before you speak to a group.

I will write you again as soon as more plans develop.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Return of letters from Dr. Baldwin
and Miss Dju.

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Aug. 7, 1942.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

The enclosed is an invitation from a Smith Alumna who he and me in June. Since it is a Jewish affair for the first time, I would like ~~to~~ do it if possible. Internal problem is a delicate subject, but I think I can tackle and interpret it. I am turning it to you first, because that proposition of going to St. Paul may conflict. I have another invitation for me to speak in Iowa University on Oct. 10 - and two other lectures - but I have declined absolutely, knowing that I am going to accept the N. Y. State S.C.M. program. I want to get my date cleared for Oct. Nov. + December. Another invitation comes to me for Deerfield, Mass. Feb. 18. women's club. I postponed my acceptance. Would you advise me not to accept

anything until I have gone through the first one? But all these chairmen of Program Committee want a definite word and have the name of the speaker printed on the program.

My date for the Welchers has been decided Aug. 17-21st, while there, I should visit Dr. Woolley across the Lake 4 miles. I shall think of you then in South Carolina. After that, I shall go to New London, N.H. to be with Prof. Johnson (lady) a Prof. Emeritus of Hartford Seminary. She is specialist on Mental Hygiene and Personality-Problems. If possible, I would like to go to Hartford Library to read up Chinese books. Brattleboro has nothing. I shall come to N.Y. later now after Peter left for school on Sept. 21st. Hartford is near Yale

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Dear Mrs Lew -

I was so glad to get your card & hear from you - & I would love to have that beautiful quotation to share with my friends. It is good of you to remember us.

My name is Drummond Kimball - but you not to reached me anyway.

Do you ever come to New York? I would so love to meet you again! Have you any Chinese friends in

the city who do not know many people? and are lonely?
In the Fall I would like to invite them out for a Sunday in my home in the country if there are any whom it would mean pleasure. Of course if they have been in New York for several years the

may have friends by this time.

I think of our work at Smith College with such pleasure — but it seems a long time ago with so much sad war news that has filled our hearts & minds since then.

Cordially your friend
Rosamond Kimball

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Aug. 9, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

May I trouble you once again before you leave the office for vacation?

1. I have heard from both Miss Wong and Miss Wu. I agree with Miss Wu to follow her own judgement. You see I do not know her so well as Miss Wu. But Mrs. Hallcock is willing to let her come for Sept. or Nov. in case she needs it without any change. Miss Wang may care for Miss Wu's company more than her lonesomeness here.

Any way, I would not decide for her.

2. From Miss Wu's letter, you will notice that she would propose a loan of $200.00. I wonder what advice you would take up, to consult with International Student Relief or with Mr. Sam. Mills. It seems rather imperative that Miss Wang should have a sum with her. She told me that she did could only maintain

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herself until Sept. That is why she wants to come out early. I wonder if Mr. Evans would care to consider about making that loan. If we make her less worrying, she will be able to recover sooner. In the long run it pays. Still I feel, whatever our office has helped or done for her in correspondence, her aunt should know about it.

3. When a girl is sick and has a breakdown, congenial companionship is very important in bringing recovery. This is very time of mental care. So,

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I can sympathize with Miss Wang. Probably she would have to go to Miss Mu first at Cambridge to try out. It was very good of you to have written to Dr. Baldwin to ask for rebate of $5.00 a week, That will make $20.00 a month. Everything helps.

This afternoon at 3:00 P.M. I returned from a camp at Townsend, 20 miles from here. Miss Chen, Mrs. H. and I went together to prepare the Chinese meal for 110 4H. Boys + girls. They enjoyed it - ate 25 lbs of cabbage + 8 lbs of Ham, 4 lbs of onions - 4 lbs of green pepper.

16 lbs of rice. Nothing was left. They are mostly Vermont farmer's children from 10 - 18 yrs. old. I am glad that I can do this for them. How much I could do this for Peter's camp! It is so far away!

The enclosed $5.15 is saved from children's meal and they want me to give it to relief. I feel I better turn it to you or to Mr. Evans. Please give a receipt to

Mr. Bruce Buchanan
21 Terrace St.
Brattleboro, Vt.

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2 more Chinese dinners for me to give in the next two weeks, and then going to Lake Champlain, I am afraid I can never buckle myself down to study. Now about New York, I doubt very much if I would go come early to New York. Probably I shall go to Hartford, if possible, to study, it is nearer, and I can return to Vt. more easily to prepare for Peter's going to school. Yours cordially

J. H. Gee Smith

August 10, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vermont

Dear Mrs. New:

Both your letters of August 7th were waiting for me this morning. Do you really mean that you are planning to cook for 110 children? How can you do it? I hope that if you are undertaking anything as ambitious as this, that you will come out alive. I know they will love the Chinese food, but I'm concerned about your undertaking such a large order.

The invitation from Mrs. Weltman to speak to her group on January 11th is a very attractive one, and I think that you should do it if you feel that you would like to undertake this particular subject. We have made no dates for that first week or two in January, and as this is in Massachusetts, it will probably not involve a great deal of travel. I would therefore accept if it is the sort of thing that you would like to do.

The program to date, as I wrote you before, is Vassar and Syracuse definitely beginning October 4th and at least through the 11th, possibly even a few days longer. I have nothing definite then until November 17th, when you go to Skidmore for two days, that is, the 17th and 18th. It will take the 19th, or a good part of it, to get you comfortably from Skidmore to Potts-dam, where you are scheduled for the 20th and 21st. The next one is at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, the 23rd, 24th and 25th. This gives you the 22nd for travel.

I am afraid that that means a fairly busy week, but we will try to leave the few days before the 17th and those days immediately after the 25th free for you, and I hope that you will

not find the Skidmore, Pottsdam, Bates combination too much. So far, these are the definite ones. I have not talked to Mr. Sweetman for a day or two and so do not know what else he has arranged tentatively. I will let you know as soon as I hear from him.

As I wrote you, I am glad you declined the Iowa University invitation for October 10th because, as you see, that would conflict with the New York program. I have written to Dr. Turck at Macalester, suggesting early March for that date, but I am thinking that perhaps you could visit Bucknell and Eureka on the way to St. Paul, which would mean leaving this part of the country some time in February. Of course, none of these are absolutely definite and we will see how your fall program works out and how you feel about going on with the same sort of work for the spring months.

I hardly know what to say about the Deerfield invitation for February 19th. If the plan I have outlined above is carried out, you may not be in this part of the country at that time. It is possible, however, that the dates would work out in such a way that you would be here. So you see, it is impossible for me to give you very definite advice until we know about the arrangements with Macalester, Bucknell and Eureka. Would it be possible for this Woman's Club to wait a few weeks longer for a definite answer?

Thank you for sending me Mrs. Kimball's very cordial note. It is friendly of her to offer hospitality to Chinese students in New York and I am sure it would be a very pleasant thing for some of them to visit her. We will keep it in mind and try to get her in touch with some of the Chinese in New York City.

I am hoping to hear from Miss Hu soon about her arrangements with Miss Wang. I hope that that is going to work out satisfactorily.

If you write to me after the end of this week, please address it to my home in South Carolina. The address is 14 Lawton Avenue, Greenville, S. C. I will be there until about August 24th. After that, a letter had best come to the office.

Please don't work too hard and strain your eyes. I hope you get them checked and have comfortable glasses so that you will not be under undue strain in preparing for your work. I have not forgotten my promise to make some suggestions for topics. I will write you again in a day or two about that.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Return of Mrs. Weltman's letter

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August 11, 1942

Mrs. May-sung Now
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vermont

Dear Mrs. Now:

Since writing you yesterday I have been talking to Mr. Sweetman. He tells me that the president of Skidmore is anxious to have you as his guest at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs. This will be your one contact with the community there, and I think would probably be a very profitable one. I do not know that they are expecting you to make the speech of the day, but would probably ask for a word or two from you. Of course, as the president's guest, you would be given a very honored place and receive every consideration. I hope you will feel able to do this.

Another invitation comes from the American Association of University Women at Potsdam. They would like to have you address this gathering of college women on the evening of the 19th, which is the day that you will arrive in Potsdam. They offer a $25.00 honorarium, in addition to the $50.00 that the Potsdam State College is going to pay, so if you feel that you could take this meeting also, it will mean an extra $25.00 for you. I hope that you will feel able to do this.

You will probably be in Syracuse a few days free after the 11th of October, say the 12th, 13th and 14th. I am saving these days for a rest period for you. There will also be a rest period of three or four days at least before you start to Skidmore. The days between we have not yet decided on, but are in communication with several colleges and will let you know when definite plans are made.

We were all very much thrilled with Dr. Wu's letter. It is truly wonderful that she and the Ginling girls can go on so steadily and normally and efficiently even in spite of the disruptions of war and the privations that they face. I have sent copies of this letter to a number of people here as I was sure that many would find it as interesting and encouraging as we did.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Aug. 12, 1942

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Both of your letters 10th & 11th are before me when I write to you now. I appreciate very, very much your 100% efficiency in keeping me informed about the program so far developed. It sounds very interesting, and I wish I could enrich that program by the part I am called to play. You will pray for me so that I can be used for His service. Sometimes

to be sure of what is coming is less strained than not knowing. You can mobilize yourself toward fulfillment of that plan. This is even so much better planned program that what I had been through and without a continuous purpose. This has a concentrated purpose and I like it, because it is a part of Christian student's work. I feel my real work is in the preparation before I start out. Once I get myself prepared and equipped, the

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carrying it out will give release on to tension.

I am giving a few of the topics which I have given thought to to the airline. Will you send it to Mr. Sweet-man to see if he approves of my ideas? I feel, if possible, I should at least develop 3 good, official talks, and the others may be extempora-

news according to the needs of the moment.

I do not mind speaking to the evening meetings of Potsdam University women.

Now about publicity, I am sending you 2 pictures, which is better? To the Chinese, the second one with a black + white

dress is better. I never take good
picture + I dislike exposure of
myself in any undue publicity
I have decided not to
come to New York the early
part of ~~my~~ Sept. I need
to stay in Vermont to hunt
Peter when he comes back
from the camp. There are so
many things to help him
getting classified, and to
get him prepared in attitude

and in spirit to be steadfast in the coming year.

May be after he left for school, Sept. 21st I would come to New York a week before I start for the program.

I am taking the next two weeks to travel to Vergennes, Boston, then Hartford.

I shall have my eyes attended in Boston and gall bladder

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checked up again this year.
I want to take 10 days off at least, for quiet thinking and studying before Peter comes back.

In this house, there is so much distraction, and you know, I do not like to be selfish nor exclusive, so I join in with them. Yesterday, their daughter was going to give

a house party for 3 stylish
girls coming from N.Y. I meant
to go away, but she asked
if I would not mind stay
and help her to entertain. ~~and~~
Mary, the daughter, is such a
fine girl, I like her, so, of course,
I would make it special for
her. That means, another
Chinese meal on Friday for 12.
Tomorrow, there is a flower exhibi-
tion, some more people coming.
Soon the days go by without

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accomplishing anything definitely for my fall project.

I have started reading Yi-fu's books on China, finished two and wish to finish them before I leave next Tues. with my work, concentration is very necessary.

Can we bring Yi-fu over sometime? I so want her to come over, she will make

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a great hit here. But she would need some reserve first and some store of nourishment.

Let this be my last letter to you before you bid farewell to the Office. I smiled when I read you given address of South Carolina. Aren't you not tired of me yet? So thoughtful of you! — Love, E.G.T.

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Aug. 13, 1942

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I did not enclose the pictures in my yesterday's letter, so I am sending them today. Your letter of Aug. 12.—one letter a day between us two.—has P.O. helps.

Whatever you speak about Miss Wang is perfectly right. Now, I know your reasoning, and your analysis of the situation, I know exactly how to answer Mao-i. No, they

do not have any way either, only would like me to put a hand in the affair. I hesitate if I personally should do it, since I am not sure of the duration here. But in the past, in China, while Dr. Wu was living - many a case like that from Ginling staff + students were tided over by either a gift or a loan. But time is different, I am sorry to

say. I am warned again
+ again not to be involved
in money matters.

The cooking of Chinese meal
was rather a pleasure. Since
it was a Vermont state
camp - all the utensils for
cooking were ample. It was
one course. You just chopped
25 lbs of cabbages, 8 lbs of ham,
and green pepper + onions. Miss
Chien cooked 20 lbs of rice

in two huge pots. Within two hours, of course with 3 working together, lunch was served. They sang and they ate this refugee meal. You could have done it, too. We brought on soy bean sauce.

There is a flower show this afternoon, and I am going to decorate a Chinese corner.

Good-bye & pleasant vacation. Cordially, Y. T. Lee Wu

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Aug. 16, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I imagine now you are with your own home people - it is the greatest enjoyment of one's life. I am just writing you to let you know how I appreciate your "eleventh hour" arrangement for Miss Wang's loan. I have already written to Mr. Evans, so you will know that I have picked up the thread and

proceeded with the negotiation.
Miss Wang will indeed be much
relieved to know about it. I kept
Miss Un Mao-i informed, because
she felt concerned over it. After
having read Dr. Baldwin's letter
to you, I would wish that Miss
Wang could stay until the end
of Sept. patiently, because these
doctors certainly know their
judgement — Miss Un will co-
operate to help her see clearly.
Indeed, you have helped a

great deal - The more important part, if Miss Wang could get so well that she could accept the position and teach to help herself until she returns to China, won't that be a great satisfaction? I'll keep you informed later.

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My two Chinese dinners are over, a couple of German refugees from Cambridge. The man taught at Harvard. It was the first time they

ever handled chaperoning, and 8 others who also had the first experience. Was my personal obligation in this house for the time being is over.

Tomorrow, I am leaving for Miss Wolcher, Vergennes, Vt. 6 hrs' train. Then on Tues. Pres. Woolley will have me for a day. I leave on the 20th for Boston where I shall have my glasses changed.

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most likely, if I can get
living quarter where Dr. Ruis
up town, I would go to New York
for a week to see Mrs. Thurston
there instead of in Boston. I was
invited by Miss Calder to stay
with them same time in Sept. I
cannot afford to break Sept.
again. Then Peter had to be in
N. Y. to be with his aunt & Uncle
after camp closes. So, all these
things came up that it is im-

eitable for me to make a special trip to N. Y. I hear that Tripolsky is coming in on the 23rd - it may take 24 hrs for them to come off - 26-28 will be their Presbyterian conference. So, I think I just slip in somewhere to have a glimpse of Mrs. Thurston or Miss Whitmer. Then I would come back with Peter to Vermont. I hope,

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you find your parents
well & happy. What a joy
for them to have you, especially
to see your daughters,
2 charming young ladies.

Thank you for sending the
Trenton speech to me. I am
sure it's coming. I have add-
ed Oswego to my schedule.
Please do not bother to write.
I shall just keep you informed, that's all.
Love, Y. T.

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Button Island
Vergennes
Vermont

Aug. 19
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

I forgot to bring your address, so I address it to China College, hoping that it would reach you before you leave South Carolina.

The island in the above picture is where I am living - very cute + interesting. 2 acres in length. The house is well built on solid

rock. It is an estate bequeathed ~~by~~ to the two Wolcher Sisters by their Uncle. No telephone, no carpeting, the whole atmosphere of peace and repose. What a different world! As you know both sisters are quite active in church work, so they need this beautiful place for their recreation. Miss Mary Wolcher is Mrs. Thurston's friend, so she will be glad to know that I have visited them.

Yesterday, Miss Wolcher and I had one day with Pres. Woolley.

She invited us to lunch. She is 79 years old now, but she is young looking, serene and all integrated, very clear and thought provoking. She put out the pair of vases (Cloisonne) which Yi-fung and I gave her in 1922 in Peking when she came with the Educational Commission. She asked if I remembered it. She has good memory, &

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she remembers her Chinese
students name in Mt. Holyoke
She has 4 huge dogs which
she called "boys", 2 collies,
one Alsatian, one police dog.
They were too much for me, as I
had to hold a whip in my hand.
Miss Marks her companion is an
able housekeeper and agriculturist.
They gave us one large box of all sorts of
vegetables.

Are you having fresh corn
and all the nicest southern food?
I am leaving for Boston tomorrow.
This is first some ~~please~~ news to you,
Y. T. Zee Spurs

The Parkside
Eighteen Gramercy Park
SOUTH
NEW YORK

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Aug. 31, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

After much consideration, I feel I should come to New York to meet Mrs. Thurston. It is not too much to do it for her sake. I was glad that I had come. Today, Mrs. Thurston, Rebecca Guiat and I sat together in the same pew at the repatria-

Aim meeting, and later Dr. Claude Thurston had lunch with us.

Mrs. Thurston did not look well, but she is cheerful and manages to bring back some of her important diary. She told us that your good husband had a knack of dealing with Js. He helped everybody in difficult days. After all, Nanking Americans did not suffer much. I am sure, you can learn a great deal from Mrs. Thurston.

Those men from Japan + Chosen (Korea) were terribly tortured, it was marvellous how they stood through.

I saw Mr. Egbert Hayes today. He + Mr. Ray Sweetman talked about my program in Syracuse. I am sure to be there from Sept. 8-14. Dr. Phipps' report has also come confirming the amount of work I showed

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cary. The Thai certain
diet is very important for me.
Well, I do not worry, when I see
evidences of those brave people
with inner resources, how they
can pick up strength in no
time. They say 2 months of
Griffsholin just made them
over, they are fresh again.
Miss Helen Loomis also sent
a copy of bibliography. Mrs. Foster
is now working on the compilation.
I shall ask Rebecca Grant to
look it over if she can come into the
office. In the meanwhile, do

[August 31, 1942]

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The Parkside
Eighteen Gramercy Park
SOUTH
NEW YORK

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Take as much rest as possible.
I shall stay on and start
to do some reading after Mrs.
Thurston has left on Wednesday.
Peter is here with his Uncle &
Aunt. Tomorrow, I allow him to
have a day with me. Mrs. Thurs-
ton, Miss Guest will have
lunch with us. Miss Guest
hasn't never seen Peter yet.
Mrs. Thurston saw him in 1938.

Gioh-Jang Djin was married by Ambassador Huslik in Chicago on Aug. 28th. I rec'd a telegram from her.

Wang Ning Chen is cheerful, she is very grateful to you for the loan. She will leave the hospital by the end of Sept. and comes to Vermont to live for 2 mos. I had a very

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But he is a different boy now.

Anna Moffatt looks quite refreshed, same youthful figure.

Going to the office without you there is quite different.

I am going to live with Margaret Bau
601, 164 street
Apt. 24
N.Y.C.

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busy few days in Boston.

Hoping that this finds

you well, I am

Yours cordially

J. T. Zee Mrs

Please let Mrs. Mills read this note. Y.T.

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Aug. 24, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans:

The College check of $200.00 has been received for Miss Wang Ming Chen. I am sending it on to her by registered mail. I am sure that will be a great comfort to her and when she can resume work, she will see to it that our college will not suffer loss. Both she + Dr. Baldwin

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have written to me that she will stay in the Sanatorium until the end of Sept. and then she will go to my place in Vermont for Oct. + Nov. Mrs. Hallbrook has consented to take her.

Yesterday, I had one day — Sunday — with Mao-i Lin. We talked about the future of Xian education. She has a great conscience. She is thinking + planning for our girls. I am so thankful.

shall be in N.Y. 26-31st You can reach me there in care of Prince George Hotel. N.Y.

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Sept. 15
1942

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Beginning last Saturday, I have been off to a regular hospital routine order sheet. On Sat. 5 kinds of tests were given. Basal metabolism is very low -24-, The other tests have not come out yet, but my weight has increased 3 lbs since

June which is not a healthy sign. However, more will be found out in these 3 days. Yesterday from 9 - 3 P. M. every ½ hr there was an X-ray picture of small intestines & the digestive tract - 8 pictures were taken.

Today at 1 P. M. there will be a gastric analysis. There may be a gall bladder test tomorrow morning which will finish

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a series of what they call gastro-intestinal examination.

I am so grateful to Miss Ruth C. Williams for helping me to make this arrangement which gave me a big reduction, too. When the underlying cause of my occasional fatigue + debility is found, then I am put on the road to better health and greater strength.

Living with Dr. Lu is a great interest, fortunately, I am here

near the medical center, only a few steps, otherwise it could have been very tiring. Because like yesterday, I was starved the whole day and until 7:30 P.M., I had to go back for another me. Today, I can have breakfast before 7:30 A.M. but I cannot have lunch. It is very interesting to be put through all kinds of tests.

I am sending you the enclosed 2 letters which they

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

This time should be definitely declined. Will our office attend to that? Thank you very much.

If Mrs. Eastman should answer you a make arrangement through you, about her garden party, will you help to see that the date will not come earlier than Sept 28th the later the better. I need time

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badly. I prefer to have my time in Vt. until the end of Sept.

Prof. Johnson of Hartford - a psychologist wants to have me Sept. 30th & Oct. 1st at the Cosmopolitan Club for dinner. She asked me to stop over at Hartford on my way to Vt. I simply cannot do it. But she has definite questions to ask, and feel I better give her Oct. 1st if Mrs. Eastman will

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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have me the 29th or 30th
It all depends upon Mrs.
Eastman's date first.
I do not wish to have
anything more than
those two appointments - Mrs. East-
man's party and Prof.
Johnson's before the tennis
I go to Vassar.
Very likely I shall
stay with Mrs. Mayson
524 Riverside Drive. Tel. 8-3640

next time when I come to
N. Y. C.

Grace Zia had Sunday
with me, Margaret Bano
Dr. Lu. She is going to Smith
to speak to the Waves & the
History class on Oct. 7th
She looked thinner and
we met her 2 sons. She
will be going to Des Moines
Iowa for W. C. A. in
the fall.

Mrs. Hsia is coming this after
noon to see me. I shall have
Ammon now. My glasses

are refined here. They are better now. Seeing you, Rosa, I am
Yours cordially
Y. T.

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

You will read from Mrs. Eastman's letter that Sept. 30th will be my date so Oct. 1st will be right for Prof. Johnson.

I shall have to finish one more series of gall bladder tests

when I return again
to N. Y. on the 28th I have
had so many tests that
I cannot go on with
another series. The gastric
analysis is horrible
such a long coarse
tube going into your
throat. It was "3rd degree
torturing. Dr. asked me
to stay over until
Friday. In the mean-
time Peter has written

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Nanking, China

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American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

anxiously for my going back. So, I better return first. He will leave for school on the 21st.

Dr. Lepu thinks he has found out my case so far, my hypo thyroid condition, putting on false weight & decreasing strength. He puts me on thyroid tablet to try for

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20 days while he studies my analysis picture.

Your daughter may be going to Wellesley now.

Did you go to the Shanghai Club tiffin this noon?

My sister-in-law invited me to be present, but I could not go. Later she came here to report what was said about Shai.

Yours cordially
J. L. Zeppo

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AXONWOLD
121 MAMARONECK ROAD
SCARSDALE, NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. New -

Such good news as your letter brought! We are delighted here, because the ladies had decided tentatively on September 30th. and are willing to give everything they make to Geiling - I hope you will tell about early Geiling, Pres. Mr. Mme Chang, and some of the present conditions. We

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have some cards of Greeting which we plan to sell for Christmas cards - if we can get the biscuit in time for this meeting. later if necessary. I will send you an invitation card as soon as they are ready - maybe you will have some friends near by whom you would like to send them.

It will be so good to be seeing you again. I shall want to hear more of all the plans you have for your winter. Best to you always.

Affectionately Yours.

September 11. 1921 Ora Wells Eastman.

September 16, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. F. C. Holbrook
19 Terrace Street
Brattleboro, Vermont

Dear Mrs. New:

I was glad to get your two letters of the 15th this morning and to know something of your experiences at the hospital during these last few days. I hope it wasn't too unpleasant and that the results are going to be satisfactory and helpful.

As you requested, I have written to Mrs. Hamlin and Mrs. Morisson, declining their invitations to speak. You see you could still fill your time with scattered engagements if you wanted to do it this way. I hope, however, that our plan for your trip to the colleges is going to be more fruitful and more pleasant.

I am glad to know that you and Mrs. Eastman have come to a mutual agreement about the date of the garden party. I am not writing to Mrs. Eastman as I suppose that you have made all the arrangements with her.

I have gotten two music books for you, one with the Chinese national anthem and Chee Lai, the other a collection of various Chinese songs. They have both words and music and look very attractive. I have also gotten some maps that I think will be useful to you. I inquired about the book that you wanted. You gave me the title, "The Unquenchable Thirst", and the author Kenneth Latourette, and the price as $1.00. I cannot find a book that answers this discription, but I did find that there is a book called "The Unquenchable Light" by Dr. Latourette, and the

price is $2.00. If this is the book that you want, please let me know and I will get it for you at once. I have written to Dr. Fenn, inquiring about the charts, but I have not yet heard from him. I hope it is going to be possible to get these.

We are working on the bibliography and will have that in good shape very soon, I hope. If there is any other sort of material that you think would be helpful as you visit the colleges, let me know and I will try to get it for you.

We are sending your mail to Vermont and will continue to do so until the time that you return to New York.

Mr. Sweetman and I are getting final dates arranged for your college visits. He phoned me yesterday that the Elmira trip is definitely arranged for October 25th through 27th. He says that this is just a few miles from Alfred University where you will be on the 24th, and it is therefore a very convenient connection. We will keep you posted as other dates are arranged.

I hope these last few days in Vermont are not going to be too strenuous for you. All best wishes to Peter as he starts back to school. Angie left yesterday.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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September 16, 1942

Mrs. James T. Hamlin, Jr.
421 West Main Street
Danville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Hamlin:

Mrs. New has asked me to reply to your letter inviting her to speak on the occasion of your Harvest Day Missionary Celebration. Mrs. New regrets that she will not be able to accept this invitation as she is engaged for a tour of New York colleges during the fall months, and it will therefore be impossible for her to be in Virginia at the time you mention.

I am very sorry that Mrs. New will not be able to be your speaker, but if we can help you in any way, kindly let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

September 16, 1942

Mrs. L. B. Morisson
106 Sumner Road
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Morisson:

Mrs. New has asked me to reply to your letter, inviting her to speak in Brookline on October 20th. Mrs. New regrets that she will not be able to accept this invitation as she is engaged for a tour of New York colleges during the months of October and November, and it will therefore be impossible for her to be in Brookline in October.

I am interested to know that your group helps to support Miss Grace Boynton, who is at Nanking University. If there is anything that this office can do to help you to secure a speaker for your October meeting, or any other assistance that we can give you, we shall be most happy to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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51 Monadnock Ave.
Lowell, Mass.
October 2, 1942

Mrs. Hay-Sung New
Office of Ching Colleges
150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mrs. New:

As program chairman for our local chapter of Hadassah, an organization of less than two hundred women, I am very anxious to have you address our group.

Friends of mine heard you at the alumnae college at Smith last spring, and spoke very highly of you.

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I should like to have you speak at our meeting in January; that would be on January 12. If this time is not convenient, we could change our date accordingly.

Kindly let me know if you are available and what your fee would be.

Very truly yours,
Sylvia D. Heyman
(Mrs. Louis)

October 7, 1942

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Mrs. E. M. Hayes
505 University Place
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. New:

I was delighted to have your letter written Sunday evening, telling about your first afternoon at Vassar. I am glad indeed to know that you had such a warm reception and that the visit there promised to be a happy one. I also shared your letter with Mr. Evans and he, too, expressed himself as very happy that your trip had such an auspicious beginning.

I have sent the Church bulletin on to Mrs. Holbrook as you requested.

I talked to Ray Sweetman yesterday over the phone and he said that he was just finishing the schedules that afternoon and would send them to me at once. I will send one to your sister-in-law and also one to you as soon as he sends them to me. He told me that he had already sent the field maps to you. I hope they reached you promptly.

You will be interested to know that another committee is starting to work on a child welfare program in China. This committee is made up of representatives of the various agencies of the United China Relief that have been interested in child care and development in China. The meeting on Monday was just a beginning, but I hope that this time the program will be a sound one and that we will be able to make some real progress. I talked to Dr. Lu at some length after the committee meeting, and I am meeting her again tonight to discuss it further. I personally need her guidance greatly and I feel sure that the committee, too, would benefit by her ideas. As she feels that she is too busy to take an active part in the committee work, I am going to discuss it with her and get her thoughts across to the group.

Of course we will be most eager to hear of your different visits and shall look forward to letters from you. Let me say again that if there is ever any help that we can give you from this end, you are to let us know at once.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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October 20th [1942]
Brookline, Mass.

106 SUMNER ROAD
BROOKLINE, MASSACHUSETTS

My dear Mrs. New,

Mrs. Crabtree, who heard you the other day, is on my advisory board of the Missionary Group at Harvard Church. She was delighted with your message and wished very much for me to ask you to speak at our opening meeting on October the twentieth.

Our Group help to support Miss Grace Boynton who is at Nanking University and we are most anxious to keep ourselves alive to the situation in China

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Could you consider coming to us and what would be your honorarium?

The meeting would be preceded by a one o'clock luncheon to which you would be our guest and your entertainment assured.

An early reply is desired as our program is being made up early.

Most sincerely Yours,

Fannie R. Morrison

(Mrs. Laurie B.)

May the twelfth.

P.S. This note was written just after your lecture at The College Club at 40 Commonwealth Avenue in Boston. It has been returned to me. Through Mrs. Crabtree & Miss Sands I was able to get your New York Address. Please excuse my not re-writing the request for your presence in October.