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MRS. WAY-SUNG NEW

- 1919 B.A. Ginling College, China
- 1923 M.A. Teachers College, Columbia University, U.S.A.
- 1920 Dean of Women, The First Co-educational experiment of National Southeastern University, Nanking, China
- 1921-23 Professor, National Women's Teachers College, Peiping, China
- 1924-27 Chairman of the Board of Methodist Girls Schools.
- 1926-29 Chairman, Board of Trustees of Ginling College.
Member of Executive Committee.
- 1928-1937 Welfare Director of the Orthopedic Hospital of Shanghai, China
- 1933-37 Chairman of the Child Welfare Homes.
Member of the National Executive Committee
- 1937-39 Chairman, of the Clothing Relief Committee.
International Red Cross Relief Committee
- 1937- Assistant Superintendent of Civilians' Convalescent Home in war service.
- 1942-43 Lecturer in American colleges, under the auspices of Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China.
Lecturer of the Student Christian Movement in New York State.
- 1920-1943 Adviser and counsellor to Ginling College Alumnae Association.
- 1943- Dean of students.

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I. My main interest;

1. Higher education for women.
2. Sound training for well-integrated personalities and strong morale, so that they can competently take care of their own individual, as well as their environmental, problems.
3. Mental Health and Personnel Guidance work. A group of strong counsellors is needed.
4. Emphasis on building up personal and group morale in family and institutions.
5. Selecting of potential leaders and giving them intensive training in careful guidance of character in special experimental school, not under government control, but through private agencies.

II. My preference of approach:

1. to broad Christian agencies who have proved their merits in China through medical and educational work.
2. to colleges founded on the principle of pure humanitarian purposes, like American Friends Service.
3. to Women's Clubs - A.A.U.W. (American Association of University Women) and A.A.U.P. (American Association of University Professors), Rotary and Professional Women's Clubs - men and women who put service above profit, common welfare above self-enjoyment.

III. The group must study effective ways and means to form a lasting and enduring link between America and China through two strong bodies of representative people who will not get discouraged easily.

February 7, 1943

Dearest Yi-fang:

Both of your letters (Nov. 14) and my nephew's reached me yesterday. It was my first home letter since Sept. 1941, the last one from my sister. So, you can imagine how happy and comforted I am. Please read my letter to Tsung-tseng. I do not wish to repeat the contents.

In case he should arrive in Chengtu, will you help him, for my sake, to enter the medical college of West China University. He better be with the Xian institution. Could he get a scholarship, poor boy, he must be penniless after such travelling. If he needs money for food and clothing and has no way to get from his parents, kindly forward same. I shall pay it back to the office here. He is very conscientious, and I do not want him to be starved because of not willing to ask.

Your Christmas letter, though out of date, gave me much comfort. I sent Ginling College \$25.00 for Christmas present, but it was misunderstood and put in the general current budget. Anyway, I want you to know that I did think of you. The fall program, October 1st to December 12th, - 18 colleges - about 90 talks of various nature, social and informative. They did give me a strenuous term. However, it also gave me some satisfaction to know that I could manage to pull through. It was beautifully planned by Ray Sweetman and Mrs. Mills. The idea was originated by Egbert Hayes when he saw me at Silver Bay Conference. When I first presented my willingness to do something to our own Board and Mr. Evans and others, there was some sort of scepticism. The Board did not know how to use me, a few Board ladies talked and said they had their own returned missionaries to use. Mr. Evans and Mrs. Mills later thought of using me for colleges. It was altogether an experiment, none of us had any confidence. I realized that I did not have much to contribute. The change of time makes it so difficult for people like me to speak effectively. You cannot escape current events and thoughts and panel discussion and forum. You cannot evade with non-committal statements. Young men and women are whetted to their appetite of big talks of commentators. I try to keep up with Chinese news and contemporary discussions.

This winter program, Feb. 1st - April 30th, - 13 colleges - will need a person of your calibre. I am sorry that they cannot have you. I have finished one week at Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. Li Mei-yun has been part-student there and a part-student at Rochester U. She just got her M.A., wrote a very good thesis. She is greatly loved and admired by people here. She broke her leg into 4 pieces last February, 6 months in hospital. There are two iron supports within the leg. She will have another operation later. But she walks very fast up and down the hill. Economically, she went through terrible times, for the first year, she could not eat more than 30 cents a day, walked 5 miles to the University, she could not afford to eat anything but soda crackers and bread and salt, one glass of milk every other day. She wrote to our office when she first came, appealing for fund. She got a regular business letter of not being able to do anything. I want you to know some of these things, later you will know how this kind of attitude is affecting a few of our own girls. I have heard too much of it from their own remarks. We Xians are killing "our own goose that lays the golden egg".

Mei-yun has now applied for China Institute, State Dept. scholarships, \$75.00 a month for advanced study in Cornell University, Rural Education and Rural Economics. She is a very capable girl, I admire her. Mary Chen is her very good friend, wants to get her back to Nanking U. She will go very far, I am sure. Of course, there will be two more years yet before she finishes. But she remembered these difficult years without a cent of help from us.

You would like to have Mao-i back next fall. I do not see how you can expect her so early. I was with her Dec. 31st - Jan. 1, and again on Jan. 13th. She showed me her work and said definitely she could not finish in May. It will be Sept. and she likes to have rest after that. She is right, her health is very frail, she cannot endure the long trip right after it. I hope our medical board will be able to help her later. Mao-i needs relaxation very badly. Ming-chen had a collapse - 3 months in Sanatorium. She is quite well, at

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Cambridge, engaged as assistant for a definite project 6 months, good salary. She is happy, she can keep up Mao-i's spirit. Of course Mao-i worries a great deal. The lab. work is not too easy. Harvard standard is high. I saw her work, altogether 12 new compounds, yet not new and original enough as Prof. said. He also said - negative results also mean something, but he encouraged her on. She will arrive there, I am sure.

Gwan-yuan has finished her first draft of her book, Lao-tze Philosophy of Non-activity. She worked terribly hard and was somewhat withdrawn, she underwent the training of a different set of European profs. She was so much influenced by their logical and scholarly thinking. China Institute subsidy.

Hwei-lan Chang has begun to write her dissertation on Philosophy of Curriculum of P.E. She had hives for the last 5 months and is getting better now. (China Institute scholarship).

Lo Ai-djen is in Smith under international Education scholarship only one year. She may go to Ann Arbor for her M.A. study of one year.

Our girls here are so sensitive and ambitious for degrees, perhaps it is for more academic security in China. Now that I know more of their reactions and our nation's requirement I do not blame them for wanting to have the chance while they are here.

Gloh-fang Dju (Mrs. Ma) is applying for advanced study in Social administration work. She is interested in National correlation and coordination. She says social work is bound to be more and more nationalistic on a large scale. She is a good analyst, her mind is just as clear as yours, only lack of experience yet. If only she could have your background (home foundation) she will be another Wu Yi-fang. More and more I realize a person is the sum total of her heritage and environment. G.F. lacks heritage, but her intellect is A. class. Hwei-lan Ong is stabilized by marriage to a certain extent and she is now under China Institute subsidy, too. Would you approve of my asking for Govt help to take up some studying in counselling or child training? Teaching English is another subject I like. I am thinking of studying some special subjects. I do not want administration. My age asks me to come down the hill.

I met Hsu Hsi several times and he called me sister, love to Grace and all the other girls. En-lan is simply the girl after my own heart. Please tell her so. Her reports of Snow-dragon Mt. and Borderland just thrilled me. I used the material several times. She is our heroine, wish her good health and long life so that more people will receive her blessings from her courage and insight. Please let Hsiang-lan know the following:

Marguerite Bau had some difficulty with the Bureau of Medical Aid, one year of contract training for X-ray technique, \$75.00 U.S. per month, 2 years service in China. When time comes, she dodged the issue. She asked for \$100.00 U.S., she intended to break the contract and would not return. Of course, this rather upset the Bureau, and disappointed them with regard to Chinese character of irresponsibility.

A word in answer to your confidential note. I do not think your theory is right about E.M.'s remark of her being the 2nd woman in China. It could not be due to that kind of report. Anyway, the coming has not disturbed us at all. More to come yet. Beauty-pride the keynote! I have never seen her, and I shall have no chance of even coming near her, so with me, it is perfectly delightful. In the end, people will find out who is genuine and who is not. Why should we worry? The whole trouble is that you are not planning to come. To me, this rigidity is stupid, Honour to whom honour is due, why should you be afraid? When can you be flexible enough to see beyond the needs of Ginling? I cannot forgive you, if you are not giving yourself a chance to recuperate for Post-war planning of forward movement for Ginling and all the Christian Colleges. Have you been to doctor to see if he allows you to take the plane? Will you be allowed to come? I hear that Niu Yu-hwa and her husband will be coming in March. If you come, we can let you rest first. Mrs. Holbrook will take you.

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Please excuse me for this long garrulous letter, it will be some time yet before I write another one like it. Peter is doing well, but is getting too tall for his internal organs to catch up. Don't worry, we have full confidence in you. You have your own place in our hearts here.

Mrs. P. Mills has been very thoughtful about my need of rest; she took pain in making arrangement. I must do my best not to fail her nor you and of course nor the larger cause of International and Xian cooperation for a saner world.

Affectionately,

J. T. Jelley

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March 27, 1943 [1]

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of March 19th. I appreciate your spiritual encouragement. You will be glad to know that two thirds of my work is over, and you can be assured that the last third will be carried through. The trips were not too easy for me, but it was interesting to go through these difficulties.

May I ask you not to advise for my availability to speak anywhere? Until now, I have not been wishing to have

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public speaking as vocation
or avocation.

2. Please do not praise any
more a compliment, lest
students & other social
ladies get jealous. I cer-
tainly have experienced
human nature. For instance,
comparing me with Madam
Chiang will do me harm.
I appreciate such compli-
ments, yet people carry
it off & twist it and make
the other party think I am
darning - I am aware of it.
3. If Dr. Wu should come before
I finish, please understand that
I want to complete my
program & return in May.
4. I am sure you will do every-

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thing to ensure her health.
In the long run it counts.

She never asks anything
for herself, let us not
be hard boiled with
her. You know well her
strength + health will
mean greater contribution
to the future policy of the
world mission - I mean
educationally - A sound
Christian education should
be the basis of Xian Church.

If I am urgently needed for
May 7th, then I shall

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cancel my May 7th
appointment for the Red-
die school. I should
make the final decision
about Peter's next school
in April, but I am post-
poning it until the
early part of May. I
want to see it as early
as possible + would
like to take a weekend
in Princeton for a rest.
I like Princeton very much.
If I have to attend the Bd.
meeting on May 7th then
I have to postpone again
which is not right. After all

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I am a mother and should
also attend to my son's
education. Whenever, I
am on the Board, I do
not understand all the
inside + underneath
affairs. I am illiterate,
therefore, I feel you may
let me off. Of course, if
Yi Tung comes, I shall
be there, that's another question.

Miss Schutze is doing
very well at Drake.
She is very much liked

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and she wishes to keep
on teaching these subjects
of Latourette's Expansion of
Christianity, Comparative Re-
ligion and Chinese History.
She gave a series of 8 lectures
on China to the University
Church group. I met his buffet.
While in Java City, I visited

the psychopathic ward
where Minnie Vautin stayed.
I went to the occupational
room where she worked.
The lady-in-charge showed
me the handwork done by

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by the former occupant.
took up one piece neatly &
beautifully done. I asked her,
"By whom was this done?" She
said "by a missionary lady
from China." "Is she well now?"
"Yes," she said, "she is out now."
So, I said "Is her name
Miss Vantim?" Surprisingly
she said - "Yes," she is a
great lady Admiral Jar-
nell came to see her etc.
Then I asked her if she
could sell that piece to
me. I told her how the

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enclosed is the address. Warm regards for Mrs. Evans
Sincerely,
J. T. J. M.

girls would want to remember her, later we may have a museum etc. She said that she could let us have that piece if our office officially writes for it. Would you like to write a ask Miss. Mills to write for it? She would not charge you. I think it would be nice to show that piece to our board on May 7th. It was her original pattern, hard for her to choose color decide because that was her trouble.

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QUESTIONS WHICH WERE ASKED DURING THE ITINERARY OF MRS. W. S. NEW
TO THIRTY-SIX COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES - OCTOBER 1942 TO MAY 1943

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1. Has China true democracy?
 - a. How representative is the Chinese government of the people's opinion?
 - b. How far can people censor the Chinese Government? When people express their opinion in opposition to the government, what is the government's attitude toward them? Americans have heard of secret doing away with political opponents, etc. If it is true, how do you account for those situations?
 - c. Americans feel that it is very dangerous for China to have fascist tendencies, the very thing from which the world is suffering. To what extent does fascism exist in China?

2.
 - a. Is Chiang Kai-shek a dictator? Does he really understand the requirements of democratic leadership?
 - b. Has he a group of unbiased advisers, such as the brain trust? Are the Chinese people afraid of their leaders so that they cannot present their views freely?

3. If Chiang Kai-shek should die has China some other person whom people will claim as leader? Can leaders be expected to translate their ideals into action? Are people used by leaders or do the leaders represent the people? Why is it that we do not hear of other leaders than Chiang's own relatives and intimate friends?

4.
 - a. Is the Kuomintang Party an autocratic agency to develop its own powers and ambitions?
 - b. Does Chinese leadership go with military strength and wealth?
 - c. Will there be two parties in China?

5. Questions concerning communism and other political thoughts --
 - a. Will communists be tolerated? Are they taking orders from Russia?
 - b. What proportion of the people of China are communists?
 - c. Is it true that many professors and students who have been suppressed have gone to the communist group and found there opportunity to express their ideas?
 - d. How much freedom is allowed to youth to express and to discuss their own ideas? Is it true that aggressive students have been arrested without trial?
 - e. Are your political leaders cooperating with young men of experience and conviction and giving them a chance to express freely their political thoughts?

6.
 - a. What are the aims of the Chinese educational program? More technical or more liberal?
 - b. Is the Minister of Education an academic person? What sort of man is he?
 - c. What is China doing to make education more democratic?

7. What are the San Min Chu I Youth Corps?
Is this a popular movement to build up a following for Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek? Is it regimented like Hitler's youth?

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8. a. What are the plans for China's industrialization? Will it be controlled by government, by the financial powers, or is there hope for private enterprise and decentralized industry?
b. How extensive are the Chinese Industrial Cooperatives? How valuable are they in the present industrial system? As a means of relief? What is the outlook for C.I.C. after the war? What proportion of the cooperatives is communist?
c. Should the Chinese Industrial Cooperative Movement be considered as a government movement, or is it as independent as, for example, the Christian Church?
9. Americans are afraid that there will be civil warfare and chaos in China after the end of the war. They expect China to assume democratic leadership to effect a more just and durable peace. What plans are being made in China to meet these problems?
10. What are China's plans for dealing effectively with Great Britain in the solving of long term difficulties?
11. Is China really friendly with Russia and sympathetic with Russia's social aims?
12. a. Is there a ny post-war plan forChina?
b. Is China thinking objectively with regard to her own part in effecting Asiatic and Pacific peace?

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HENDRICKS CHAPEL
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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TO:

SUBJECT:

September 29th, 1943

Mrs W.S. New
China Colleges
150-5th Avenue
New York City
N.Y.

Dear Mrs New;

You will recall that when you were here last autumn you suggested a new goal for Syracuse-in-China, namely a connection with some University which would be much more interesting and fitting for a college group. I have kept that in mind and I decidedly feel that it would be a fine thing for our group here to swing to that. We are now supporting a student in college in Free China but we could do more and could well manage something more definite. It is a matter, however, which should be taken up carefully and with quite a bit of thought.

Could you advise me as to what set-up, what plan of relationship other colleges have, please? It might give me a basis for planning in my own mind before presenting any plan to the group. I don't believe our Alumni group would want to change from activities in Chungking to college activities, but the student group might take the first step and be joined later by the entire organization. I'd appreciate your help and advise in getting some definite plan ready to present.

Am sorry I haven't time to write you a long letter for there are so many things I'd like to chat with you about,

Very sincerely (and hastily)
Eleanor W. McCurdy
Eleanor W. McCurdy (Mrs W.A.)
Sec., Syracuse-in-China

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Oct. 8, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

We had 3 hrs. Cultural Re-
cabin meeting.
I am sending you

Mrs. McCurdy's letter for
reference. You will be

in the position to ad-

vice. (I now come for my letter,
Thank you for taking care
of them.)

Last evening's meet-
ing of the 2nd Child-
care group was good.
Mrs. Carter & Mr. Lewing
Sweet were both there.
I spoke informally - Y.T.

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Re Mrs. New

October 11, 1943

Professor Esther Lloyd-Jones
Teachers College
Columbia University,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Professor Lloyd-Jones:

Mrs. Y. T. Zee New told me that you would like to know the plans I have in mind about the program which I expect her to take up upon her return to China.

I am glad to tell you that Ginling College has planned to start a student personnel service administration and to invite Mrs. New to develop it after she has had the special training in America. In College we have learned from recent years of the importance of student counselling. The only thing that has kept us from having started on this important work was the lack of a qualified director.

Mrs. New is personally interested in the full development of young people. Furthermore she had postgraduate training in the field of education and much experience in dealing with people on the medical and nursing staff of the Shanghai Orthopedic Hospital, which she helped her late husband in building up. She is, therefore, best qualified to take up the regular course of training in order to fit her still better for carrying on this important work in Ginling.

You will be interested to hear that the Minister of Education in China has seen the importance of character-building. However, in the big national universities, we cannot expect the professors to give much attention to the developing of the personalities of their students. In developing the student personnel service in Ginling, I have in mind to demonstrate the

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importance of this work among the colleges and universities in China. When we have secured helpers for Mrs. New, we hope to develop a training course for personnel directors, who will go out into the high schools and will meet a real need in the system of modern schools in China.

I am therefore very happy that Mrs. New sees the challenge of this field of work and is now having the chance of taking the course at Columbia. Both the College and I, personally, will greatly appreciate all help that you can give her.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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October 13, 1943

President Yi-fang Wu
Ginling College
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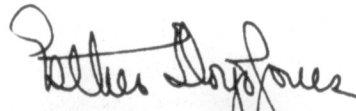
Dear President Wu:

I am indeed grateful to you for your fine and helpful letter about Mrs. New. I have been most favorably impressed with Mrs. New and you may be sure that we will do everything we can to help her prepare for the important work that you have in mind for her to do.

I was interested in your statement about the interest of the Minister of Education in China in this field. You, yourself, seem to have a most progressive point of view as you plan for the future.

As the year progresses, if you have any suggestions that will help us in our work with Mrs. New, I shall appreciate it if you will get in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,



Esther Lloyd-Jones
Professor of Education
Chairman, Department of Student
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NANKING, CHINA

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January 6, 1944

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Dear Mr. Evans,

To confirm what I talked over with you the other day I wish to write to you briefly regarding Mrs. New's relationship with the College in the years before she returns to China. I have discussed this with her, and she agrees with my judgment.

I am definitely expecting her to help Ginling after the war in the field in which she is preparing herself now. She is genuinely interested in helping individual young people, and this is in line with the important aim of education to build up strong personalities. I am therefore looking forward to her contribution in the matter of developing a Personal Guidance Department in Ginling. However, since she and I are such personal friends, we thought it may be best for the College if she serve in this very important work in an informal way. She may easily be part-time professor and serve as advisor to the Dean of Students. I would wish to see her live in her own home where she can more informally help individual students, young faculty, and even alumnae. I do not need to say more as you have known her through these few years, and know how specially gifted she is to do this work for Ginling.

In regard to her official status, I still wish to have her continue as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. There are several reasons which made me come to this conclusion. She has not taught in Ginling before, and the position as a future member of the faculty is too indefinite. Furthermore, she has been known to the public as Chairman of the Board of Directors, and it is in that capacity that I still expect her to serve Ginling.

First, through her wide contacts with American friends and institutions, she will have opportunities to ask for financial support for Ginling. I do not mean at all to appeal widely for funds, which is not permitted by our agreement with UCR. However, she may be able to cultivate interest of colleges or individuals for

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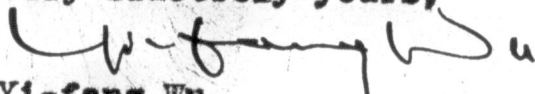
the support of special projects in Ginling. Secondly, I wish to recommend that Mrs. New be asked to serve on the Personnel Committee. She may be able to give some help in interviewing candidates, especially Chinese. In her travels and through other Chinese friends, she will be able to secure the names of possible candidates and find valuable information about them.

In regard to Mrs. New's financial provision from now to the summer of 1946, she wishes to ask for a loan from the Board of Founders up to a maximum of \$5,000. Will you please consult the Financial Committee and seek for their approval. Mrs. New wishes to arrange it as a purely business transaction and will be ready to pay interest at the same rate as the College would receive when such funds are invested. She expects to return the loan when she will be able to receive income from her property in Shanghai. If the Financial Committee approves of this, will you prepare a form for Mrs. New to sign? She will then come to you from time to time as she is in need of funds.

Now that I am leaving America, I wish I could have more time to talk with you and other members of the College Board about the many problems for future development. If there should be a delay in securing the priority I shall come back to New York.

With grateful thanks and deep appreciation for all you have been doing for Ginling and me personally,

Very sincerely yours,


Yi-fang Wu

Copy sent to
Mrs. W.P. Mills

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Mrs. New

417 W. 121 St., New York City
January 18, 1944

Mr. C.A. Evans
Room 903, 150 Fifth Ave.
New York City

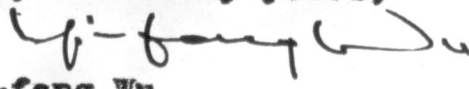
Dear Mr. Evans,

Upon my return from Washington I found Mrs. New's letter written after she read my letter to you. She brought up again the question of my acting as the guarantor for the loan she wishes to arrange for from the Board of Founders. Although you were kind enough to assure me that this was not necessary, I think it is better now to have this attended to. Mrs. New has jokingly said that if anything should happen to her, then I shall be the one to see to the return of the loan. Enclosed I am sending you the formal statement. When you have secured the approval of the Finance Committee for this loan, will you be kind enough to let Mrs. New know? Will you also help her to work out a regular form so that she can sign it each time she asks for funds?

The other point she mentioned is in regard to expenses she may incur in connection with the work for securing candidates or doing promotional work for the College. I am sure that both you and Mrs. Mills will have an understanding with Mrs. New that the College will be ready to pay for such bills as stenographic help, telegrams, stationery and postage, and travel if necessary.

Perhaps I should add that during the Spring Term she will not be able to do speaking. Both Dr. Vaughan and the doctor at Columbia University have advised her not to accept speaking engagements. So most likely there will not be any expense for travel this term.

Very sincerely yours,


Yi-fang Wu

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Copy to Mrs. Mills

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MRS. WAY SUNG NEW
417 WEST 121ST STREET, APT. 3
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

En route 17

Sept. 6

My dear Mrs. Mills:

By this time, I hope you
have had a very pleasant
summer in Maine,
and that your coming
year will be just as
satisfactory as it was in
the past.

My summer season
has been giving me a

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grad change, but no holiday.
In fact, I carried more
responsibility than I did
in the previous summer.
Our holidays (Peter + mine)
start from today.

In case any message
or letter should come,
kindly send them to the
addresses as enclosed
I may go to work for

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MRS. WAY SUNG NEW
417 WEST 121ST STREET, APT. 3
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

a conference. Sept. 19-22.
I declined, but the 2nd
request came again.
If the kind invitation
should come, please send
it to me immediately.
I shall be much obliged
to you - by special de-
livery.

The Nat'l Chinese Students
conference at Yale was a

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challenging me. They
showed marvellous
spirit.

As Mr. Wolfery says,
the movement has
gone miles ahead.
With right kind of
leadership, youth will
go the right path. Menzies
Chick has transformed a
great deal toward training
Manning, Y.M.C.A. New V.

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MRS. WAY SUNG NEW
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NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

Please telephone to Mrs.
Emmy Ross that I feel
it is not very fair for
them to spend travelling
expenses on me & just to
lead me devotion. If
they really & truly want
me particularly for
a definite reason, I can
consider - but if some-
body else can do just

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As well as even better
please save that much
money on me. If I am
wanted, I cannot
afford to spend my
own expenses -

My next year plan is
not at all definite. It is
yet in the making, but
I am sure it will come
out in Oct.
I shall return to make

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MRS. WAY SUNG NEW
417 WEST 121ST STREET, APT. 3
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

plan after Peter has gone
to school on Sept. 19th.
In a way, I am feeling
better, because I do not
need to draw on loans,
& I want to return me
\$1000 - that is such
a burden to me - I never
like to be a debtor to any
institution - ^{me so with}
a Xian institution

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What is Mr. Mills' plan?

Peter has won an honor
scholarship for the coming
(Please keep it for yourself)
year. He has done
much better in earning
scholarship than his
mother can. How can
Angie may have won
a scholarship, too.

Thanking you I am
Yours affectionately
J. I. Zesler
Train
moves so much.

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MRS. WAY SUNG NEW
417 WEST 121ST STREET, APT. 3
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

To Miss Blain - Medical Office

Kindly ask Dr. Vaughan's
assistant to send my
Health records to

Dr. A. G. Taylor

Clifton Springs Sanatorium

Records Clifton Springs, N. Y.
should get there by

Sept. 10 or 11 -
I shall be there on Sept. 12
for physical check up
with Pauline

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Please forward to

Miss Blair a

Dr. Vaughan's Class -

Janet with Kenno

G. T. Jewell

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September 9, 1944

Dear Mrs. Hew,

How glad I was to hear from you! I thought you were away when I arrived September 1st, and by the time I learned that you were here you had started off again, and so I missed seeing you. I look forward to a good talk when you return.

You seem to have had a very strenuous summer, but I hope it was also a pleasant and profitable one. Our month in Maine was delightful and did us all good, but I am happy to be at home and at work again.

I hope you got the letters I forwarded to the apartment the early part of this week, though I have a little fear that you may have gone before they reached you. Nothing further has come to the office. However if there is anything I will send it on according to the schedule you gave me.

I telephoned to Mrs. Ross as you requested, telling her your position about going to Columbus. I am not sure what her final decision will be, but she will communicate with you directly. I have also forwarded your request to Miss Blair, and she promised to send your health records to Dr. Taylor at once.

I am delighted to hear of Peter's fine work and his honor scholarship. It is such a satisfaction to parents to see their children doing their work well! Of course Peter's work now is his schooling, and I rejoice with you that he is making such a fine record. I rejoice with you, too, that your financial affairs are working out well. I hope that means that you are in communication with your family and that your property in Shanghai is still intact and producing an income. I cannot tell you how much I have admired your spirit and courage during these months that have been so difficult for you. You have been an inspiration to me and to many others. If better days have now come I want you to know how happy I am for you.

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My husband's plans are still indefinite. We hear that his passport has been approved but he has no passage yet. He says he hopes to leave by the end of September or the first of October, but that remains to be seen.

I do hope this vacation period is proving a most restful and refreshing one for you and Peter. You both deserve it.

My affectionate greetings and very best wishes to you both.

As ever,

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Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.
September 12, 1944

Dr. Wu Yi-fang
Ginling College
Chengtu, Szechwan, China

Dear Yi-Fang:

My summer plan has worked out very profitably though continuously engaged from June 1st to Sept. 25th.

- June 1st - 30th - Summer Intersession
- July 1st - 10th - 1) five days at Black Mt. with Dr. Reeves
2) five days at Montreat Conference (South Presbyterian General Assembly). The Training Institute for Women - 1500 present. Evening address to the General Session on Christian Education.
- July 13th - Aug. 9th - Vassar Institute Faculty Adviser, Chinese Seminar Associate. Dju Gioh-fang, Kwan Tsen Tseng and Li Mei Yun were also there. The group worked hard and showed good spirit. They are capable!
- Aug. 10th - 12th - Post-Institute Conference with the Child-study group in N.Y.C.
- Aug. 13th - 17th - Rest at Mrs. Eastman's.
- August 17th - Peter suddenly returned - school closed at 1 1/2 hours' notice by the Public Health Commissioner on account of two boys on the Farm Project died from infantile paralysis.
- August 19th - Peter was sent to Vermont. Those were anxious days for all mothers of Peddie Summer School children. Fortunately, nothing happened to any boy.
- August 20th - I went away to Connecticut to visit Junior work camp for boys and girls from wealthy families. They received intensive training for character and for working spirit on the Farm. They are bright students in highly qualified schools. They worked 8 hours on the farm just like farmers and lived in the most simple way - no bath tub and sleep in classrooms of a country day school. They were there for 8 weeks. They paid their board and lodging by their own earning, 35 cents an hour. It was a plan originated by the Educational Board and Congregational Church. Small groups of 34 - 17 boys and 17 girls. Only five members are on the staff. This kind of working camp for smaller units and longer term of training has shown excellent results for character-training which comes from self-discovery and self-realization through actual living experience. Nobody preached or lectured, but by example of leaders and by group co-operation. I served as a Kitchen Police, that is to clean the tables, the benches and the floors. I had great time in working with those youngsters, 15 - 17 years old. They said anything they wanted to, and there was so much exchange in views and opinions. We also had evening discussions on world events, then snacks before retiring. They got up at 5:30 a.m., fixed their lunch baskets and had meditation before breakfast. Off they went to the farms - seven different farms to work, dairy, poultry farms, picking string beans, cucumbers, digging up potatoes, and making hay. I was with them on the farm - afterwards came back with them. Such life was really wholesome - so natural and genuine, so pure and innocent.
- There are four camps of this type in New England. It is an experiment.
- Aug. 27 - Sept 3 - At Yale University. There was a C.S.C.A. Conference. 150 Chinese students came from different parts of North America. I participated as consultant to the Board. They had many difficult personnel problems to solve. With three consultants and many other experienced leaders, the younger leaders were guided. I was fortunate to have them confide in me many intricate problems. This was their 35th Anniversary. Paul Kwei, Y.C. Yang, Newton Chiang, T.T. Lew

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were there, W. Y. Chen spoke on Sunday. Hubert Liang helped a great deal. H. T. Chu had been very much trusted as an adviser. Paul Lin is a budding leader, his discussion syllabus was excellent. Rev. Earle Ballou also spoke one evening. Discussion was strongly advocated and widely used.

Meng Chih stayed throughout and showed good, cooperative spirit. He has been greatly changed and somewhat stabilized by recent developments of a serious-minded young lady and the grant of China House by Henry Luce. He proposed to have Community Worship at the House. He particularly wanted Edwin Kwoh, Newton Chiang and myself to help. I have not promised, because I may not stay in N.Y.C. It is a good opportunity to strengthen the Chinese Christian Students movement. David Toong resigned - chance for some person more vigorous to serve the students and better ways and means are planned. Tsai Kwei also participated on the last two days. Street Drive took place in New Haven streets, within one hour \$1244.88 was cleared for U.C.R. students relief.

I never knew there could be so much strength given to me when it was demanded of me from 7:30 a.m. to 11 or 12 p.m. I stayed at the Disciples Mission Home, invited by Mrs. S. Bates. They were both away for one week's vacation. I had the pleasure to know Miss Starn well. She and I met after I returned from the Conference late at midnight. Then we had midnight snack together, Chinese tea and crackers. Then we talked about Ginling. Katherine Schutze also came to New Haven, waited one day to see me, but no time. Finally, she asked Miss Starn to wake her up at 11:30 p.m. when I returned. Then we talked until 2 a.m. I could not go to sleep until 4 a.m. because I had to revise my talk for the morning devotion. So, this was the way I went through the Conference. Others worked even harder, because the dormitory was 30 minutes' walk from the Divinity School where the Conference was held. Yale campus spreads out the whole town. Therefore, the delegates walked and walked. H.H. Kung talked to the students, both informally and officially.

September 4th - Had luncheon with Tsai Kwei, Kwei Pau, Peter and Meng Chien (Mrs. S.F.'s son), met Gerlach, Eleanor Hinder, Wang Siu Chi. The latter got her Ph.D. in Philosophy, going to be Student Secretary and is coming back to China. (On the last day of the Conference, we six older generation of leaders had a heart-to-heart talk with 14 selected leaders who are strong in Christian connection. I hope to follow up this piece of work by monthly correspondence with them so that they will be firm in their conviction and steadfast in their actions.) On the whole the Conference was a success in forming nucleus groups. We see quite a few outstanding fine young leaders developing with fine scholarship and sincere Christian spirit.)

September 5th - I went to Princeton with Edwin Kwoh to see the possibility of my housing there. I decided not to live there, expensive and impractical in commuting.

September 6th - 11th. - Travelled with Peter to Syracuse - lived two days with the Hayes. Then we visited the University of Rochester two days. We went to Niagara Falls one day. Peter and I daringly took the trip to the Cave of Winds. I was timid at first, then I thought I must be a good example so finally went under the Falls, quite an adventure for my age with a young son. Then we came to Buffalo and Peter wanted to visit the famous Museum of Natural Science. How we thought of all our nieces and nephews who also should have this opportunity. Peter is so interested in sciences, therefore, he absorbs in this observation. Then we left for Clifton Springs Sanatorium, where Peter and I are going to be checked about our health. This is time economy, though not economical financially. But we two must be together for at least 2 weeks. In this way, we can manage it. This may not be satisfactory for a health exam, but it may serve to help us a bit. Good doctors have gone away, what are left are secondary and more conservative type.

September 19th - Peter will go to school for his senior year. He will be a monitor for half a dozen Freshmen. They are going to live in a separate cottage. This is a test for his leadership to see how well he can be responsible for group welfare. It is good for his self-discipline.

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September 19 - 22nd - I shall attend a conference called by Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture. I declined twice, but I was asked to reconsider. It has something to do later with U.N.R.R.A. This is an explanatory and advisory conference.

Dr. DeS. Brunner, who is on the Steering Committee and is going to preside over the conference has recommended me to the conference. He is the well-known national rural sociologist. He was one of the three professors who directed our summer intersession. (By the way, my result of the course is "A".) Now I have accepted their invitation to the conference. I can meet all the sincere and genuine leaders who have planned and achieved a great deal for Rural Extension Service in U.S.A.

After September 22nd - I shall plan for my own self - where to live, and to continue my next year's work. I shall write you fully later.

I wish to thank you for your letter of August 8th which I want to answer later.

Please let my brother read this account, so that he will know what I have been doing. It seems that my last three months were my most active period. I have to stop for at least one month. While in Washington, I intend to ask Liu Chieh about Tseng Di Di's affair.

Tomorrow morning, I shall take Basal Metabolism test; therefore I better stop. I have been writing two hours continuously.

Affectionate regards to you, to Ginling faculty and to my own people in the West and in Shanghai. I intended to return the loan of \$1000 so that I can feel freer. Thank you for the detailed letter about my brother and our families in Shanghai. It is a comfort to me.

Peter has won an honor scholarship, one of the 18 scholarships which were granted for high academic standing. He did well in Physics and in History.

Affectionately,

Oct. 4, 1947²¹⁷

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Every afternoon we pick apples and sit in the sunshine. In the evening, I meet my late husband's old friends & their younger generations. It is very pleasant memory. If Peter should go to Dartmouth, this will be a proper place for me, living is not too high. I can find plenty of accommodations.

Tomorrow, I am starting for Hanover arriving there at

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2:45 P.M. Prof. W. T. Chan invited me to speak to the women's Club (mostly church women) at 3:00 P.M. He telephoned me last evening. Of course, I must return his courtesy, since he is making arrangements for me to meet the people there. He will give a dinner to introduce me to the Dartmouth people. On Saturday, I shall stop at Desfield to see Fred. Halbrook - have lunch with him and then stop at Northampton to see Mary Halbrook pass

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Sunday here. I hope I can meet some of the Smith people like Miss Florence Snow or Jim Sales. Then I go to Barrington on Monday. This is the first time after I came to America I feel so free that I need not rush to make appointments. Mrs. Solomon did a good job by uprooting me from that apt so that I can come out in the sunshine. I am sure there are quite

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you can let me read Dr. W's last letter. Thanks
M.T. & Ned

A few letters waiting for me
at Dartmouth. Every day,
I have been answering 10 or 12
letters and begin to read
"Time for Decision" by Sumner Wells.
Brattle bus is so quiet & the
hills around are so lovely.
New England has its peculiar
beauty and Vermont is especially
rustic. People begin to know
that I am around. They want to
call on me at The Hallocks.
Mrs. H. told them that I just
passed & stopped over, so I did
not call back. I wonder, if convenient,

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October 6, 1944

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Miss Katherine Schutze
Gould Farm
Great Barrington, Mass.

Dear Mrs. New:

I was very happy to get your letter of October 4th and to know that you are enjoying the sunshine and the feeling of freedom and release from the strain of having to meet appointments. Sitting in the sunshine and picking apples sound like ideal occupations to me and I am happy indeed that you are enjoying them.

I hope you have a pleasant visit at Dartmouth and make all the arrangements for Peter that will make his next year comfortable and pleasant. I hope also that your visit in Northampton will be a happy one. You know, of course, that Mrs. Scales has retired, but I think that she is still living in Northampton and of course would be most happy to see you. Margaret Thomson's cousin, Mrs. Alison Cook, is succeeding her as Warden.

I am enclosing a letter to you from Dr. Wu, which came day before yesterday. In her letter to me, Dr. Wu said that she wanted you to receive the \$585.00 refund from the C.N.A.C. I suppose she is writing to you about this matter also. This money was paid to us in July and is still held on our books as we had credited it to Dr. Wu's account and it had not been drawn. I acknowledge my fault in that I did not write to Dr. Wu immediately upon receipt of the check. However, since she wants you to have it, probably it has not made too much difference.

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Mrs. Way-sung New

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October 6, 1944

I am enclosing copies of the last letters that I have had from Dr. Wu. In fact, this is all I have had from her since I returned the first of September. When you have read these, will you be good enough to return them to me.

I am still making inquiries about an apartment for you, but I have to confess that I have made no real progress. There seem to be practically no apartments of any size or price available. I won't give up, though, and perhaps we may find something just right before very long. In the meanwhile, I hope you continue to feel happy about Mrs. Solomon's action in up-rooting you and that your visit gives you all the rest and relaxation that you need.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Letter from Dr. Wu for Mrs. New
Letters (copies) from Dr. Wu of July 27th, August
12th, September 1st and 2nd.

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90 Gould Farm ⁽¹⁷⁾
Great Barrington
Mass.
Oct. 10.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you very much for your letter of Oct. 6. June was the first letter I read after I reached here 11:30 P.M. But the envelopes which consist of Dalton's 4 letters were carefully read last evening. I wish to thank you for sharing them with me. She mentioned in her letter of Aug. 9 to me about certain difficulties she encountered in Girling and referred to the letters she wrote to you + wanted me to read them. Now I have read them and begun to gather a few threads about some of the things she mentioned in her letter to me.

She has rec'd the package forwarded by Grace Chm. I am very glad about it. She wants me to send her a pair of glasses, Dr. Vaughan's prescription to buy 80 pills of amythal and a pair of arch-aid shoe. I shall attend to them when I return to N.Y.C. But would you be kind enough to let Miss Blair ^{know} of Dr. M's need of Amythal and to get that ready? In her last Aug 9th letter she seemed to be puzzled again about whether Girling is going to be a separate woman's college or not. I thought the Board had expressed definitely that Girling would be a separate or independent college in the last meeting when

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she was here. Is there any doubt about it again?
 Could the doubt be caused by certain findings &
 thinking from the Planning Committee? Her letter
 showed some anxiety she wanted to have a few
 groups of Guiding faculty ^{members} to think over the problem & con-
 tribute thoughts. This may not be time & place for me
 to mention it. When I come back & if convenient,
 would you help me to see the real situation clearly
 concerning our college status as a woman's college?

The visit to Dartmouth was very satisfactory.

Prof. Chan filled in a program of 2 full days
 + one afternoon

1 talk to the women's meeting.

1 " to the V. 12 class

4 socials (teas) in Prof's families

3 dinners at Prof Chan's to 3 different groups of
 Prof.

In that way I came in contact with the "Inner
 Sanctum" of Dartmouth. It is a solid college, but
 no contact with the outside world at all, altho
 the community life is very wholesome. Winter is long
 & sports are outside, skating, & skiing of course.
 It is up to Peter now to live there 3 days in winter &
 to be with students, then for him to say if he likes
 it. Once being there means 4 or 5 yrs. to cover pre-medic
 course which is excellent. For a husky boy, that place

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7 is no invigorating. Prof. are well-selected - each individual is some character, both wise + good + humble. They can be living examples, a few others are pedantic + dogmatic - not many. majority of them are just the kind that will devote their lives to the teaching of boys.

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From Dartmouth, I came to Deerfield to see Fred Halbrook a few hrs. and then to Northampton to see + to actually counsel May Halbrook. She + her parents both want me to do it for the family. It is rather complicated, but I deem it a privilege to be taken in such confidence by them. I stayed over Sat. night + then to I visited Mrs. Scales one hour in the morning. She has retired - after 22 yrs. of service and is now taking an apt. on the 2nd floor of a student's dorm. at 115 Elm street. It was such a delight + inspiration to see her. She commanded my respect for her judicial mind. I had the privilege of being invited to tea at her father's Home at Dartmouth. Prof. Lord who teaches Anatomy. Mrs. Scales' father was once Pres. Lord of Dartmouth. That family is very much esteemed

at Hanover for their service + contribution to college. I did not get to see Miss Florence Snow, because I had to give most of my time to Mary - 5 talks + interviews within 24 hrs. It was an intensive counselling, but Mary wrote a magnificent letter of understanding letter to the family as a result of our talks which made me feel worth while spending the time.

I left Northampton at 4:20 P.M. and via Pettsfield - Springfield first, then bus, then taxi arrived here very late. I must say, it was strenuous - nobody to help with my bags - they are heavy. Katherine drove a Buick down to meet me, but we missed each other, finally she caught me after $\frac{2}{3}$ of the trip. She certainly drove well, and functioned as a most valuable person here on the farm. She has achieved so much in the way of gardening vegetables within the last 5 months. Yesterday I ate so many things planted by her and melon, too.

3. When it comes to harvesting, there is a glow of
satisfaction. To see her happily established
is my great joy. This surrounding is
magnificent - a long span of mts. &
fall coloring is at its peak. We went out
12 miles yesterday to pick grapes to make
grape juice. Today, there will be another
drive. I feel I better stay here two
weeks to get myself relaxed. I have
not yet been able to do it. This is the
place where I can detach myself for a
short while. I am thankful to God, to
friends like you and to Mrs. Solomon
who made me turn right about
face from N.Y.C. for a while. I really have
no feeling vs. her, no for the time being it was
some tension to dodge her misunderstanding
its more in a dignified way as if it were
my own voluntary action rather than her
compulsion. Every thing worked out beauti-

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will pay out for room for me + then Mrs. New is still in the street
 I can have a place at 13 rather low, - see you
 fully with friends + Mrs. Heia's help. I may
 ask Mrs. Chien to come a week, thus
 causing less trouble to our friends providing
 rooms for us. I know for sure that Dr. Liu's
 invitation is open + sincere for me alone.
 I am not yet sure if Mrs. Heia wants
 Mrs. Chien on the 21st. If I should de-
 lay my coming back it would be ^{unbil} me
 to ^{in that way} I can still use my time stay-
 ing here. ^{So much to write to do.}
 There is one place which I wish to ask
 is Hotel Irwin where the Potts stay. I
 wonder if they have a little suite there.
 One room is what I hear \$10⁰⁰ per
 week. If a cot can be put in that
 room + if there is a little something
 to heat some water for drink that
 may help to solve one week. Really, for
 myself - I can roam along for months
 and can have place. I do not wish to
 push it on you. Probably - most of the people

Cordially
 Y. T. Kew
 Dr. Lukens
 I am returning these letters to you
 there are 2 scholarships for Hans + Emma

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October 13, 1944

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Miss Katherine Schutze
Gould Farm
Great Barrington, Mass.

Dear Mrs. New:

How glad I was to get your letter and to know that you are having such a fine rest at Gould Farm! I am sure it must be just the right place for Katherine, and I am happy to hear that she is so well adjusted and so satisfactorily employed there. Please give her my love.

It is good to know that Dr. Wu has finally gotten the package forwarded by Grace Chu. I will ask Miss Blair to get the amytol and have it ready to go to Dr. Wu with the other things. The new parcel post arrangement allows for packages up to four pounds, but since they cannot be registered or insured, I don't think we want to send anything very valuable, or irreplaceable. However, the things Dr. Wu asks for, viz. shoes, glasses and amytol pills, could all be sent.

I'll be glad to talk to you about the status of Ginling as a separate woman's college, though I really have nothing to add to what you already know. The Board took the action you refer to last year when Dr. Wu was here, and there has been nothing since to change that decision. Of course, we all know that there may be developments after the war that would cause the Board to adopt another attitude, but at present there is no plan to alter the status of Ginling.

Your visits at Dartmouth and Smith sound most interesting, but very strenuous, making me doubly glad that you are having such a good rest now. From your description, I can think of no better place to spend two weeks. Do get all the rest you can.

Mrs. Way-sung New

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October 13, 1944

Dr. Lu Gwei-djen wrote me about the Home Economics scholarships, and I have written to Dr. Wu. I hope we can get some of our girls over to take advantage of the offer.

I will make inquiries at the Hotel Irving, and let you know what I find out. I am also continuing my search for an apartment, but to date with no success.

Let us know when to expect you.

Affectionately,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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October 14, 1944

Mrs. Way-sung New
c/o Miss Katherine Schutze
Gould Farm
Great Barrington, Mass.

Dear Mrs. New:

In the letter I sent you yesterday I failed to mention a request that came from Miss Ethel King of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, for you to speak at a dinner meeting on Thursday, November 2nd, at 6:30 p.m. I told her that I expected you back in New York about this time and that you would get in touch with her upon arrival. Then your letter came saying that you probably would not be here before the 20th, and of course she is anxious for an answer. Will you please let me know what you think about this, and whether or not you will be able to accept it. I will then communicate with her. Of course, if you prefer, you could write directly to her yourself. In fact, she may have written to you already. You could reach her at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, 921 Madison Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

Another request has come from Mrs. Porter for you to go to Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, sometime in December or January. I told Mrs. Porter that I doubted very much whether you would be free to accept this invitation, but of course I assured her that I would pass it on to you. Since this does not come until December or January, I suppose there is not the same urgency that there is about the Madison Avenue request.

My husband started back to China yesterday and plans to sail from Galveston on Tuesday, the 17th. This boat goes around the Cape of Good Hope directly to India, so that he does not have the long delay that those who have gone by way of Portugal have had. It will be a long enough trip even so, as the boat will probably be about fifty days on the way.

Affectionately yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Oct. 16, 1944

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Your letter of Oct. 14 has just reached me. I must answer you directly. There is a mixed feeling when you tell me that your good husband has gone. For his own sake & for the mission, I congratulate him for securing an excellent and relatively ideal passage so that you can feel relieved, for my personal sake, I have not the 福氣 (foo-chi) 送他 (Song ta) Please pardon me for this seeming negligence. We did not even have a chat together. He is a real Xian gentleman, who has double fold - gentle manly character. His thinking is so honest and good to the core as our Chinese say, he is too good. 太好了. Do you agree to that? 我真是對不起他. Harriet should know his expression. Now comes to my business answer

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to you. I am very, very sorry that I cannot accept Madison Avenue Church invitation on Nov. 2. I shall be at the deans conference from 1-3rd all day long. Some day next spring, I must do something for them, because that is the church to which many of my dear friends belong. Please ask Mrs. Foster to telephone my regret if you have no time. My main policy is not to speak publicly in New York. The Chinese News Service already asked me to accept 8 speeches on the same topic if I could accept. I refused. I have my own definite purpose in life. There is a reason for my acceptance or rejection.

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2 I know speakers are lacking, but
I cannot be counted upon to fill in
a space. I need health to return,
it is a slow process of building up.
I really care for freedom of choice.
Last night I spoke an hour here,
carrying back. I wrote 12 letters
until 12:30 P.M.

about ones to Dartmouth, most of
those who enter failed or did some-
thing for me. A few wrote to me already.
It is not speaking only but the re-
sponsibility of those letters + communica-
tions are terrific demands on me. I must
be discriminating.

With regard to Mrs. Pater's invita-
tion to Emory + Henry College in Virginia,
I would like to consider about.
It all depends upon the date. As I
have never accepted once before

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invitation since I came, she requested me several times. I thought the Methodists have those fine churches here like Grace Church + Y.C. Yang, so I never had accepted a Methodist invitation. Moreover, my style + my appearance may not suit their taste.

But this one if it is in January and my personality can fit in, I would like to think about it + then stay longer in the park. I would take this opportunity if they pay my expenses. Please do not yet tell Mrs. Pater, I would like to see her and ask about the details first. There is yet the desire of seeing Chapel Hill + visiting classes. Mrs. Emory Ross has written to me

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3. fully about inviting me to Columbus,
Ohio. I would also ask her if
she could let me also make use
of this trip by visiting a few
important persons + places for my-
self - for instance, Ohio State U.

has many personalities for guidance
& Personnel work. I would like to
use this time after the conference
to make a study of it. That will
increase my adequacy and com-
petence on the subject which I
shall give to Guilford later. There
are a few other colleges which I
wish to see like Wooster, Ohio,
James for their student work
& Sarvis of Delaware, Ohio, &

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Then visiting Mrs. Dunning,
the Director of a Residence Hall
she is my class mate at U. C. +
Mrs. Chen who is studying Juvenile
Court at Ohio State University.
Then I must meet that famous
Counselor Rogers who write
the text book for most of the
University Counseling course.
Would you think that this is
the best way for me to make
use of time in this way, not
to hurry back to N.Y.C. for nothing
I care so much. Am I tied to
the obligation of coming back
to N.Y.C. after 3 days just be-

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* cause I have received money for
my tickets. Please tell me
very frankly. Of course, to me
personally - if I were not invited,
then I simply postpone my wish
of these enriching experiences which
could make me an asset to
later service, and then stay quiet
within my budget + do a little
text book, reference reading. Since
this chance is not now given to me,
I certainly would make efficient
use of it. I'll return anyway by the
beginning of Dec. But I want to have
my return postponed.

I am not going back to Clifton
Springs sanatorium now, because
the doctor asked me to go there

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3 weeks first, then go to warmer
place the rest of the year. Even
so as he said, there cannot be
permanent cure. My rest +
relaxation will lessen + reduce
the pain aches, + mental
rest is most important ac-
cording to him. What is the use
of going to Clifton Sanatorium to
spend money at least 2 or 3 hundred
dollars for a case which requires my
own discretion and rest.

I really like this place where I
am staying if it were not for Peter's
sake. Peter does not want me to
live in N.Y.C. It's all Mrs. Heia's think-
ing - Again I receive long letter pleading
for my rooms in N.Y.C. for Peter. I have written

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5/ To Kwei Kwei if she is yet here,
I would like to go to Y.W.C.A.
after my return. I asked her to
write me earliest. Then I am
engaged fully on Sunday.
After that I shall stay with
Dr. Lu for a week. I would
just love to stay here if they
have a private cottage for me.
Miss Chien is here for one week as
her dates with the Nashes terminated
last Saturday. She is very happy here.
Life is simple + quiet. If one wants
to be negative in contribution to
society and absolutely quiet
this is the place. But without
a private cottage, living with
more people who need ad-

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just meant to eat with them
The kind of carbohydrates
diet will not spell health
for me in the end.

As it is. These extra blessings
are good - really God-sent.
The morning after I came, a Miss
Austin left for one week's trip, so I
used her private cottage, last
Sat. The holder of this cottage left
for Boston with her son, but her daughter
is here to study - for ten days. Katherine
told me about it, therefore, I secured
the use of it until Oct. 20th.
Now Katherine has moved here in one
room, Irene room + Miss Chien in
another room. The little girl shares

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6/ with Katherine. We have a little
privacy - breakfast + supper. Miss
Chien stays here all the time. She is
going to pickle cabbage for them
and make Chinese (Wien-tai)
for them. This house has no
hot water, so we have to think
of ways for our baths.

Tomorrow, we'll cook a Chinese dinner
for twelve members of the staff. Katherine has
planted some beautiful Chinese cabbages.
She also planted water melons and local
squash. She drove Buick, Suburban car and then
jeep. She just painted a beautiful
picture of autumnal scenery. She is
very dexterous - in a way it helps
to release herself.

Soon I shall be returning to N.Y.C. to
nothing but to my friends. It does

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Give me a different feeling tho. However,
I am not afraid - something will come
out. If nothing comes, I'll keep on travelling
until I find a place where I can feel satis-
fied for the time being. I do hope Peter can
get adjusted as a College Fishman, then
I can leave fulltime.

For living purpose, Brattleboro is the
best and the most economical.
but one cannot improve, to the
last analysis, I may go there.

I'll come to see you on Saturday,
in the morning - to your office.
I really should write to Dr. Lau.
I do not feel comfortable to see
that heap of my earthly possessions
in the office. Looking forward to seeing
you, I am affectionately,
Best regards to Harriet,
J. T. Zeeb

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My dear Mrs. Mills:

I just had a telephone conversation with Frederica Mead Hiltner in Plainfield, New Jersey. She said ^{Mrs.} Claude Mousen was with her for a while. I also called up Mrs. Thurston who will be coming to see me tomorrow 11 a.m. and will have luncheon with me downtown. I have not seen her since Sept. Wong Ming Chen came this evening & we had a good chat.

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Her hammer is in China Defense now.
I hear that Mas. C. is coming here
tomorrow.

Peter + I left for the North yesterday
morning - he to Durham
+ I to Boston. Today I am
at Cambridge. The meeting of
C. S. C. A. leaders from Harvard + M. I. T.
will take place here in the Mead's
house. We (Peter + I) shall meet
at the Walbrooks on the 30th. We are
coming back on the 31st.

Miss Chang Hwei Lan is going
to N. C. on Jan 2. I am thinking

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of going with her, if she can get a ticket for me, so that I can find out the situation there earlier. If it agrees with me, I would like to stay there the rest of the year. Their spring term starts on Jan. 3rd - If conditions are just as bad as New York City - so crowded, then I'll return to Columbia T.C. beginning of Feb. So far, there is no hope

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of any available apt. up to am -
altho one boy + one girl whom
I know made a change of
apts. into somebody else's.
I feel I better go to N.C. now than
later. before I am approached
by the Methodist students
work. I would know better
how to answer when the
request comes. Any way
Jan. will help me to see
more clearly the program

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I for myself to make the best use of time in the next 4 months in the most economical + yet convincing way.

Peter will stay in school most of the time, there will not be any long vacation until Easter. I shall let you know my decision after two weeks, in the meantime if somebody you know

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wants to use my apt.
please let her use it until
I have decided. I paid my
Jan. rent to Mrs. Swift
before Christmas. Peter will
leave for school on Jan. 7th

One thing I wish to explain - when I
proposed about selling article for
more funds to the faculty, I had no
idea of using college name, I
thought of it as an individual's action.
Please do not take it seriously - in N.Y.
it is so difficult to say anything

without being misinterpreted. Looking forward to seeing
you & family. Sincerely,
J.T.