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January 17, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your Christmas greetings and good wishes for the new year. I was sorry not to see you as you went through New York in December, but I can readily understand how you had to adjust your schedule to that of your friends. I hope very much that you will have a brief time at least in New York when you pass through in February.

We will be sending you shortly the latest gift reports. Funds continue to come in and I believe we have just about as much as we had this time last year. I hope it continues to come in.

I wonder if you are planning to come down to the meeting at Mr. Luce's on January 21st. Of course, we should be most happy to have you as one of Ginling's representatives at this meeting, and so I hope it will be possible for you to attend.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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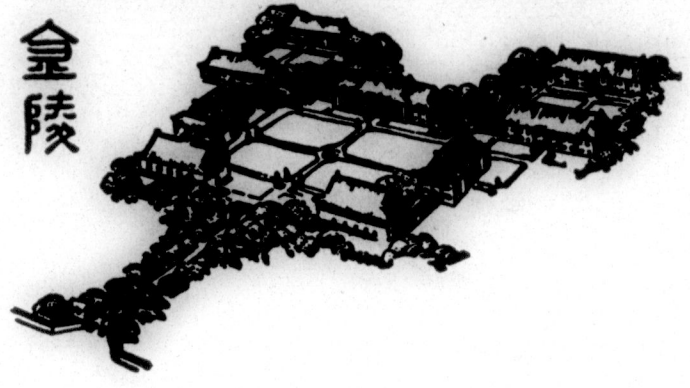
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January 29, 1947

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Wow, what a wonderful bunch of letters this time! They are just the kind that I think are most interesting to Smith girls--speaking of easily comparative topics and about events which might occur in Northampton (with a few changes). It seemed a shame to leave out anything, but I have tried to condense the news. I think these 2½ pages I am sending you will fit on two sheets when they are typed on your typewriter which has elite type, as compared to my bigger type, and when the second sheet has no letterhead. It surely wouldn't hurt to leave that big title after my name to their imaginations, if there wasn't room for it. Or maybe there is stuff included you think could be omitted. I think it may all fit, though, if you want it all.

I am sorry to have taken so many days to compile it this time, for I know you have in mind getting it up in time to be scattered around campus by Council on February 18. It is always good for all the alumnae that will be on hand for Council and all the visitors who will attend Smith's festive Washington's Birthday weekend to see a bit of Ginling publicity around. For this reason I really tried to hurry, but there were so many interruptions that I couldn't seem to produce it any faster. It's too bad to leave the hurrying to your busy office, but perhaps you have reserved time for it. I hope I didn't make it too difficult for you.

I guess I haven't told you before (and I never miss a chance to spout!) that we had a wonderful son on December 11--just the kind we wanted. We, who are completely prejudiced, find him to be quite the most wonderful child ever to hit the earth, and we feel most fortunate that we were the ones to get him. He does take alot of time, I find, but it is all such fun that it doesn't seem to matter at all (except when I am trying to hurry a job like this one.) He is named David Davenport Wheeler, and is already growing to be a fat bit of child, which is most satisfactory.

whoops -> I suppose the next letter will go out early in May, won't it, if there is material. I'll try to be faster then.

Sincerely,
Deborah

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February 3, 1947

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Pinehurst Ave.
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

First of all let me congratulate you on the arrival of David Davenport. I had not heard before that he was actually here, but I am rejoicing with you over this good news. I am quite prepared to accept your estimate of him, that he is the most wonderful child that ever hit the earth. I know that he is a great joy to you, and I know, too, that he takes up most of your time.

I am therefore more grateful than ever to you for the fine piece of work that you did on the campus letter. It did not need to be out at all, since it went very nicely on two pages. It has already been mimeographed and sent out. I assume you have received a copy. We will send the usual 75 copies up to the Smith campus shortly after opening of the second term on February 6th.

All best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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February 5, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

You will be receiving, if you have not already received, an invitation to a Ginling luncheon on February 14th. I hope very much that it will be possible for you to come down for this affair. It is the first time that the Ginling group has met since last spring and there are several people in the New York area who have recent news from the College. I know they would be glad to see you and I think you would find the meeting interesting.

Ruth Chester has been in town once or twice recently, and she and I have talked over ways and means of increasing the Smith list of donors. I know all about the regulations that prevent our appealing to any Smith people who have not expressed an interest in Ginling. I know, too, that every Smith graduate is now working as hard as she can to help raise the \$7,000,000 that Smith wants. I wish them every success and am delighted to know that things have gone so well to date. All of this I know, but it does not keep me from wanting to increase the list of Smith women who are giving to Ginling.

The best plan that I have been able to evolve for this is cultivation of each out-going senior class. Do you suppose it would be possible to get permission to appeal to the entire graduating class just once after graduation? This would mean that they would each receive an appeal from Ginling in December after graduation. I think we could make a case for such an appeal on this basis. All of the girls are exposed to appeals for Ginling while they are on the campus and, as undergraduates, they contribute to the Service Fund, a generous part of which goes to Ginling. We have no way of knowing which ones of them really gave to this Fund because of their interest in Ginling, and they have no way of knowing what the machinery for making a gift to Ginling is after they leave the College.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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February 5, 1947

If, therefore, we were allowed to send them one appeal from this office, they would then know how contributions could be sent in. As it is now, even interested students may not have this information. If we got even a half dozen new givers out of each class, it would be well worth the effort.

If you are going to Council meeting at Smith this month, would that be the time and place to present such a request? I offer it to you for what it is worth and hope that we will be able to work something out.

We are enclosing our latest daily gift reports. It is encouraging to know that the money still comes in and the amount to date is \$5,692.90. This compares favorably with last year's total at the same time, which was \$5,196.50.

I hope all goes well with you. Let me hear from you when you have time.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Daily reports and summary

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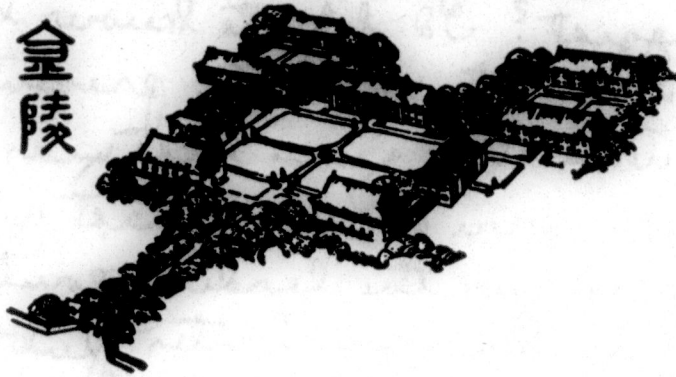
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Dear Mrs. Wells:

There is so much to talk about I hardly know where to start. I'd better begin with my 15 minute report at Council next week Thursday morning, Feb. 20. I offered Florence Snow my room for a District Fund Chairman and said Ettie Chin or Deborah Davenport could give the report this year. I was cheered when Miss Snow wrote as follows: "I think you had better come to Council and give the Ginling report yourself. Can you include in it a word or two about the campaign for \$15,000,000 for the China Colleges? Perhaps it will cheer the Smith workers when they hear of a goal more than twice as large as their \$7,000,000." "I was fortunate enough to be invited to the meeting staged by Mr. Luce last week at the Waldorf. If you haven't had a report of it I should be glad to tell you about it when I see you. I brought home with me one of the handsome booklets and a copy of the Planning Committee's report. If you haven't had these I should be glad to send them to you." "Since there is to be no club sessions this year the Ginling report will come at the Council business session the morning of Thursday, the 20th. I am saving 15 minutes for you, to which I am afraid the report will have to be limited this year as there is so much other Association business to come before this meeting."

I never dreamed I'd be permitted to mention the \$15,000,000 campaign for the China Colleges. Since I have been unable to leave High School to attend any of the meetings will you

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please tell me the most essential facts about the campaign²⁷
I should get across to Smith Alumnae. I should suppose I ought
to tell the length of time of the campaign, how much of the
\$15,000,000 Gueling will receive, how the money is to be raised.
What else do you suggest? I'd like to know how much has been
given to Gueling by Smith up to the present and how the
amount compares with that given last year. I am delighted to
note that on Feb. 5 we were ahead of last year's total to that date.
Do you think I should give the leading points in Deborah Wheel-
er's very fine letter? Or have you better publicity? I shall give
my report extemporaneously to avoid the use of glasses and
because it is more effective. Will you please send me an ac-
count of the material you think most important and most
interesting ^{to promote} for the cause of Gueling? I hate to put extra
work on you, overburdened as you are, but I feel this report
is very important, since Gueling has been relegated to the
background because of Smith's own needs and this is my
great opportunity for favorable publicity for Gueling.

I am sorry I had to miss Mr. Luce's dinner and that
I can't be at the Gueling luncheon this Friday, the 14th. There
just aren't enough substitutes. Mr. Power said I could leave my
classes to attend Smith Council (but I have to miss Tues. and
Wed until dinner and the evening and be away from school
just one day, Thursday, the day of my report). I have permis-
sion for the Gueling Board Meeting, so am hoping I can be
on hand for the two days in May, though I may be cut to
one. When I'm away just one day, a substitute need not be
sent but other teachers do extra duty by sitting in my room
each period and they don't like that. Of course I lose my
day's pay, too. Worcester used to be liberal but not under this
new Irish superintendent.

I think your plan for cultivating each out-going Senior
class at Smith in order to increase the list of Smith donors
an excellent idea. I see no reason why that can't be done
either under Deborah's signature or mine. At Council I'll

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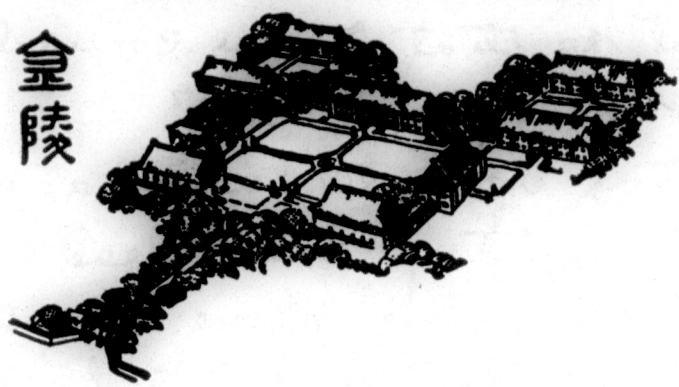
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ask Florence Snow about it or should I put it in my report?
I can, if Florence approves. Of course the trouble is she is so
busy at Council that I may not have a chance to talk to her,
since I'll arrive late.

Kitty Greene Owens was in Worcester recently. I had a
long talk with her, telling her of the work of our committee.
She told me that Susan Lobenstine was married in August
the same day she was but she didn't know Susan's married
name.

I wish the luncheon this Friday had been Feb. 28, two
weeks later, during my week's vacation, then I could have
been on hand. I have had to give up going to Baltimore again
that week, with a stop-over in New York, since I have so
much to do right here in Worcester. In my April vacation (the
last week of that month) I am going with three Smith
friends by motor to the Smokies in U.C. and Tenn. We shall
avoid New York. I may not see you, therefore, until May.

Did I tell you we can't leave in June for our year's tour?
There just aren't boats yet where we want to go. I may go to
Guatemala this summer but no further.

Whom would you suggest for speaker at our Ginling
meeting at Commencement? I had thought of ^{Lu} Li but
her critical illness will no doubt prevent her from being
present. No doubt Ruth Chester, my class-mate, is the one

anyhow, since I know her and she is Smith. Also she was ^{BY} acting President in Dr. W's absence. I'll consult Florence Snow and if you and she approve, I'll write Ruth soon.

Will you please send me the material for the report as soon as convenient so that I can compile and master it before I leave for Northampton Feb. 19?

In spite of sitting up until 1 and 2 a. m. every night I never seem to get caught up but I lead a varied and interesting life, in spite of living alone. My trouble is accepting all invitations so that I shan't be alone too much.

Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

P.S. Sara Collins phoned me one day about working for the \$15,000,000 Fund and having a speaker at the Boston Smith Club. I said I thought only our Guiding Committee was bound to take no action this year and that as a Smith alumna she was free to do whatever she pleased. I O.K'd the speaker, provided no appeal was made for the \$15,000,000 Fund this year. I hope I was right in my decisions

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February 14, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am delighted to know that Florence Snow has invited you to include a word about the \$15,000,000 campaign for the Christian Colleges in China in your report to Alumnae Council. I hope that I can give you the facts that you need to make the situation clear, appealing and convincing.

It is planned to raise \$15,000,000 over a period of five years, one year of which has already past, during which approximately \$5,000,000 has been received. This amount has come in grants from the Chinese Government for moving and rehabilitation expenses, from Mission Boards, from Foundations, from United Service to China (formerly United China Relief) and from individual friends both in China and in America. It has been spent for moving, for initial repairs to campuses and for books and equipment purchased in America and shipped to China. Appropriations have been made to individual institutions on the basis of the size of the College and the distance and expense for the return trip, the condition of the campus upon arrival (some suffered much more than others), and the actual orders submitted by each college. In addition to grants from the Chinese Government for moving and rehabilitation, amounting to US\$50,000 and a share in funds from America designated to meet increased cost of operation due to inflation, to date, Ginling has received approximately \$75,000 for repairs and equipment and will receive at least another \$100,000 during the next two years, as well as a share in other funds designated for special projects, such as refresher years in America for staff members and new equipment to be shared by Ginling and the University of Nanking.

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The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China is one of the agencies in United Service to China and as such shares in U.S.C. funds, and also in the responsibility for helping that organization to reach its goal. We are therefore at present doing all we can to insure the success of the U.S.C. drive, and to this end we supply them with all the publicity we have about the Colleges, help find speakers for all kinds of occasions, cooperate in every possible way in getting local U.S.C. groups organized and try to keep our own special constituencies, e.g. church groups, informed of our connection with U.S.C., and to encourage them to support it as it, in turn, helps to support our work.

In addition, we are asking all Mission Boards to make special appropriations to the Colleges from their postwar rehabilitation funds, and we have also appealed to several Foundations. We are making every effort to secure gifts from individual supporters toward rehabilitation expenses, in addition to their regular contributions for current budgets.

It is somewhat difficult to say how the funds will be divided among the Colleges, as so many factors must be considered. Certain kinds of work - medical, for instance, - require expensive equipment, and so institutions that have medical departments will naturally receive large grants. Some libraries suffered greater loss than others, some campuses need more in the way of repairs than others, some institutions need more advanced scientific equipment than others. In general, without allocating any specific amount or percentage to any institution, the plan is to rehabilitate all campuses and to provide adequate equipment for effective work according to the plans outlined by the Planning Committee.

I hope that this information is clear to you and will be what you need. I am also sending you a copy of our campaign booklet, "West of Hsinawa", and a copy of China Colleges, issued last June, which gives in some detail plans for the reconstruction of the Colleges. Of course, in this publicity, Ginling is simply one of the group. The plans outlined are over-all for all of our Colleges in China.

I am also enclosing a copy of the text for the next Ginling leaflet, which will go to the printer during the next few days.

Good luck to you as you present Ginling's cause to the Alumnae Council! Smith women have always been so loyal and so generous to Ginling that I feel sure their own campaign is not going to make them change their generosity now.

I am glad that you approve of the suggestion I made about cultivating the out-going Smith class. I think it would be best to talk it over first with Miss Snow and get her consent to this plan. Then it might be well to present it to the Council. I don't believe

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I would think it a good plan to bring it up to Council before Miss Snow has said it is all right. If we do appeal to this group, I would think that they should receive a special letter, over your signature, as Chairman of the Alumnae Committee.

I knew about Susan Lobenstine's wedding. She and my daughter are good friends and we were in on a good many of the parties connected with that occasion, but it simply slipped my mind when we were having the new letterhead printed. I will see that this mistake is rectified when we do another printing. She is now Mrs. Porter McKeever.

I am sorry to learn that you are not going to be in New York either for your spring vacation nor for our Ginling luncheon. We would like to see you. Let me know if you ever have occasion to come through. We will look forward to having you with us at the time of the annual meetings. When those dates are more definitely settled, I will let you know.

I think Ruth Chester would probably be the best speaker for the Ginling meeting at Commencement. She may not be the most vivacious speaker you ever heard, but she is our best representative from Ginling now available, and will have much of interest and many definite facts to present to the group. Liu En-lan is making splendid progress, but I do not think that she would be the person to take this meeting. She may not be well enough by that time, and I do not believe it would be a good plan to put the strain upon her.

Strength to Sara Comins' arm as she tries to persuade the Boston Smith Club to do something for Ginling. I hope that she gets a good speaker and a good response. I know that she can make no special appeal for Ginling, but she can certainly do all that she likes in the matter of creating and sustaining interest.

All best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: West of Okinawa
Annual Report
China Colleges, (Reconstruction issue)
Text of April booklet for Ginling

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~~Dear Ginling Representatives:~~

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Dear Ginling Representatives:

The big news from our particular bit of China this fall is that Ginling is back on its own Nanking campus, and presumably opened its autumn term there on September 30th, although as yet no word about that opening has reached us.

It is not hard to remember the tales of the trek away from Nanking to Chengtu, and the return trip surely is spectacular too, if in a different way. It was learned some months ago that they could not be assigned a boat to make the trip by way of the Yangtze River--by far the easiest way--before this October or so. Since October was much too late, other arrangements had to be made--and inferior ones they were! As long ago as last January, packages of freight were started to Nanking. Equipment is exorbitant now in China and much of it unavailable, so everything it was possible to transfer from Chengtu to Nanking was worth sending--and they were surprised how much they had accumulated in the war years or had brought with them originally!

7 While many of the girls were able to get themselves back, Ginling had to arrange transportation for many of them and also for faculty and their families. The second-best method of travelling included truck and train, with incidental ferries. The trucks started in mid-April and left at intervals until mid-May. Thirty people and luggage could be carried on one truck--luggage on first, and passengers then making themselves as comfortable on the luggage as possible in an open-air truck! They travelled by day, and had to find lodging by night however they could. Friends of Ginling along the route did what they could to help, and church pews, rooms in railway stations, empty stationary railroad cars, etc., were the available overnight housing, which bedrolls helped a great deal to make comfortable. The trucks lurching along very poor roads, in and out of holes, around slow-moving mule-carts, continually in danger of toppling over, plus the dust in which they enveloped their passengers, did much to make these passengers ready to sleep anywhere by nighttime. The railroad part of the trip also had to be done day by day, and the problem was getting tickets each day for the crowded trains, then finding seats when the train came. It involved being in the stations by 2:30 AM or so often and waiting to see if they could go on that day. The dirt and the heat and the closeness of neighbors on the train were

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all tiring features. However, Ginling showed its usual spirit, and although the trip took groups from 13 to 29 days, they felt very fortunate to move so many people without any serious accident.

Reports from various people on conditions at the Nanking campus are not too cheering, but everyone seems glad to be home. They feel any improvements made now are permanent ones (which is an almost-forgotten feeling), rather than just temporary stop-gaps, and that is exciting. The Japanese had remodelled many of the campus buildings, taking down partitions here, putting them up there, and rendering several of the buildings almost useless to the college until they can be changed back. A most discouraging amount of furniture and equipment is gone--all the scientific equipment, for instance; bookshelves, beds, chairs, almost everything. Since the terrific inflation makes the buying of new furniture out of the question, they are making as much of it as they can from lumber found in Jap. dugouts on campus--the wood reputedly from the trees the Japs cut right from Ginling's campus. Beds will not be available unless they can be obtained from the Army Surplus Board in America. Meanwhile, bedrolls will serve. Radiators and furnaces and almost all the plumbing has been removed by the Japs. Some belongings they hope to find eventually around Nanking, while some of the material the Japanese left at the college will surely be claimed by other Nanking residents when they return. There is still much straightening out to do!

There was room for about 130 new students this year, and more than 1000 girls were taking the entrance exams this summer. This should insure a fine freshman class, well up to the Ginling standard. Several of the faculty are of necessity (this year) on sabbaticals. Some of them have spent six or seven consecutive years at work under most trying conditions, and their health and energy-supply require now a year of freedom from administrative and academic problems. It is gratifying to learn that many of these sabbaticals are being spent in graduate study on scholarships in the United States. Substitutes ^(teachers) in most cases had been found, at last report.

So, although surroundings are far from ideal, Ginling is on its home campus, having proved itself again in the ordeal of coming home. Another difficult readjustment is ahead, but from now on they can plan and build for the future, carrying on in the best Ginling tradition.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler '37

In Charge of News to Clubs and Undergraduates for the Alumnae Committee for Ginling.

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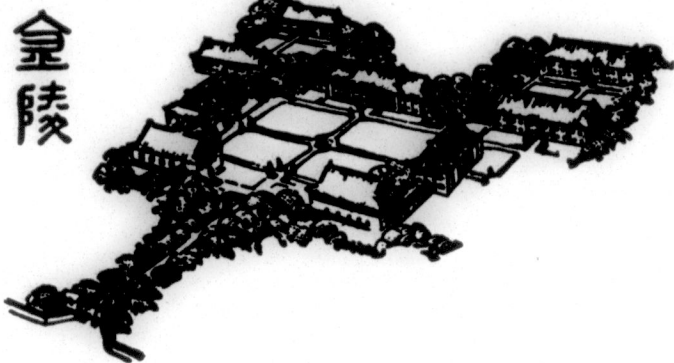
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Dear Ginling Representatives:

At last we have news again from Ginling actually back on its Nanking campus and in session there. The report is a mixture of cheer and problems, but the cheer is predominant and they are all hard at work to clear up the problems with as much dispatch as conditions permit.

It is a source of delight to all that they are actually back on their own campus, and they are very busy trying to readapt the buildings and grounds to Ginling's use from the turmoil in which the ~~buildings~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ Japanese left them when they evacuated. Materials are tremendously expensive, and labor has been very difficult to find since the government started its building program. There are ~~major architectural changes~~ ^{many} ~~upans~~ necessary, and inadequate housing facilities. The plumbing arrangements are far from adequate, and baths are limited to one a week per person, while kitchen arrangements take a good deal of adjusting to cover all the needs. Equipment is very scarce--the Chemistry Department had absolutely none with which to start its year, while other departments had only the bare beginnings of what they would need. The library required a great deal of work to get in usable form the books that they did have, and their supply was certainly not complete. The Japanese had built a road right across the playing field, and athletic equipment was far below par so the Department of Physical Education was working under a handicap. Furniture in the buildings is scarce and in many cases makeshift. Then there are minor but important irritations to be coped with, too, such as plugs for the sink drains, and other items which take time and money to acquire but which add a great deal to efficient and comfortable living when corrected.

On the return to Nanking, the question of rural work arose. Such an excellent job was done in West China that it seemed worthwhile to carry on in this field, and a careful and thorough search for a suitable site was made. It was finally decided that Shen Hwa Cheng was the best town in which to center the work. This town is about twelve miles from Nanking, and is easily reached by bus, which is important. It is a completely rural area of about 300 families actually in the town, and

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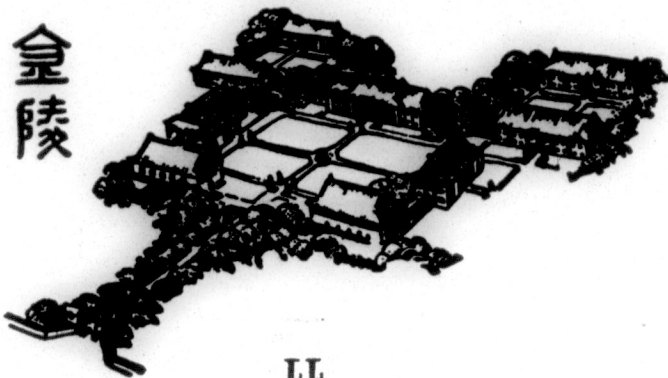
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~~about fifty villages nearby.~~ It is a farming area, in a section which was occupied by the Japanese, and is having great difficulty becoming rehabilitated. There are several organizations already at work there with which to cooperate: Nanking Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Church, and the Department of Agriculture.

Since it seemed Ginling could help so much in this area, there was great joy when a building was found available which could be used as a work center. There are two big halls and two bedrooms which Ginling will use. CNRRA has asked them to set up a milk feeding station which they have done, and provides them with milk and olive oil, and a subsidy for operation expenses. Clubs of boys and girls have been formed to help with the station--heating the water, washing the cups, sweeping the floor, etc. There are now 350 children who live too far away to come for milk daily but appear twice a week to take milk home. And 220 more children come for milk every day. Nursing and expectant mothers are also fed.

Ginling has applied also to the Central Government for a subsidy for welfare work among these rural women and children. There is a tremendous field for work, for homes and other buildings have been devastated by war. There are no trees, so women cut grass and weeds for fuel, and trees need to be planted for future use. The water supply is inadequate and should be made more sanitary. There is a ~~great deal~~^{much} to do in this center, and Ginling feels it can help a great deal, particularly in cooperation with other organizations.

?(part time) The most recent news is of 1946 Founder's Day--a great annual event at Ginling--which was celebrated over the weekend of November 9 and 10. Alumnae return in great numbers and many guests attend. There was an alumnae-student basketball game, a banquet followed by a skit given by (a skit given by) students and faculty. Founder's Day Exercises were held Sunday morning, and it was quite a feat to beg and borrow enough caps and gowns for all the seniors (the largest graduating class in their history) but it was done. That afternoon a memorial service to Miss Minnie Vautrin was held.

It will interest his Smith friends to know that Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin gave in November a series of lectures for the faculties and students of the University of Nanking and Ginling. The Science Department has scheduled a series of popular lectures, the first on Radar. The Physical Education

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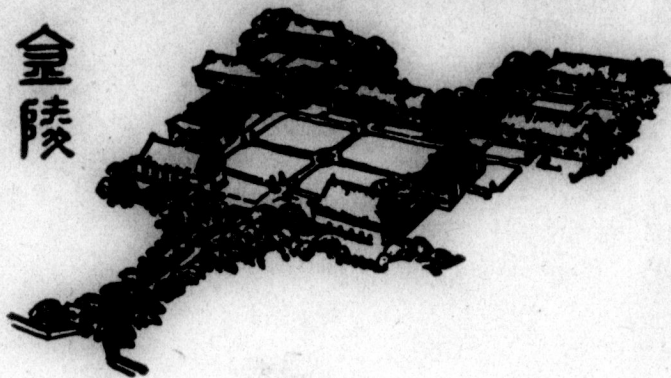
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Department has a new club formed for their majors, special physical education students, and faculty. There will be lectures by specialists in this field, and they will include in their program minor sports, folk dancing, and arrangements for many competitions.

So this is how Ginling is adjusting to its return to home campus, and how they are carrying on with their high standards, no matter what the conditions or circumstances.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler '37

In charge of News to Clubs and Undergraduates for the Alumnae Committee for Ginling.

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March 4, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

The distribution of the booklet "West of Okinawa" is receiving serious consideration. Naturally we want it to go to the people who are interested and who could use it most effectively. Although it is a picture of the total group of Christian Colleges, without any special emphasis on any one of them, I am wondering if it would not be a good plan to send it to the Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling. It may help them to place Ginling in the group and I think should strengthen any convictions they have about the importance of Christian education in China. What do you think? Shall I mail a copy to each of your Committee or not?

Do you want to follow the usual plan and send the little Ginling spring leaflet to the Smith constituency? The printer has it now and promises it to us sometime in March. We would therefore mail it early in April, as usual. If you want to send it to Smith prospects and donors, please let me know what sort of letter you would like sent with it.

I am anxious to hear about the meeting of Alumnae Council and whether or not Miss Snow approved of our plan of cultivating the out-going senior class. Do write me all the news when you have time.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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March 12, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed I am sending you a copy of a possible appeal letter to go out with our spring booklet. Would you like to say something like this to the Smith group? Please change it in any way that would seem best to you or write us a completely new letter if you prefer.

I am enclosing one of the new booklets which have just come from the printer. We have not yet distributed them, as we think that the first of April is the best time for mailing. This is an advance copy for you.

You will see in the current issue of the Smith Alumnae Quarterly a little article on Ginling's return to the Hanking campus. I did not write this, though much of it is indirectly quoted from publicity that has gone out from the Ginling office. The article itself was written by the Associated Boards Publicity Department and sent to the Alumnae Quarterly before I knew about it. I just thought I would tell you so that you would understand how it got in there without your knowing about it beforehand. Of course, we are happy to have any information about Ginling spread as widely as possible among Smith women.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Draft of appeal letter
New booklet

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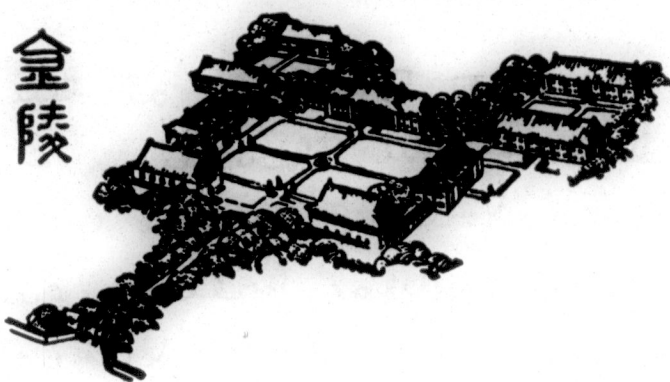
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My dear Mrs. Mills:

My correspondence seems to be neglected worse than ever this year. My part time maid is still far from well, so I have the cleaning of the house and washing to do, in addition to a heavy schedule at school and far too many social activities.

I really tried to make an interesting report at Council, gave it without notes (though I had outlined it carefully) and am glad Florence Snow was pleased with it. I asked her if I might tell the alumnae about increasing our donors through sending letters to each member of each graduating class. Miss Snow thinks well of the idea but said she'd have to confer first with the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association. You no doubt have her letter.

The booklet for our spring publicity is very interesting and "my" letter, from your facile pen, is a masterpiece as always. Indeed I'd like to send it out just as it's written.

Enclosed is my check for the humble sum of \$15. I wish it might be one hundred times that.

My New York friend, who married a widower in November, lost her husband a week ago. She was blissfully happy, so it's a real tragedy. I hope it will mean she will return to New York in May before I attend the Ginling Meetings, so I can

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see her and stay with her.

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Northfield Inn was quiet and unexciting but we had a good time. We had afterdinner coffee with Lucy T. Coult. Oh, you probably never knew her, for she taught at Kobe College in Japan.

Two weeks ago I went to a tea at the Algonquin Club in Boston for the editor of the Christian Science Monitor, just back from a six weeks' tour of Japan with a group of U.S. newspapermen invited by Mac Arthur and Japan. He said all Americans lived in the lap of luxury in Japan with food and planes sent over from the U.S.A. All our military men have appropriated the largest and best foreign style houses in Japan. Mac Arthur has done a good job, the new constitution for Japan is a masterpiece but he couldn't tell what the polite, anxious to please Japanese man really thought. He liked the women better and felt they'd make the new government succeed, if possible. He had a good word to say for the Koreans ("sly, tricky") and he painted a dark picture of China. He said the Chinese govt was ruined by corrupt office holders and anyway the word was ~~the~~ King. With your husband in China you know much more about conditions there than a chance visitor can.

I hope the money is pouring in for Guling.

Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

March 29, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your generous gift to Ginling. Please do not call it a humble sum. You know how gratefully all gifts are received and your interest and work, as well as your contributions, are deeply appreciated.

I am glad you like the new booklet. It will be mailed out to all donors and prospects very soon. Since you approve of the suggested letter, we will use that with your signature for the Smith constituency.

I am glad to know that Miss Snow thinks well of the idea of appealing to the out-going Smith class. I hope that the Executive Committee will also approve, so that when we make our appeal next fall, we can include this group.

You did not answer my question about the booklet, "West of Okinawa". Would you like that mailed to your Committee members or do you think they would find it somewhat confusing since the appeal is there for the entire group of Colleges, not just Ginling?

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

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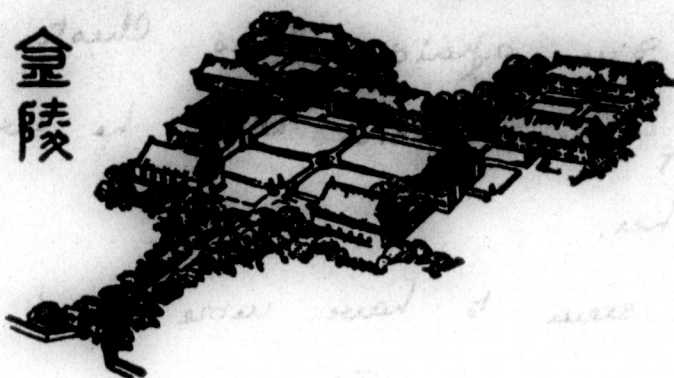
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

Mrs. Scott has probably told you she has lined me up to introduce Miss Chester on April 8th, in case Mrs. Scott isn't back from her trip by then. I haven't done anything as formal as an introduction in a long time, but if she doesn't mind my ineptness, I guess I'll live through it. She too mentioned something about a report on the campus letter.

So far I can't think of even 2 minutes worth of that about the letter, but I'll try some more. However, I do need some information on the pertinent details about Miss Chester, and Mrs. Scott said to ask you for it. Also, is introducing her my only duty? Or do I have to make another appearance? I can do the letter-report immediately before the introduction, can't I - all in one appearance? It would surely be an anticlimax afterwards!

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I can't seem to find the hours of the meeting
anywhere, but I bet you can tell me that too. ^{whoops - just found it's 3:30 PM. - with 5 or 20 perhaps?}

Sorry I can't bring David to the meeting to show
him to you, but I'm afraid Miss Chester would have a
hard time making more noise than he would, and the guests
might rather hear her.

You always seem to have more work to do than I on
my Girdling job I have. Thanks for answering all these
questions for me. See you the 8th.

Sincerely,

Reborah Wheeler

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April 1, 1947

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
A-54, Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Pinehurst Avenue
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Thank you for your letter of March 29th, telling me that Ruth Scott has lined you up to introduce Ruth Chester at the meeting on April 8th. I am very glad indeed to know that you are going to do this, and I have no fear about your making the right kind of introduction, formal or otherwise. I don't suppose you want to go into too much detail about Miss Chester, but briefly these are the things that the Smith Club may be interested in.

Miss Chester took her B.A. from Smith in 1914. ^{Her M.A. also from Smith, in 1916} In 1934, she was granted a Ph.D. by Columbia University. She went to Ginling in 1917 as a member of the Chemistry faculty, and for many years was head of the Chemistry Department. She served the College in this capacity until she came to America on furlough in the summer of 1946.

When the College was forced to leave Nanking because of the outbreak of war in 1937, Miss Chester went with the unit that moved to Shanghai, serving as Dean of that group. When the various units of the College were united in Chengtu, Miss Chester was the Dean of Studies. During Dr. Wu's absence in America in 1943, Miss Chester was the Acting ^{Chair of the Faculty} ~~President of Ginling~~. She was one of the first administrative officers of the College to return to the Nanking campus after the Japanese left in 1945. After this visit to Nanking, she returned to Chengtu and was one of the last to leave. She returned to Nanking and had a few weeks on the home campus in the summer of 1946 before returning to America.

I am writing to Ruth Chester, asking her to send to you a brief outline of the things that she would like to have you include in an introduction of her. I am also sending her a copy of this

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Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler

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April 1, 1947

letter. If her reply gets to you in time, you should have all the facts you need for an introduction. If she does not get a letter to you in time for the meeting, at least this that I have written you will serve to introduce her to the Smith Club.

Ruth Scott thought that the New York Smith Club would be interested in a brief report on your letters to the campus and Smith Club Representatives. I quite agree with you that this could precede your introduction of Miss Chester. It would hardly seem the best plan for a program to have you tell about these letters after Ruth has spoken. I believe that Ruth Scott wants you to make this report on the letters whether you introduce Miss Chester or not, so it looks as though you will make one appearance before the Club under any circumstances.

If there are any further questions about the meeting, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing you,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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May 4, 1947

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Excuse this card but on my return from my ten day motor trip in the South (Great Smokies, Va etc) I found this letter from Mr. Power, our Supt of Schools. "I decided very much to the primum cause of one more interruption to your classes. Considering that next week is vacation for them (he wrote April 25 but I didn't receive his letter until to-day), I don't see that they should have a full week's instructions the following week (this week!) I could make an issue of it. I suppose, since he promised I could attend the Annual Meeting when he gave me permission to go on the Board, but he is very vindictive and if I insisted I'd get nothing further from him and he'd make my life miserable. I'd write a red letter to-morrow. I hate to miss the welcome from the Board and the meeting itself."
Ruth Tomlinson

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P.S. In second thought, since I have never given the names of Committee members in my report, I'd better not start **ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE** this year when asked to make my report very brief.

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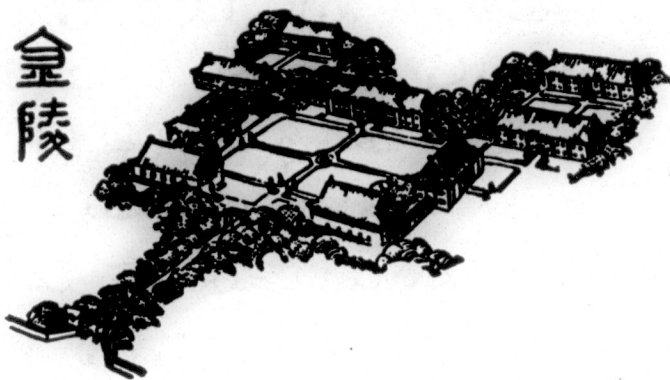
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

To say that I am bitterly disappointed is to put it mildly I was so sure Mr. Power, our superintendent, would let me take the day off without pay that I wrote I'd be at the Ginning annual meeting, agreed to spend the week-end with my college friend, Gladys Avery, who has just lost her husband and who wanted to see me very much, and invited two Baltimore friends who are at a G.W.E.A. National Board meeting in New York this week to dine with Gladys and me on Thursday. I wanted to hear Ruth Chester and Dr. Liu Eu-lau and I especially wanted to see you. Of course I could force the issue, I suppose, and produce Mr. Power's letter of two years ago in which he said he would allow me to be absent from my classes "one or two days a year to attend to the important duties of your committee" but he had a very bad temper when crossed and I did take a day off for my report to Alumnae Council so technically he could say he was covered and that I'd had my one day. Anticipating trouble like this I tried to see if someone else could make the Ginning report at Council but Florence Snow wanted me.

The Ginning meeting at Commencement is all fixed up. Ruth Chester will speak, I am delighted to say. I shall miss you - we did have such a good time last June - but I will

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be very nice to have a visit with Ruth.

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How is the money coming in for Girding? Do you suppose follow up letters are permissible and would do any good with the Smith Campaign Fund still not raised? I think Kitty Greene Owens would be delighted to write letters.

Do you think I should resign from the Girding Board since I'm not at all sure I can get off for any meeting? I have only one more year to go as Chairman of the Alumnae Committee and it hardly seems fair to ask anyone to go in for a year, yet I feel I ought to attend the meetings or get off the Board, not half do a job. It isn't my fault but due to circumstances over which I have no control. Our former superintendent, when I was first Chairman, was a neighbor and friend; this man isn't. He fights with everybody, including the School Board. I have gotten along amicably with him and don't wish a fight.

I have to make a written ^{annual} report for the Alumnae Quarterly. It is to be very brief, so I thought I'd give the amount raised last year, the total raised to date and say you spoke at the Girding Commencement Meeting last year and Ruth Chester was speaking this year. Should anything else be included - any word about the drive for all the Christian Colleges in China? That larger drive might confuse Smith readers, especially with no space for ^{an} adequate explanation. Will you please send me the amount raised last year - the total and that broken down into gifts by individuals and clubs and the same for this year's total to date?

Can ~~Ruth~~ ^{Deborah} Wheeler attend the meeting as a guest in my place or Katharine Rockwell, who knows everybody and was so able and faithful?

Oh, yes, I'll say in my report that Ettie Chin is both a member of my committee and on the Board as Smith College's representative and I'll give the names of our other two new members of the Alumnae Committee, if you think desirable. Please express my deep ^{regrets} ~~regrets~~ to the Board for my unavoidable absence. Yours, Ruth Tolson

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May 15, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

We were indeed greatly disappointed not to have you present at the annual meeting of the Ginling College Committee last Friday. It was a good meeting with a very full attendance and we would have been most happy to have had you with us.

I do not think that you should resign even though you cannot attend all of the meetings. I still have faith to think that you will be here for the next one. As you point out, your term of service is not so very much longer, unfortunately, so there may be a new person coming in soon anyway. Do not feel that you are doing only half a job simply because you cannot get to all the meetings. It definitely is not your fault and we do not want you to resign.

I am glad that the Ginling meeting at Commencement is all arranged. I am sure that Ruth will be exactly the right person to speak at that meeting. I have very happy memories of the good time I had last year with the Ginling friends and particularly with you as my hostess. I shall be at Wellesley this year at Commencement time since my younger daughter graduates, but I shall be thinking of you and Ruth and the Ginling meeting at Smith.

For your report, perhaps the most interesting single item is the amount of money raised. For 1945-46, \$5,568.08 came in from Clubs and \$6,586.90 from individuals, making a total of \$12,154.98. To date, we have received from Clubs \$3,167.50, and from individuals \$6,348.30, making a total of \$9,515.80.

I believe I agree with you that it would be better not to list your Committee in the report since it should be very brief. That kind of information is available to anybody who wants it.

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May 15, 1947

A more interesting item would be the news that we have just had from Ginling. The students there want to make a contribution to the Smith 75th Anniversary Fund and are raising the money by giving a dance drama and a play, and are considering charging admission to the annual Music Recital. The total amount will probably not be very much in U. S. money, but the idea is certainly a very happy one.

You will be interested to know that Deborah Wheeler has been invited to become a member of the Ginling College Committee. She had not been elected in time to ask her to attend the meeting on Friday, but we hope that in the future she will be able to come. Ettie was with us Friday and the Committee was very happy to welcome her as a regular member.

You will be receiving the minutes of that meeting as soon as we can get them ready. Dr. Liu Ku-lan and Dr. Ruth Chester were both there and helped greatly in the general discussion.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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June 6, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Since one of the retiring members of your Committee is from Oregon, it would seem appropriate that her successor should also be from that area. What would you think of suggesting Mrs. Walter Hiltner from Seattle? She has been the Seattle Smith Club Ginling Representative for a number of years and has always worked most faithfully and effectively on behalf of Ginling. As you know, she was a member of the Ginling faculty a number of years ago.

Another retiring member is from the Chicago area. It seems to me that we need a strong representative there, especially as Mrs. Dickson Leavens is moving to Denver, Colorado. For many years Mrs. Leavens has really been the mainstay of the Smith interest in Ginling in the Chicago area, although Miss Ellen Holt is the official Representative. Miss Holt is not young or strong enough to do much work, but Mrs. Leavens has been untiring in her support of Miss Holt and has really done all of the work. Her moving away will leave a serious gap in the Smith-Ginling relationship in the Chicago area. For this reason, if we had a very effective member of your Committee out there, it would probably be most useful. At one time Mrs. Koch was very much interested in Ginling, and she may be a good member of the Committee. You or Miss Snow may know of others in that area who would be even better.

Another suggestion for a Committee member is Mrs. Albert H. Greenwood of Hartford, Conn. She has been the Hartford Club Representative and very active in securing contributions for Ginling.

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June 6, 1947

Susan Lobenstine McKeever is another retiring member this year. She was appointed when she was in Washington, and when she goes off, the Committee has no member in that area. In looking over our files, we came across the names of Mrs. Lynn E. Eldridge and Mrs. J. Burke Wilkinson, both of whom were recommended for service on the 25th Anniversary Committee by Deborah Davenport Wheeler. A strong and effective Committee member in the Washington area would be most helpful. If either of these women, or someone that you or Florence Snow could suggest, would undertake this responsibility, I think we would find it to our advantage.

I do not think that Mrs. Pettus is back in China, but I do not know how much interested she would be in serving on this Committee. She has been very helpful in securing a contribution from the Berkeley Smith Club, but whether her interest is confined to that area or not, I do not know.

Mrs. Foster sent you recently the gift sheets showing the total up to the first of June. If you have made any comparison with last year's, you will see that we are somewhat behind. However, if we receive as much between now and the end of the month as we did during the same period last year, we will have about the same amount when the books close.

We will mail you next week the latest report, so that you can make an up-to-date statement at Commencement.

All best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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June 10, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

The enclosed sheet will tell you the story of Smith contributions to date and give you the comparison with last year's ~~of~~ the same date and also the amount received by the end of last year. A little very simple arithmetic will show that we must receive between now and the end of June an additional \$1,507.33, if we are to equal last year's total gift.

I have sent this information to Ruth Chester, as she will want it for her talk at the Ginling meeting at Commencement time. I am still hopeful that the drop in this year's gift will not be as serious as it now seems. There are still three more weeks in the month, and we might get in a good deal.

One bit that you will be interested in is the fact that the Long Island Smith Club increased its usual \$25.00 contribution to \$30.00 this year, because they were so touched by Ginling students' desire to make a contribution to Smith's Anniversary Fund.

Thank you for sending me from time to time the names of the Ginling Representatives in the Clubs for next year.

I hope you will have a happy time at Commencement. I wish I could be at two places at once.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Summary of Smith gifts

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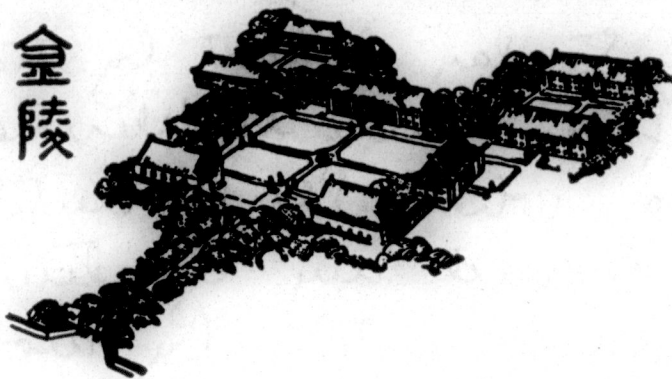
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GINLING COLLEGE
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

The Ginling meeting at Commencement went off very well indeed. Ruth Chester was good, I enjoyed rooming with her and getting to know her better. She had some good suggestions for our committee, which I am preparing and hope to put into action. She feels Ettie Chin can speak to each Senior Class at its banquet and have the girls sign up who would like to receive Ginling literature after graduation. Also she felt we should have Ginling literature at Council and at the Commencement meeting and slips alumnae, who were interested in receiving all the Ginling literature, could fill out. Also she wants me in my letter to Ginling representatives to ask them to get the names of club members who do not now receive Ginling literature but would like it.

A letter from Florence Snow, which I still have to answer so can't forward it to you, said she favored asking Federica Head Hillier, ^{from Seattle} to be on our committee and also Alzona Hale Eldridge from Washington. She favors consulting Mrs. Gordon of Winnetka for suggestions for the best person to succeed her from the Chicago area.

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Mrs. Leavens has been twice on this committee

The \$50 check from the Philadelphia Club will reach you, I hope, in time to get into this year's budget. In spite of its date I have just received it.

A week from to-day I start by train ~~from~~ ^{to} New Orleans and fly from there to Merida, Yucatan, and then to Guatemala, where I'll be until about August 20. The last week of August my Guatemalan companions and I plan a summering tour by motor (bus car) along the Main coast.

I am starting at 6 to-morrow by car with a friend for Manhattan L.I. to see the new home of a college class-mate and have luncheon with her, so I'd better lie me to bed.

Cordially yours,
Pete Toucheison

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July 1, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Thank you for your letter of June 27th, with the check from the Philadelphia Club enclosed, and also the names of Ginling Representatives of several clubs. Yesterday was the last day of our fiscal year, so we were glad to have Philadelphia's \$50.00 to help bring the total a little nearer last year's figure. The final amount is \$11,156.90, which is almost exactly \$1,000 less than we got last year. A little analysis shows that this amount would have been more than made up if the Clubs in Washington, D.C., Berkeley, New Haven, Indianapolis, Western Maine, Baltimore, Southeastern Mass., St. Louis, The Oranges, Akron, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin, had sent their usual gift. Many clubs have increased their contributions this year, a few have sent less, and the ones I have just listed have not sent anything. Gifts from individuals are just about the same as last year. Since we are free to appeal to clubs, but not to individuals, perhaps we had better try to think up some interesting and stimulating way to approach clubs on behalf of Ginling.

I think your suggestion that Peggy Lin (Lin Pei-fen) speak to the Wellesley Club is an excellent one. She is young and attractive and I am sure would make a good impression for Ginling. Could we get other clubs to put on special Ginling programs, using special speakers or a movie or film strips? We hope to have some good picture material by fall, not necessarily all Ginling, but featuring women's education, and, of course, that means a lot of Ginling. We may also have several of the Ginling Chinese faculty available as speakers. I know there are restrictions on our activities because of the Smith campaign, but at the same time we cannot let contributions to Ginling drop out of sight in the Clubs.

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Miss Ruth Tomlinson

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July 1, 1947

I think all of Ruth's suggestions about getting Ginling before larger numbers of Smith women are excellent, and I hope will bring results. I am especially anxious to get the names of those in each outgoing class who are interested in Ginling. I hope Ettie can really help us there.

I am sure that both Frederica Mead Hiltner and Algona Hale Eldridge will make excellent Committee members. When you have the name of the person from the Chicago area, please let me know, so that we can get the letterhead printed.

We are enclosing the latest gift reports which give you the figures up to the last minute.

Your summer plans sound fascinating. Will you be in New York at all? Do come in to see me if you are here. Please let me know how I can reach you during the summer. I hate to think that I will not be in touch with you until next September.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Gift reports and summary

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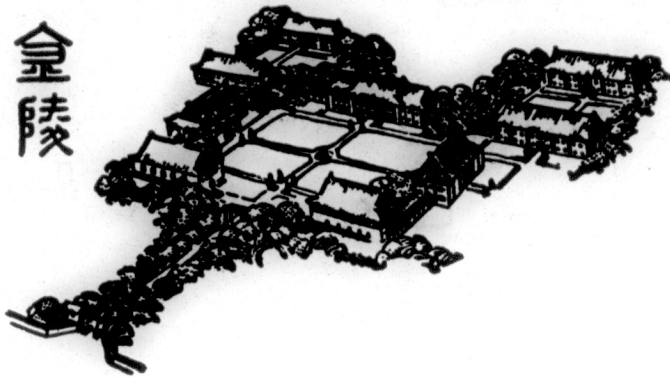
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Dear Mrs. Wells:

Thank you for your report of the total we raised for Ginling for 1946-7. I am sorry we got \$1,000 less, but I know why we got no gift from Washington. That club raises its money for scholarships and Ginling by a big project. All such projects had to be for Smith's campaign this past year. The clubs were even forbidden to have scholarship projects. I know the Baltimore Club couldn't even raise its quota for the Fund and put all its efforts into that. I don't know about the other clubs you mention, but imagine will get their usual gifts this year. While, on account of the Smith Drive, I doubt if we can participate in the general campaign for China I am sure the Smith Clubs will be permitted to have benefits and other projects for their regular Ginling contributions. I think we should strive to have a Ginling meeting in each club.

I motored last Saturday to Long Island to have luncheon with my college class-mate, Gladys Hendrie Avery, whom you met once. She has just bought a house in Manhasset, so I imagine you'll see me much oftener in the future.

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York this coming year. We shall be in New York for several hours this Friday, July 4, but I didn't try to see you because of the holiday.

I have two addresses

July 7 through 12

Pan American Airways

Call 58 No 500 con Call 61

Merida

Yucatan

Mexico

Airmail to Merida 5¢

July 13 to August 18

Pan American Airways

67 Avenue Sur No. 26

Guatemala City

Guatemala

Airmail to Guatemala 10¢

I understand that letters not airmailed are very slow and might not reach me.

I know I'd enjoy the trip but right now I'm rushing so to get off that I have had no time to think of the fun I'm going to have.

Since addresses keep coming in of Quilting representatives I'll not seal my letters until after to-morrow's two mail deliveries.

I hope you have a delightful summer.

Florence Snow is getting the new members of our Quilting Committee, so write her directly for their names and addresses. I have thanked Mrs. Corbett and Mrs. Gordon for sewing on our committee but I didn't know Susan Loren's present name nor her address, so shall have to write her when I get home and also the new members.

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Cordially yours,
Ruth Tomlinson

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September 10, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I hope that your summer was as thrilling and delightful as you thought it was going to be. I cannot imagine any reason why it should not have been completely satisfactory. I look forward to hearing more about it.

You are probably up to your eyes in school work and other responsibilities that you found upon your return to Worcester. However, I hope you will find a minute when you can write me a brief note just to say that you are still there.

I wonder if you have had any more addresses of Gilling Representatives. If not, we will mimeograph the list for this year.

I have never had any final word from Miss Snow about the appointment of the three new members of your Committee. I assume that they are Patricia Van Metre Minkler '41, of Evanston; Frederica Mead Hiltner '11, of Seattle; and Alzora Hale Eldridge '37, of Washington. I am writing to Miss Snow this morning to ask for final confirmation.

Looking forward to hearing from you, and with all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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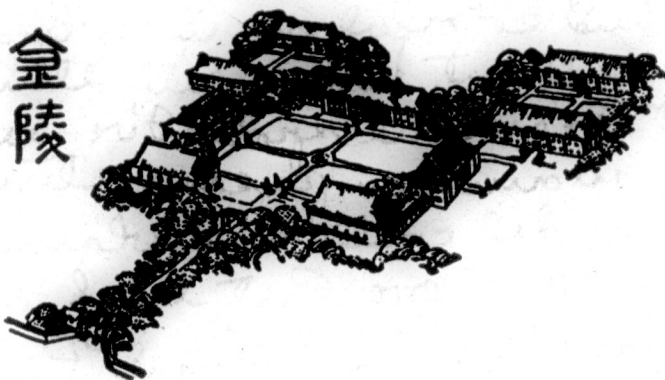
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

My vacation seems to be prolonged! I got back from Guatemala August 20 but started off again ^{on the 22nd} in Oliver's car for Southwest Harbor on Mt. Desert. I was so busy the 21st that I just glanced at my mail. I knew you'd be away, so I did nothing about the Ginling letters. I got home Labor Day night five minutes before three Baltimore friends arrived for the night. Tuesday two Florida friends arrived and stayed until Thursday. I dined out and went to Gloucester Friday for the week-end. Last week I dined out with friends every night and had luncheon engagements to boot, so couldn't attend to any correspondence. Sunday I drove with a friend to Manhasset to visit Gladys Avery, my college class-mate. I had hoped to run in to New York Saturday morning, in spite of the heat, to see you, but Gladys wanted us to help her hang pictures, we had luncheon at the Country Club and spent the afternoon and evening on Long Island Sound on a friend's yacht. We watched the consolation international sailing race and dined ^{in the} cool on board. We arrived home about 10 Sunday night, I dined out Monday and at the Albee Wheeler in Framingham last night before motoring to Boston to attend the Theatre Guild's "Alyce", an interesting and unusual musical show, which should take in New York.

To-day I declined all invitations in order to stay home and make a start at clearing my desk (it will take days) and I return

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to the beach this week-end). It is a pleasure to begin my
letter writing with you.

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I am enclosing the names of the Gueling representatives
received since I left for Guatemala. Incidentally that coun-
try is a very cool and colorful one in which to spend a sum-
mer. The flight in and out was quite thrilling. Lake Atitlan
was one of the most beautiful spots I've ever visited and all
the drives over the mountain passes stunning. The roads
were atrocious. We needed coats and blankets all the time
since we were 5,000 to 8,000 feet high.

You have no doubt already heard from Florence Snow
that Mrs. Winkler and Mrs. Hiltner have accepted appoint-
ment to the Gueling Committee but no word has been re-
ceived from Mrs. Eldridge. When I write welcoming notes
to Mrs. Winkler and Mrs. Hiltner, I'll send you their pleas-
ant letters.

Are we to do anything special this year to raise money
for Gueling? I plan to write Florence Snow soon and see
whether club projects still must go to swell Smith's
\$7,000,000 endowment fund or can be given for Gueling.
Smith has \$3,000,000 more to get. I imagine we can do
more for Gueling but just how much will have to be
discovered.

I have kept every bit of material - letters, financial
contributions, printed material etc., also Gueling Club
Representatives during my ~~five~~ years as chairman of
the committee. Much of the material isn't valuable. What
should I save for my successor? The yearly financial
lists of contributors can be thrown away, I should think,
and the Gueling Club Representatives of past years. I feel
our ^{semi} annual letter of appeal and your splendid publicity
booklets should be kept and some of the letters. What
are your ideas on the subject?

The next ^{or five} four week-ends I'll be at the beach on the White
Mts but guests who had planned to visit me during two
of the weeks have fortunately postponed their visits until
later, so I can attend better to school and Gueling work.
As ever, Ruth Tolson

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September 26, 1947

Mrs. Edward Wheeler
Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street & Pinehurst Ave.
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

We are sending you copies of all the latest news that we have had from Ginling. I think that this will be all that you can manage in your newsletter to the campus and representatives.

I am also sending the condensation of some of these news reports that I have recently mailed out to various interested groups. We did not mail it to Smith representatives, however, so anything you want Smith people to know we will depend on your putting in your letter.

I hope all goes well with you and the young son. He must be about ready to walk. After that event, you will find yourself busier than ever.

Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Latest news : Newsletter (Graduation, Chemistry Majors)
Poultry Project Report 2/47
Child Welfare Center, Mar. 1947
Trip to Ts'ai Shih Chi (May '47)
H.E. Practice House, Apr. 1947
Dr. Wu's letter to Miss Chester, for Smith
Newsletter (Commencement) June 1947
Miss Graves' letter, Aug. 3, 1947

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Paragraphs from Dr. Wu, July 16, '47
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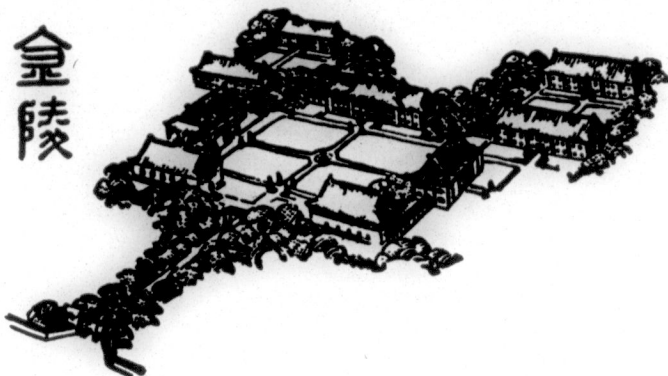
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October 1947 (7th? or 6th?)

Dear Mrs. Mills:

If you don't mind being called a horse, may I say it would have been looking a gift-horse in the mouth not to have used your news-letter exclusively for the basis for mine. The feeling again comes to me that life would be probably a great deal easier for you if you could just do all these odd jobs yourself instead of letting us amateurs have a try at them. Your letter is marvelous, and a joy to read, but a bit embarrassing when I read mine over after reviewing yours. I hope you don't mind my quoting directly from yours constantly, as I most certainly did, for I have the feeling it would be hard to improve upon yours.

I'm sorry, please tell your secretary, that my typing is so wretched. The only practice I get these years is on these newsletters so you can see it is quite a while since I have even had the machine out of its case. If she has any doubt ever what word I meant to write, she can just refer to your work of art, and will find the word there.

I am going to try to get to that meeting next week, and I imagine I will see you there.

Sincerely,

Deborah Wheeler

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October 14, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

Because of the failure of the United Service to China campaign, all the Christian Colleges, including Ginling, are facing a very grave financial situation. It has therefore been decided that instead of waiting till about the first of December to make our fall appeal, it should go now. Hence, everything is being rushed along as fast as possible with the aim of getting the appeal into the mail about the end of October. I am giving the material for a leaflet to the printer today, and he promises to hurry it along for me so that I can get them mailed by October 27th.

I don't know how you will feel about an early Smith appeal. Do you want to use for the Smith constituency the same publicity that goes to general donors, as you have been doing for the past several years, and what do you think about a mailing date? The folder will be dated November, so could be mailed as late as the middle of November if you don't want to send it out now.

I am enclosing drafts of two appeal letters. You don't have to use either one of them, of course, but I thought they might help you if you decide to have the Smith appeal go early, along with the general one. Please change, amend or correct, or indeed discard both entirely, as you like.

I can't send you proof for the leaflet as the printer hasn't done it yet, but it is called GINLING UNDAUNTED, and is largely a pictorial account of the difficulties of the first year and how they have been met.

It would be helpful if you would give this your immediate attention and let me know by return mail, if possible, whether you

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want to send your appeal now, and which of these letters you prefer, or if you don't like either of them, please send me copy for the one you do want to use. October 27th is not very far away, and the lettership must have the copy several days in advance.

We have not had any word from the campus about the student Ginning Representative for this year. Do you know who she is? Mrs. Wheeler's campus letter is about ready to send out, but I do not know to which girl to send it.

Do you know Alzora Hale Eldridge's address? We only know that she is in Washington, but that is hardly sufficient for the post office.

I think you are quite right about the type of material that should be kept for your successor as Chairman of the Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginning. Yearly financial reports and lists of Representatives of past years have no special value. In case that information is needed, we have all the records in the office. I should think, however, that any Chairman would like to have on file copies of the semi-annual appeal letters just to see how the group has been approached in the past, and I also think she might like a file of all publicity leaflets. Anything else that she needs could always be gotten from this office.

May I again emphasize the urgency in the matter of the appeal. Please let me know as soon as possible what you want to do about it. The answers to these other questions can wait a little while, but I must have your ideas on the appeal within the next two or three days.

All best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Drafts of 2 appeal letters.

P.S. I am sending you the text of the little paragraphs that will go into the folder. There will be a picture illustrating each one of these statements.

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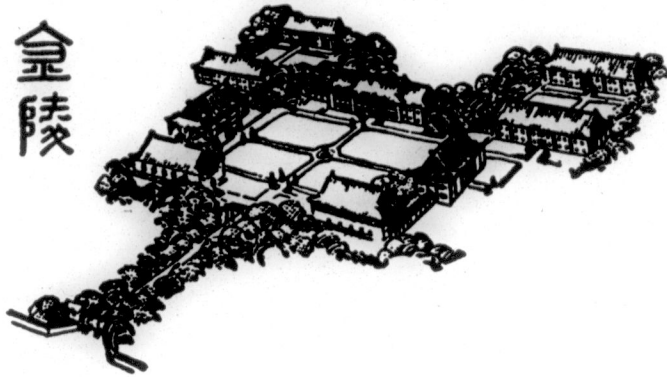
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Dear Mrs. Mills:

For a wonder I am home to-day about an hour between shampoo and dinner date, so I hasten to reply to your letter.

I think we should make an early Smith appeal for Ginling, use the same publicity that goes to general donors, and mail the same day. I like the enclosed letter better than the other because it seems to me to be more confident that Smith women will ride to the emergency and see Ginling through ~~the other letter~~ ^(excuse - haste!)

The pamphlet sounds very appealing and timely.

I have Mrs. Eldridge's address somewhere. I think when I wrote her I used the address in the November 1945 Alumnae Register - Mrs. Lynn Edwin Eldridge
3220 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington 8, D.C.

Her letter of acceptance had to be returned to Florence Snow and I jotted down the address but can't find my memo. I think the above address is correct.

Hastily,
Ruth Tomlinson

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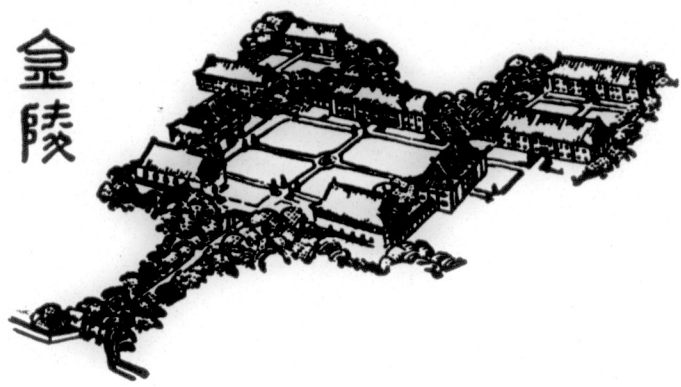
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Dear Ginling Representatives:

Many interesting reports have come from Ginling since I last wrote you, and I wish there were room to include all of them in this news - letter. I'll try to give you the highlights, though.

The overall impression the reports give is that in spite of all their difficulties--meeting inflation, lack of equipment, the poor condition of the campus and buildings, etc.--Ginling has had a most satisfactory and profitable year. Students and faculty alike exercised ingenuity and courage, and so the year was successful.

Dr. Wu, President of Ginling, wrote, "The Christian Fellowship has carried on its activities and the daily chapels have been better attended than they were during the war . . . Ginling took part in the program drawn up by Christian groups for 'Religious Emphasis' week, and our students held a helpful retreat in preparation for the general meetings. . . . The various Department Clubs have held regular meetings and many have had outside speakers, demonstrations, field trips, and social events. . . . The Physical Education Club has been busy with a program of interdormitory contests in basketball and volleyball The dormitories held a 'spring housecleaning' contest. . . . Peggy Lin (now studying at Smith. Ed.) did an excellent piece of work on the choreography and the direction of the Dance Drama, 'Day and Night'. She did a great deal of work on teaching the dances, planning the costumes, arranging for the music. We moved a piano out on the lawn, and Peggy used her 'drum' to emphasize the rhythm. A microphone helped to carry the music to the dancers and announcements to the audience. The whole program was enjoyable and brought many enthusiastic comments from those who saw it. . . . The music recitals have all been very successful. The first was the Faculty Recital. Then our six graduating seniors gave three recitals, with two girls taking part in each. . . . The annual Music Department Recital was held on June 14th. . . . I know you are wondering about how the student strike affected Ginling. . . . The students of various colleges made different demands which did not directly concern Ginling students, so they did not join" but "our Ginling students went on a one-day protest strike to express their sympathy with the strikers. All this unrest had to do with the continued civil war."

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A thesis is a graduation requirement at Ginling, and three chemistry majors last year pooled their thesis work and have produced a textbook for general chemistry, which will be published when they have added a few more chapters.

The Home Economics Department has a very simple Chinese building of its own, which is being used to provide practical experience in home management. The class is divided into groups of four, each group living in the house and running it for one month. Each girl has a week of occupying the position of and assuming the responsibilities of father, mother, daughter and son in rotation. There is also a "grandmother" in the family--the faculty resident. The outside members of the class are "cousins" and are invited in for special occasions. There is a dinner party given each week to give practice in planning and preparing for guests, and it is tough when the "mother" has a late class and then must rush home and prepare a company dinner!

The Child Welfare Center, located across the street from the campus, is a laboratory for students of sociology and home economics. There is a staff of paid workers (United Service to China has made a grant for equipment and running expenses.) and self-help students assist also. The children served are from the poorest families in the neighborhood: 225 attend the Center's school, are fed, and their parents advised on child diet, health and training; 700 persons (children, pregnant women and nursing mothers) receive milk, cod liver oil and bread daily. A health service of physical exams, advice and help in case of illness is available; and emergency relief such as distribution of winter clothes has been organized and carried out. It is a tremendous program now under weigh, ~~but a program of considerable expansion is being planned.~~

The rural work which was so successful in ~~Cheng tu~~ is now being continued in a town about twelve miles from Nanking. Here too distribution of food and milk to women and children plus demonstration of the principles of child nutrition has been of major importance. CNNRA has provided materials for winter clothing and asked the station to supervise the making and distribution of the garments. This practical experience for Ginling girls is excellent training for those interested in becoming rural welfare workers.

On campus last spring the Placement Committee of Ginling planned a special program for graduating seniors. Dr. Wu spoke in the first meeting on the proper attitude toward work necessary in a chaotic economic situation and the realities that will confront graduates as they go out to seek jobs. The next meeting was for those particularly interested in ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ the field of art; the third for those interested in Natural Science; the fourth was a forum on the social sciences. The seniors found this course most helpful.

The first graduation exercises since the College returned to the home campus ^{in Nanking} were held on June 29th, when 58⁶³ young women received their diplomas. The occasion was marked by deep thankfulness that the period of exile is ended and by a sober realization of the responsibilities, national as well as personal, that must be faced.

A number of faculty members and graduates have recently arrived in America for study and all tell the same story of creditable work done in Ginling under the most difficult circumstances. It is wonderful how they have accomplished so much when there are so many obstacles, and that they continue to plan how they can do even more with the little they have!

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler '37

In Charge of News to Clubs and Undergraduates for the Alumnae Committee for Ginling.

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Wheeler

October 30, 1947

Mrs. Edward Wheeler
A 54, Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Finhurst Ave.
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Enclosed we are sending a list of those Ginling donors whom you agreed to approach for a special gift to the Survival Campaign Fund. We also enclose return envelopes and pledge slips and copies of the newest Ginling booklet, as well as a letter form which may be helpful to you. You would probably not want to send this letter exactly as it is, but the information in it will be what you want to use.

We hope that it will be possible for you to get your letters out within the next few days. We will make a report to you about the 20th of November, so that you will know the results of your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: List of Ginling donors
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Mrs Edward

November 7, 1947

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
A54, Hudson View Gardens
183rd Street and Pinhurst Ave.
New York 33, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your generous gift to Ginling College. You will note that we have applied \$5.00 to the current budget and \$20.00 to the Survival Fund, according to your request. You know how greatly contributions are needed at this time and how deeply they are appreciated, so I am merely saying thank you again.

Because you had made contributions to Ginling in the past, your name had already gone to the lettershop to receive the Ginling appeal when your gift came in. You probably got the Ginling letter a day or two ago. As the Ginling Representative in the New York Smith Club, you will also be receiving a Ginling booklet and a letter addressed to the Club Representatives. Sometime next spring you will be sponsoring the Ginling appeal to the members of the New York Smith Club. So you see, your Ginling interest has let you in pretty deep. We do appreciate this interest, however, and your work on behalf of the College. Naturally we do not expect a check everytime you receive a Ginling letter.

You will be glad to know that at least one of the people to whom you wrote has responded with a gift. Mrs. C. A. Porter has just sent a check for \$15.00. Others will doubtless be coming soon.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

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November 7, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

As a member of the Ginling Committee, and hence of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, you have been receiving a certain amount of literature recently, the general purpose of which is the financial situation of our work in China. It is a real emergency, caused by the failure of United Service to China for the current year, and the fact that American Overseas Aid cannot begin to bring in funds until well into 1948. We are, therefore, seeking to raise \$600,000 to carry the Colleges over the interim period. Ginling's share of this will be at least \$30,000, and of course any gift designated for Ginling goes definitely that way.

We must complete our campaign by January 1st, in order to comply with the terms of our agreement with American Overseas Aid. Personal solicitation is always more effective than a letter, and we are therefore asking our Board members to help by making a personal presentation to people in their cities. This can be done either by a visit or by phone.

The purpose of this long letter is to ask if you would be willing to approach Mrs. Cranby A. Bridges, 396 May Street, Worcester, and ask her for a special contribution toward our Survival Fund. She has been a regular contributor to the general work of the Associated Boards since 1934, and in January 1947 made a special gift of \$50.00 toward our restoration fund. It is perfectly legitimate for you to present the work of Ginling and ask for a contribution designated for Ginling, if you would rather do it that way.

I am enclosing a form letter that you probably would not want to use as it is, but which gives some of the facts on which we are basing our appeal. You may find it helpful. I also enclose a copy of the latest issue of CHINA COLLEGES.

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This isn't a Smith job, but I hope you will be willing to do it for the general good of the cause.

Best wishes.

Affectionately yours,

Wm. J. Tomlinson

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosures: Form letter
China Colleges
Pledge card

Enclosed for you are the form letter, the China Colleges list, and the pledge card. I hope you will find them useful. The form letter is a general one, but you may wish to modify it to suit your own needs. The China Colleges list is a list of all the colleges in China, and the pledge card is a card which you can use to get people to pledge to support the cause.

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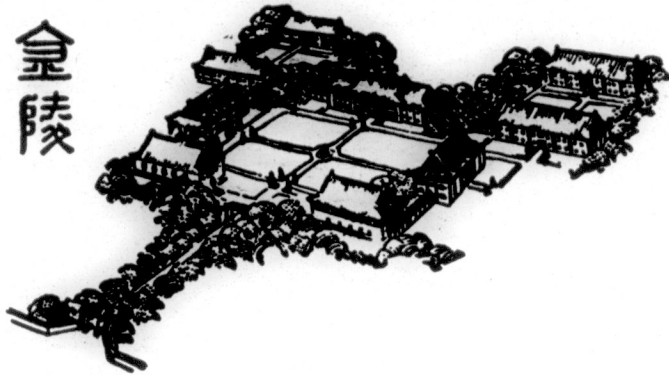
November 9, 1947

ALUMNAE COMMITTEE FOR GINLING COLLEGE
of

The Alumnae Association of Smith College

- Ruth Tomlinson '14, *Chairman*
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- Alta Smith Corbett '08
Portland, Ore.
- Janet Sheldon Gordon '01
Winnetka, Ill.
- Charlotte Gower '22
Washington, D. C.
- Katharyn Stubbs Little '35
Washington, D. C.
- Susan Lobenstine '42
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Princeton, N. J.
- Elise Gettier Watkins '36
New York City

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GINLING COLLEGE
AMERICAN OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Ex officio
Alumna on Board of Founders
Ginling Representative on
S.C.A.C.W. Cabinet

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I was away for the week-end - in Great Barrington in the Berkshires. Saturday in that torrential downpour we drove to Poughkeepsie and saw Vassar between trips to garages, which consumed six hours and \$20 before the trouble with our car was discovered by an ex G.I. mechanic. We visited the garages, alas, instead of the Ogden Mills and Vanderbilt Houses and F.D.R.'s Library.

The draft of the "thank you" note pleases me very much, so please use it as written. I like tremendously, too, the little booklet about Ginling and hope the money pours in. I can't send mine, however, until 1948 because I have a new hall ^{stair} carpet, a \$299 G.E. refrigerator and a pledge of \$100 to the Girls' Club Building Fund, all to be paid before Christmas. I'll have to pull some of this out of the Savings Bank but don't want to take on any more until these bills are met.

I didn't know about Stanley's wedding but am delighted he has such a suitable wife. When will Ethel herself marry?

Here are the names of three more Ginling representatives. The substitute situation is bad here and our superintendent asked all of us not to ask for a day off unless we were ill. I hope I can get off for Council at Smith but don't know. It may come during our vacation. Anyhow I hope to see you in New York Christmas vacation.

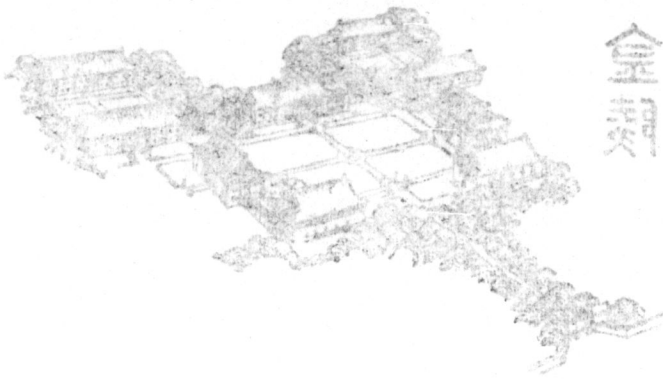
Sincerely, Ruth Tomlinson

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December 11, 1947

Miss Ruth Tomlinson
38 Sever Street
Worcester 2, Mass.

Dear Miss Tomlinson:

I am afraid it has been a long time since we sent you any gift reports, but here are some. I am sure you will rejoice that they are such long ones. The response to Ginling's appeal has been generous and we are grateful.

Thank you for sending us the additional names of the Ginling Representatives. We have just this morning received the Smith Register, which will be very helpful. We can now get out our complete list of Representatives and Presidents.

*sent
12/11/47*

We are sending you, under separate cover, some new Smith letterhead. I am afraid this has already been neglected too long.

Peggy Lin, a member of the Physical Education faculty at Ginling, who is now studying at Smith College, was in New York last week to take part in a program put on by the Choreographer's Workshop. This was really quite an honor to Peggy and she did a good job. Everyone is much pleased with her and several eminent dance teachers are particularly interested in her.

Ettie came along with Peggy and both the girls stayed at my apartment. I did not see much of either one of them as they were both very busy, Peggy with her rehearsals and Ettie with her social affairs. This is just pure gossip, but I think Ettie is beginning to be very much interested in a certain gentleman here in New York. She has not said anything to me about it, but his name comes up very frequently in her conversation and she is with him a good deal when she is down here. Maybe there will be another Chin wedding soon.

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MRS. DICKSON H. LEAVENS
1632 WOOD AVENUE
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.

December 30, 1947

Mrs. W. Piomer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you for your earlier letter and your letter from Miss Kirk. That and the fall illustrated folder about Ginling are both excellent.

no real club I have done nothing about the Colorado Smith College Club. We have ~~none~~ here, but there is a club in Denver which I used to attend when I lived here before. We have no car and the 72-mile trip each way is long and uncertain in winter weather. If I could do anything for Ginling through that group I'd be glad to; a line from Miss Tomlinson might do more than for me to write to the president of the Club, Mrs. J.R. Harris, '30, 4431 E. 6th, Denver 7, Col. She could tell her that I was living here now and would be happy to bring the Club recent news of Ginling, if they cared to have me. By the way, I hear that Mrs. Fred J. Koch, '24, who used to live in Lake Forest, is now here in Colorado Springs, 1816 Wood Ave., beyond us. I think you have her name in your files the address should be changed. They are said to be very wealthy and she showed great interest in Ginling, particularly through meeting Mrs. New at an Alumnae College several years ago. Send her at least a booklet and the letter of Miss Kirk's speaking of Mrs. New's help in Nanking. *(pointing it up perhaps)*

Address noted & material sent

A letter from Dr. Henrietta Fernitz, whom President Wu met at the A.A.U.W. regional board meeting in Chicago, says, "At La Grange I met one of the Women who went to college with Dr. Wu of Ginling College. This member wanted to know where Dr. Wu could be reached (complete address) and who was collecting funds in the U.S.A. for Ginling College. As I do not have the address now, I wonder if you could furnish me this information so I can pass it on to the La Grange member. I imagine that Dr. Wu would like to hear from her and that Ginling College would like a contribution." I mailed Dr. Fernitz, North Shore Hotel, 1611 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. my extra copy of the Ginling booklet just before Christmas, so I hope she has passed on the word to her A.A.U.W. friend (Dr. Fernitz was speaking to the La Grange A.A.U.W. on UNESCO). I wrote Dr. Fernitz that I would ask you to send her any recent news ~~you~~ had in addition to this booklet. If you have another copy of Miss Kirk's letter or anything else please send it to her. Dr. Fernitz contributed something herself either through me or directly about two or three years ago. She teaches at Chicago Teachers' College.

Address noted & material sent

I am enclosing a check for \$15.00, part of an honorarium I had from a talk on China which I gave in Pueblo in October. My heart and prayers are with the friends there during these very trying days. How they have stood one crisis after another through the years, growing in strength *{* and overcoming difficulties amazes one. *}* or through

Warm personal regards to you. I hope you have good news from your husband. He is in China, is he not?

Yours cordially,
Wojciech B. Leavens

Would you please see that my address is corrected on the Yenching mailing list. I like to get their leaflets and the China Colleges ones. They have been coming all right, but some forwarded from Chicago.

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