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Minnette Barber  
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5804 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 20, 1926

Miss Elizabeth Bender,  
Miss Mabelle McVeigh,  
Miss Mabel K. Howell.

*Lydia Barber*

Dear Friends:

A letter has just reached me from Miss Howell asking me to write to you concerning Miss Barber's religious belief.

I knew that Miss Barber attended the Unitarian Church in Urbana and she gave me her reasons which were very good. In the first place her apartment is very near the Unitarian Church and in the second her friends go there. I happen to know the Unitarian Church in Urbana, in fact I used to go there myself very often while I was in the University for it has a most interesting and thoughtful as well as thought inspiring minister. Many students go there who are in no way Unitarians. Therefore when I talked to Miss Barber it did not seem to me so very strange that she went to that church. She belongs to a Community Church up here near Chicago, she said.

As I talked to Miss Barber, I thought that she was an earnest Christian woman and very much interested in the ideals of a Christian College. Her intense interest in the Chinese students at Illinois, her friendship for them which reaches out to them after they go back to China and thus keeps in touch with them, and her gentleness of manner were the things that impressed me most. I admit that I did not question her in detail as to her particular belief, and therefore I cannot answer your doubts about it. I certainly am sorry if she is a Unitarian in her belief.

As to her training for our work, she seems unusually well fitted. Scholastically, she is about ready to take the preliminary examinations for her doctorate; and as to her experience, five years of work with freshman rhetoric classes at the University of Illinois ought to fit her admirably for our freshman needs.

I do not want to urge her appointment if you have good reasons to believe that she is not fitted for our work. All my contact with her would lead me to believe that she was fitted for it.

A letter has just reached me asking if Miss Sutherland has been appointed for music. I thought that she had been appointed last autumn. If she is appointed will you kindly notify Mrs. Thurston. Naturally they are becoming very anxious about new appointments.

Very sincerely yours

*Minnie Sautain*

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1110 W. Oregon Street  
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May 25, 1926.

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender  
Secretary of Grading College Committee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City.

My dear Miss Bender,

Miss Howell has notified me of my appointment to teach English in Grading College, and has suggested that I communicate with you in regard to arrangements for sailing, and matters of that kind. Miss Vantrien has written me that I might plan to sail either August 16<sup>th</sup> with her, or August 19<sup>th</sup>. I believe that I shall not plan to go until the later date, in order that I may have as much time as possible at home with my mother before I go.

Miss Vantrien also suggested that I ask you for one of the latest college

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bulletins. Will you please send me one?

I have just had some very pleasant first hand information regarding Yinling College from Dean Babcock of the University of Illinois who visited there recently. He says Yinling College is a lovely place, and a first class institution in every respect.

Does your committee make all arrangements about steamship transportation? And how about railway fare to Vancouver?

My home is near Chicago, and after June 10<sup>th</sup> my address will be La Fox, Kane County, Illinois.

Very sincerely yours,  
G. Minnette Barber.

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1110 W. Oregon Street  
Urbana, Illinois

June 2, 1926

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Miss Elizabeth Bender  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Miss Bender,

Thank you for your letter of May 27<sup>th</sup>. I think it would be very pleasant for me to sail with Miss Chester and Miss Cogswell on August 19<sup>th</sup> and I shall be glad to have you make plans accordingly. I trust my physical examination report has reached you by now and I'm sure it is all right as the doctor who examined me assured me that I was in very good condition.

Now I should like to ask one or two questions. Does the Committee send out its teachers first or second class? Of course, if I go with

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the two young women you have mentioned, I shall expect to go as they go, although I come from a family that has usually had the best of everything. Do you people arrange details regarding steamer chair, first or second sitting or table, etc, or do I attend to that myself at the Chicago office after I get the order for my steamship ticket? I live very near Chicago you see, and will go there on business several times between now and August. One more question: In case all goes well with my mother, and I can stay out my three years in Nanjing as I hope, I should like to return home around the world. Will the Committee then allow me the amount towards that trip

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That would be paid for me to  
come home directly again from  
China?

People who have been engaged in  
work in China similar to that  
into which I am going, tell me  
that I shall probably love the  
work and China so much that  
I will want to return <sup>there</sup> again.  
However now it seems to me that  
I couldn't desert my mother for a  
longer period, and that I shall  
wish to resume my graduate  
work for a Ph.D. after three years at least.

One more thing: The Yenching  
College Bulletin reached me yesterday,  
and I am tremendously interested  
in the information it gives me, and  
particularly regarding the English  
courses. But I should like to  
know if there is any way of funding.

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out before I go what English  
courses I would be assigned to me.

Miss Valtrini wrote me that each  
of the English teachers would probably  
have a section of Freshman  
English and Composition, but I  
should be very glad to know more  
about just what I should teach  
in order to know what books to  
take to use in my work. She  
also wrote me to bring all books  
I was now using, but I can  
see from the outline of courses that  
perhaps I should bring others,  
unless I can depend on the Gering  
Library for everything I might need!  
Of course, I have had a good deal  
of training along the lines of most  
of your courses, and am giving a

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course here in Advanced English  
which ordinarily only people here  
who have the Doctorate are permitted  
to teach - all of which encourages me  
to think that by working hard  
on my preparations I can make  
my courses here satisfactory.

I hope I have not asked too  
many questions, and that you  
won't mind answering them.

Very sincerely yours  
J. Minnette Barber.

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June 7, 1926

Miss J. Minnette Barber  
1110 W. Oregon St.  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Barber:

I am taking the earliest opportunity to reply to your letter of June 2nd, and I wish first to assure you that I am very happy to do what I can to give you needed information.

Your physical examination report reached me some time ago. I immediately sent it to Dr. Dodd, the official examiner of the Presbyterial Board, for his approval. It is our custom to have him check up all the Ginling reports. I have not heard from him yet. It is the time of the annual conference which the Presbyterial Board holds with its new missionaries, so he is probably very much occupied with that work. I am glad that your examiner was able to report you in very good condition and am trusting that there will be no question in Dr. Dodd's mind.

Taking up your questions in the order in which you ask them I will say that our Ginling appointees are not sent second class unless there is some special reason why they wish to go in that way. We do not attend to the details regarding steamer chair, table seating, etc. That is left to the one who goes. I do not know whether you can attend to it in the Chicago office or whether it must be done at the port. I think these matters are generally attended to in the place from which the steamer sails.

Regarding a trip around the world when you return home, I will say that it will be in order for you to do this if you so wish, the College paying the equivalent of a trip home by the most direct route.

I do not think there is anyone in American who can answer your question about the English courses that will be assigned to you unless it is Miss Vautrin. I would suggest that you ask her these questions. She may be able to help you.

If there is any other information that I can give you please do not hesitate to ask. I am very glad that you are to join the staff of Ginling for I believe that you have a real contribution to make. I

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#2--Miss J. M. B.

feel confident that you will find much joy in the service that you render and will realize that your life is being enriched at the same time that you are helping the College and the girls with whom you work.

Very sincerely yours,

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La Fox, Illinois, June 30, 1926.

My dear Miss Bender,

I am sorry to bother you again, but I should like to know about my contract, as I presume that I should have one. Will you please let me know about the matter?

Mr. Carter has written me that he has made arrangements for my steamship passage, and that money for the other travel will be sent me in due time, etc. I also have my passport, and will get visas in Chicago shortly. Do I pay for my own passport?

Very sincerely yours,

J. Minnette Barber

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April 27, 1927

Miss J. Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I cannot tell you what distress your letter of April 18th gave me. It seems almost incredible that one could in so short a time become as ill as you are. However, we do know that tropical diseases at times work havoc and that it often takes a long period to recover. Our Society had a missionary in Korea who came home in pretty bad shape. There was great difficulty in diagnosing her case and she spent some time in Arizona as a tubercular patient. It was later discovered that she had several kinds of parasites and it took her some time to get rid of them. However, she was able a few months ago to begin work in this country and seems to be getting along finely. I am hoping and believing that you will recover in the same way.

I am sure that the Ginling College Committee will help you in your medical expenses though I cannot at this time say in what way and to what extent we will do it. I am in consultation with Miss Hodge, the Chairman of the Committee, and also with Dr. Dood of the Presbyterian Board to whom we refer Ginling medical matters. I will write you definitely a little later. This letter is only to express our sympathy and to give you assurance that we will do all that is in our power. I appreciate the detailed way in which you wrote me.

My heart was much touched by your devotion to Ginling. It is indeed a wonderful thing to be associated with young Chinese women like the Ginling girls and I do not wonder that they won your heart. We cannot say what the future will be but I wish that we might see you again in China and on the Ginling staff.

You have doubtless received directly from Shanghai stories of the happenings of the last week in March. You have also received a copy of the situation at Ginling as sent out from the Cooperating Committee office. Our hearts are glad and grateful that Ginling has suffered as little as it has and we are full of admiration for our splendid Chinese young women who seem to be carrying on at the college.

I hope these weeks of rest will restore your heart and that you will be ready for the treatment that has been prescribed. Write me as you can and be assured that we are very glad to hear from you. I will report to you in a few days as to what we can do.

Sincerely yours,

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Received Apr. 29

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 28, 1927

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
E. M. DODD, M.D.

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender  
Ginling College Committee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Miss Bender:

It is certainly a sympathy arousing picture which comes in the letter from Miss Barber which you sent to me. She has quite a combination of troubles, though I would be inclined to think it is not quite as serious as she fears.

In the first place, in regard to the parasites, there are of course a good many parasites which are entirely harmless, - though the dysentery amoebae alone are a pretty miserable thing to have, because so chronic and persistent. Dr. Kofoid, the man whom she consulted, is one of the authorities along this line, but is also one who is enthusiastic, and perhaps over-emphasizes the importance of some of the other parasites.

I find on checking up with other men that they feel that the California school is inclined to over-emphasize the intestinal parasites. I put this in by way of some easing of the dark picture which she presents to you. At the same time, she has a real condition, calling for careful and prolonged attention.

Since she apparently has an endocarditis, it does seem wise to take things up in the order she outlines, leaving the rather drastic treatment for amoebic dysentery or other parasites until rest and other appropriate conditions have improved the heart trouble. It is of course unfortunate that there is a complication of troubles, each of which retards the other.

Incidentally, I quite concur in regard to what she has said in regard to the difficulty of finding the amoebae in the examinations. So it is no reflection on one institution or one worker who has not been able to find them at first and has therefore not been able to make a diagnosis.

Miss Barber may of course be able to secure good attention for the preliminary part of her treatment, which involves chiefly her heart, at home. The chances of securing competent local care for this is of course much better than for the tropical disease condition. However, I do feel as you evidently do, that it would be advisable if she could go to a hospital now or soon, so that the whole situation can be taken care of in a unified way.

As to hospital arrangements in Chicago or other states in the Middle West, there is just one Presbyterian Hospital, so far as I know, west of Pittsburgh and north of New Orleans. This is the Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago. The arrangements for our missionaries in the different Presbyterian hospitals differ. Here in New York we have an endowed room which is available for our own group only. In Chicago there is provision for one or more free beds, though the whole arrangement there is being re-canvassed at the present

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time. The assignment to a bed there is handled locally, and I am afraid is not available for anyone outside of the Presbyterian Board's personnel. If Miss Barber is a Presbyterian, I think it will be quite in order to write to the hospital and see what provision they might be able to make for her as a missionary and a Presbyterian.

Other good hospitals under church auspices or with a church background in Chicago are St. Lukes Hospital, and the Wesley Hospital. Both of these are excellent hospitals.

I wonder if the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota might possibly offer you any better facilities, though it is farther away (in the nearest corner of the state). They are very generous to missionaries as far as operative work and examinations are concerned, but for a long drawn out case the expenses are apt to run as high as in a good many other places, and I think there are no particular provisions for the hospital end of the charges.

Another possibility might be Battle Creek, Michigan, or even to bring her on to Clifton Springs, N.Y. The reason I mention the latter, would be that they have special experience there with tropical diseases--more than they would have in ordinary city hospitals. I don't know whether you could make any special arrangements for her there or not. Battle Creek would give special rates, as always to missionaries. Of these two I would prefer Clifton Springs.

If you have any other questions I can go over, I shall be glad to do so. This is an appealing and difficult case, though as I said at the beginning, not necessarily as dark as it might look.

Very sincerely,

*W. D. Dodd*

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Enclosing Miss Barber's letter of Apr. 19, 1927

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May 2, 1927

Miss J. Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

Dr. Dodd has gone carefully over the statement of your case as presented in your letter of April 19th. He admits that you have a combination of troubles, though he thinks it may not be as serious as you feel. He says that a great many parasites are entirely harmless, though Dysentery Amoebae alone are a miserable thing to have, because chronic and persistent. He approves of the order in which you have outlined your plans, leaving the drastic treatments until your heart conditions have improved. He feels that for conditions involving your heart you may be able to secure good attention at home, but for the tropical disease condition you need hospital treatment, as you have said. However, he feels that it would be advisable for you to go to a hospital now, or soon, so that the whole situation can be taken care of in a unified way.

All Mission Boards give medical aid but I think it is generally understood that it is when the treatment taken is with the approval of the medical officer of the Board. An exception is made in the case of emergencies and without doubt your consulting Dr. Koford on the Pacific Coast would be considered such an emergency. However, when it comes to the hospital treatment it would seem as though the plan should be made in cooperation with the Ginling College Committee, or at least with their approval. Have you had any special hospital in mind? The only Presbyterian Hospital in the Middle West is in Chicago. Other good hospitals in that city under church auspices or with a church background are St. Lukes Hospital and Wesley Hospital, the latter under the Methodist Church. Dr. Dodd says that both of these are excellent and I suppose he would say the same thing of the Presbyterian Hospital. He raises the question whether the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minn., would offer better facilities, but does not give an answer to the question. Other possibilities are Battle Creek, Michigan, and Clifton Springs, New York. The reason he mentions the latter is that they have special experience there with tropical diseases more than they have in ordinary city hospitals.

These are suggestions that have come and I am passing them on to you. I shall, however, be glad to know what you have been thinking of, and I hope that together we may plan for the very best possible means of taking care of your case. It distresses us very much, but at the same time we are hoping that before long you will be well on the way to health and strength. Let me hear from you as soon as you can conveniently write.

Very sincerely yours,

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OVER

November 10, 1927

Miss J. Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I am quite ashamed that I have not acknowledged your letter of October 8. It came just as I was getting ready to start West for our General Executive Committee meeting, and in the pressure of those days and the ones following, I did not seem to find time to answer it. Now I have your letter of November 3 and am very glad to hear the report that it gives. We would of course wish for a more speedy recovery, but the important thing is to be on a well-assured road toward recovery, and I am glad to believe that such is the case with you. It certainly requires patience, but the end is worthwhile, and when it is all over you will feel that the time was not so long after all. It is not surprising that there should be nervous disturbances. They are uncomfortable, but not serious.

It is splendid that the University of Illinois has offered you your old position. I wish that you might be strong enough to take it in February, but if that is not possible, I hope that it will be available later. It must make you happy to know that you will find a place again in the work and environment in which you were before you went to China.

I am sorry for the trouble that Dr. Scott has had through the evident loss of mail, and I can appreciate the reluctance with which you asked him to duplicate his report. I have not heard from Dr. Dodd, but I shall probably have a report before long.

I am sorry that our Executive Committee has not yet acted on financial matters. You will remember that the case was to be taken up after September 1. The fact that this was not done is explained by Dr. Dodd not having any report from Dr. Scott, - then my absence of about a month caused further delay. I returned last Friday and am trying to get things in hand.

The Ginling foreign faculty who have returned to Nanking are a brave group, but I know it is just what they wanted to do. The college gets hold of ones affections and I can imagine that as far as those who were in Shanghai are concerned, it was easier for them to go than to remain idly at a distance, especially when they remembered the marvelous courage and devotion of the Chinese. The story of Ginling last summer

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is one of the most thrilling that I have ever known in the history of Christian missions.

You probably know that we have a large group of Ginling people in New York this winter. There are five daughters of Ginling here and Miss Griest. We are looking forward to a good time together.

Please know that I am always glad to hear from you, and grateful for all the reports that indicate that you are improving.

Very sincerely yours,

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Geneva, Illinois  
December 17, 1927

Dr. E. M. Dodd,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Dodd:

I am sending you a duplicate report of two previous letters which have been sent to your office, one in October and one some few weeks previous to that.

RE: Minetta Barber, Age 37, Diagnosis:- Amoebic Dysentery. She entered the Community Hospital Geneva Illinois, as a patient of mine, June 26, 1927. She was in the hospital from June 26--July 14, 1927, since which time she has been taken care of at her home. I have known her and know that she was in excellent health from childhood until the time that she went to China, in September 1926. I saw her just previous to her leaving. She began to have dysentery the latter part of October in 1926; diarrhea, general weakness, with intervals of no disturbance. In November and December 1926 she became weaker, lost in weight, was treated for anemia and dysentery and advised to keep on working. She left for America in March 1927. While on board the ship she had dysentery and was advised by a physician on board to consult with Dr. Kolfoid in California, which she did upon her arrival. His diagnosis was made, because of the heart condition, she was advised to come home.

I saw her first upon April 19, 1927. She had a very severe diarrhea and colitis, decompensated heart due to an endocarditis and pericarditis, severe simple anemia, secondary. She was very emaciated and weak, was immediately placed in bed and the heart condition treated first on account of its seriousness before a treatment of the entamoeba. Examination of stools showed, Balantidium Coli, Entamoeba Hystolytica, Taenia Saginata, Ascaris, and Oxyuris. She was continuously confined to her bed until the first of November, since which time she has been able to be up a short time each day. She has had some gain in weight and strength, the heart is fully compensated at the present time.

I believe that it will be a period of several months yet before she will be able to return to work. I doubt if she will be able to teach before the Fall of 1928. At the present time she firmly believes she will be able to do some work in the Spring semester.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) RAYMOND G. SCOTT

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MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
E. M. DODD, M.D.

January 28, 1928  
(Dict. Jan. 27, 1928)

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender,  
Ginling College Committee,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Bender:

As you suggested, I am putting briefly into writing my opinion of the choice of Doctors for Miss Minnette Barber, as talked over with you today on the telephone.

It seems to me Miss Barber is well advised in making a change of physicians. The local man has, I think, done well by her. But it is one of those stubborn situations where the most expert available handling is needed. And it of course is no reflection what-ever on her physician to suggest a change.

The Doctor Leonard at Rockford, Ill., about whom she writes, sounds like a good choice. It is hardly likely that the Mayo Clinic has anyone who has had as much or more experience with amoebic dysentery. And, apparently, she has had some excellent results with other difficult cases. I like the way Dr. Leonard is reported to have discussed the case with Miss Barber's brother. If it were not for finding someone like this, I should favor going to the Mayo Clinic or, possibly, Chicago. But, all things considered, I believe we will be justified in concurring in her going to Dr. Leonard.)

The psychology in the situation is worth at least a little consideration. They have evidently become quite enthused about Dr. Ruth Leonard, and would be disappointed to be urged in any other direction. Her morale would be a high-water mark as she starts with Dr. Leonard, and not with someone else.

I do not know how the comparative costs would run. At the Mayo Clinic - though professional fees would be waived - there would be hospital charges, just as I presume there would be at Rockford.

Hoping that Miss Barber will at least get some definite help on this discouraging situation,

Very sincerely,



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Returned herewith letters to Miss Bender  
from Miss Barber of January 5th and 19th, 1928.

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January 30, 1928

Miss Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I am glad to be able to write you something definite as a result of our meeting on Friday.

First, your letter of January 25 which came by special delivery gave very fully the possibilities at Rockford as they appeal to you and your family. I read the letter over the telephone to Dr. Dodd, who approved of your plan for going to Dr. Leonard. The matter was presented to our Committee and it was agreed that the plan suggested by you and sanctioned by Dr. Dodd was the best one, so you may go feeling that you have our approval.

The Committee authorized Mr. Carter, our Treasurer, to send you a check for \$224.64 which is two-thirds of your medical expenses incurred to the end of August. You will recall that Dr. Scott's bill was \$238.75 and the hospital bill \$98.20, making a total of \$336.95. Two-thirds of this, according to my figuring is \$224.64. Our Treasurer will pay two-thirds of Dr. Scott's bill from September 1 until the date when he gives up your case. If you will send the bill to me I shall be glad to O.K. it and give it to Mr. Carter.

Our Finance Committee agreed to continue while you are at Rockford, their policy of paying two-thirds of your medical expenses. This of course includes expenses in the hospital if you go there under Dr. Leonard's advice. In addition to this you will receive an allowance of \$75. per month while you are at Rockford. Further action will be determined by the Committee at a later date.

I understand that salary at the rate of \$75. per month was paid until the end of August. What I have said above provides an allowance for the time that you are at Rockford. This leaves a period from September 1 to the date that you go to Rockford, about which nothing has been said, and during which you have received nothing as salary or allowance. The Committee asked me to confer with you as to an allowance for that period. You have been at home during that time, where we assume your living expenses were not as heavy as they were when you were in a hospital, or when you will be in Rockford. Do you feel that a smaller allowance than \$75. a month would be fair? The Gilling College Committee wants to do the right

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thing and it was felt that it could be decided by consultation. I hope that you will write me frankly and let me know how you feel about it.

I am sorry that your going to Rockford has been delayed, but I trust that you will soon be there and that your confidence in Dr. Leonard will be justified by as speedy a recovery as circumstances make possible. What you write of her experience and success in cases similar to yours gives us reason to hope that before long you will be well on the road to recovery.

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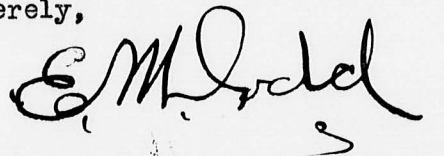
Miss Elizabeth R. Bender  
Ginling College Committee  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

My dear Miss Bender:

I have read over carefully this letter from Miss Barber, which I am returning to you together with Doctor Kofoid's letter to her, and under the circumstances I would favor her going to Dr. Robertson in Chicago.

As you know, my original inclination was in favor either of the Mayos or Chicago; and Dr. Leonard represented rather a concession to their special investigations and preference. Now, with the added item of expense thrown in and Dr. Kofoid's advice and the undoubted advantages of the Chicago Clinic, I would feel that that was the wise thing to choose. The prospects there for careful work and personal attention look very good to me, and I would consider this quite fortunate.

Very sincerely,



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February 10, 1928

Miss Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I received your letter of the 6th and submitted it to Dr. Dodd. I will quote from his reply:

"As you know, my original inclination was in favor either of the Mayos or Chicago; and Dr. Leonard represented rather a concession to their special investigations and preference. Now, with the added item of expense thrown in and Dr. Kofoid's advice and the undoubted advantages of the Chicago Clinic, I would feel that that was the wise thing to choose. The prospects there for careful work and personal attention look very good to me, and I would consider this quite fortunate."

I am sure the Ginning Committee will also approve the plan, and I trust that before long the results will justify the decision. You have had a long trying time, but I think we may believe that the turning of the road has come, and that you will soon find yourself on a sure road to recovery.

I appreciate your frank reply to my question in regard to allowance during the time that you have been at home. We here agree that your suggestion is fair, and I have asked Mr. Carter to send you a check covering the time from September 1 to February 15. If for any reason you should remain at home longer than the middle of this month and will let me know, I will see that the matter is adjusted.

Awaiting with interest the report of your experiences in Chicago,

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear Miss Bender,

A day or two ago I had a report from Dr. Robertson on laboratory specimens sent in to the Chicago University Clinic for ten days. All were negative as far as amoebae are concerned, and Dr. Robertson writes me that he thinks I may escape any further trouble, though I'm to send specimens at once if I note any symptoms suspicious of amoebic trouble. Meantime the goat's milk diet has done wonders for me; I've gained nine pounds in weight in the seven weeks since I started in on it, so that I've now come up to 110 lbs. (I weighed 119½ at the time I began to go downhill in China.) I believe I wrote you that Dr. Kessel of Peking, working with Dr. Ke'Kang in 1926, cured a number of patients simply by putting them on a goat's milk diet, and in all cases so treated infection was greatly reduced when not entirely eradicated. Dr. Robertson wants me

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to keep on drinking - all I can for some length of time to build me up, and I suppose as a precautionary measure since large quantities are very inhibitive to amoebae.

Gradually my strength is coming back, though not as fast as I could wish. I have to be very careful not to over do and not to overtax my heart. I believe I told you my heart behaved absolutely no organic trouble at the time I was in Chicago, but I do get a muscle pain if I try to do too much. Personally I think the fact that I still run a little temperature a part of the time accounts for the slight weakness ~~of the~~ of my heart. The doctors in Chicago made an exhaustive search for the cause of this little fever, but could not find it. They searched especially for T. B. They did not think it could be from amoebae, inasmuch as laboratory <sup>tests</sup> are negative, even though there might be remaining trace of infection, they thought such ~~as~~ could not be responsible, and now that tests are again negative, it seems

even more untimely <sup>APR 14 in 1928</sup> going back  
to Chicago next week however, if my <sup>131</sup> friends <sup>over</sup> can come out for me, to have  
my teeth X-rayed. My own feeling  
now about the cause of this low temper-  
ature is that it is something I shall  
gradually overcome, for the periods are  
becoming more infrequent and of lesser  
duration. Hence I don't worry about  
it, but I am just trying to build up  
on food, fresh air, and sunshine. I  
really am getting better right along,  
I'm sure, and I don't suppose any-  
one ever got well in a few days after  
being very ill for months.

It seems now that I surely shall  
be able to go to work in the fall, and  
I'm applying at various places for a  
position. The head of the English Depart-  
ment of the University of Illinois seems  
unwilling to give me an appointment  
again on account of my having to  
resign for both semesters last year  
after he had held my place for  
me. I feel rather badly about not  
going back to the University of Illinois  
especially on account of my graduate

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work, but "what can't be cured must be endured." If I don't find a good place for myself, I'll have to join an Agency later. I'm a little loathe to do that for a while yet, until I'm absolutely sure of my health, for once one accepts a position through a teachers' agency, one has to pay the 5% commission regardless of any change in one's plans. Still I do think I can go to work in September. It hardly seems possible that I can have any amebae left since I am gaining weight so rapidly. Laboratory tests aren't absolutely reliable at all times on account of the tendency of the disease to go into dormant periods, but still those made two and a half months after medication are a fair indication.

If I did what I would wish to do, I'd want to go back to China; I hated to terribly to come home, and I would like to be back to help Miss Buse with the English department work. However, I'd hardly dare go back next fall, even if I had

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the opportunity. My first business in life now is to get my health back again; and I scarcely expect to be as strong as I was before going by next fall, for getting strong again seems a very slow process. All my friends keep writing me though, that surely a person with such fine health and excessive energy as I had before this illness must surely recover it again. And I think I certainly shall.

Miss Buse writes me a great deal about her plans for the English Department, and I've been trying to help her as much as I can by mail. I do wish it were possible to have a good, experienced teacher to go out to help her next year. The problem of adapting English teaching methods to Chinese needs is one that needs a great deal of study. Miss Buse is tremendously interested and is doing all she can, but she ought to have some one with good experience to help her. I'm just heart-sick whenever I think about it, not to be with her working on the problems of English teaching at Peking, for I

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was keenly interested in APR 14 1928. the problem  
 I was awfully sorry to learn of  
 Miss Priest's resignation. Miss Priest  
 did very fine work at Hinkley, if I'm  
 any judge at all, and it seems a pity  
 for her not to go back. She gets on wonder-  
 fully with the Chinese girls, and was a  
 great asset to the school in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

Minnetta Barber.

P. S. I wonder if you are enough informed  
 about my work at Hinkley so that I could  
 refer to you in case any school officer  
 should want someone to recommend me  
 on basis of my work at Hinkley. I don't  
 know what reports may have come back  
 about me. I am sure Miss Vantour was  
 very well satisfied with my work, but  
 sometimes I had the feeling that Mrs.  
 Thurston didn't like me, although she  
 commended me very highly on my chapel  
 talks every time I led chapel, and I may  
 have only fancied that she didn't like me.  
 Of course, as far as my teaching ability  
 goes, I know the University of Illinois  
 will certify that I am a first class  
 teacher, but someone might wish to en-  
 quire what Hinkley thought of me.



150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
April 20, 1928

Miss Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

Your letter of the 14th has just been received, and I am very glad to have the good report that it contains. I am sure that you and your family, as well as we of the Ginling Committee, rejoice in the report of your doctors and the increased strength that is coming to you. The coming warm weather, when you can be out in the open, will doubtless hasten your recovery, and I am sincerely hoping that by fall you will be able to go to work. It is disappointing that the outlook in the University of Illinois is doubtful, but I hope that the right place will be found. You ask if it will be possible for me to recommend you on the basis of your work at Ginling. Such a recommendation would have to be a very general one. I have heard nothing that has been adverse, and one comment came to me that was commendable. I shall be glad to have you use my name if you feel that what I can say will be helpful.

As you requested, I have held the last bill that you sent me. It was for \$35. for board and room, seven days in the University hospital. The date is February 19, which I suppose was the time you entered, though there is nothing to indicate that it is not the date when you left the hospital. Our understanding was that we would pay you \$35. a month until you went to Chicago, and we would meet your expenses there. With this understanding in mind, I conclude that if we pay this \$35. you will have received <sup>payments</sup> according to our agreement, until February 19 (or February 26) and that nothing has been paid since that. Am I correct in this? We shall have to take action to cover any payments after the time that you left the hospital.

As for your return to Ginling, I can quite understand that there is a strong pull, but I think we would agree that it would be unwise for you to consider it at this time. What the future will bring both in your own case and in the matter of foreigners at Ginling, no one can say. It is something that we shall have to leave to the future.

We are all grieved to have Miss Griest's resignation, for as far as we at this end could tell, she was a valuable member of the Ginling faculty. They are eager to have her back, but she feels that her place is here. You probably know that Miss Wu expects to sail May 17. She will have a difficult task, but she goes with courage and devotion.

With all good wishes for your recovery,

Very sincerely yours,

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St. Charles, Illinois  
April 29, 1928

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My dear Miss Bender,

I am sorry I was not more explicit about the dates of the hospital bill which I sent to you. I was in the Billings Hospital, University of Chicago Clinic, from February 19<sup>th</sup> to February 26<sup>th</sup>, and the ~~\$35.00~~ was all I paid as Doctors' fees were waived in my case, and laboratory fees were omitted.

In your letter of January 30<sup>th</sup>, you state that the Finance Committee had agreed to continue paying two-thirds of my medical expenses while I was in the hospital, and in addition an allowance of \$75.00 per month during that time. Of course, it is very fortunate both for you people and for me that I stayed so short a time in February. And I am hoping the infection will not show up again. I think if laboratory tests are negative still in May, I can feel fairly certain I'm finished

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with amoebae, though Dr. Kofoid thinks I should have tests made at intervals for two years. Dr. Robertson told me to send him specimens at once if I should have any suspicion of a return of infection.

However, I am hoping so much that I'm through with all my amoebic troubles and that I can return to teaching in the fall. I have definitely lost my position at the University of Illinois because I was not able to return in February, but I presume I shall find something good elsewhere. As you have no definite information regarding my work in China, I shall not refer to you, for of course, the authorities at "Illinois" will give me the best of recommendations.

I seem to be gaining right along now, though I'm not very strong as yet. However, the farm is a good place for me, and I shall let you know later just how I am.

Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie Barber

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The University of Chicago

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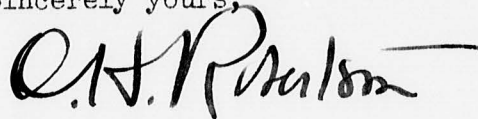
Dear Miss Barber:

I am writing to tell you that we have found amoebae dysenterae in the third specimen which you sent. Apparently this acute exacerbation which you have just had has brought them out.

I judge by your last letter that you would be able to come into the hospital at any time. If you will let me know when to expect you I will make arrangements accordingly.

I am sorry that you are still carrying this infection. However, it is much better to have it definitely known as I believe Yatren will probably clear it up.

Sincerely yours,



O. H. Robertson.

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Billings Hospital

University of Chicago

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1928

My dear Miss Bender,

I am writing to give you a report of myself. I entered this hospital on May 15<sup>th</sup> and am being given a course of treatment by yatrien which will probably keep me here, for this time, until about June 5<sup>th</sup>. Then I'm to go home again to try to build up by means of diet and sunshine. Dr. Robertson is very hopeful that the yatrien <sup>may</sup> ~~might~~ eradicate the infection, but he advised me not to make any plans for going to work in the fall until we see how I come out. From this advice I infer that he isn't sure that one course will be sufficient, but I do hope it may be. He says if yatrien fails there are other new things to try, and I have faith that he'll cure me in the end, for he is widely experienced in treating the disease, but I must say I find it hard to be patient indefinitely.

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The emetine treatment that I had at home for so long cured Olive Bowen, the daughter of President Bowen of Nanking University, but Dr. Robertson says he judges from the history of my case that the strain of amoebae I have become very resistant to emetine a good many months ago, and thereafter it did nothing but weaken the infection without uprooting it.

I am standing the treatment I'm having very well; Dr. Robertson says very few people have as little unpleasantness and as few ill effects as I am having.

Emily Case was here to see me last Wednesday. I was delighted to have her come, and we spent a very pleasant hour talking of Girding and Girding friends. Emily is looking very well indeed, and is as full of a love for China as ever.

I understand that Dr. Hackett is coming home. If there is any possibility of someone's being sent out from America to fill her place, I hope the Girding College Committee may consider Dr. Bohning.

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now here at the Chicago University Clinic.  
If you'll tell me who is in charge of the  
Appointments Committee, in case it is of  
any use, I'll tell her to write in. She  
would certainly be an ideal person for  
the place. I'm sure her personality and  
her religious views would adapt her  
for the place, and she is absolutely a  
first class physician. When I wrote  
you of her before I don't think I  
had her name right as I only guessed  
at its spelling, but anyway it is Bohning.  
Dr. Bohning would be very glad of  
consideration for the place, as she is  
much interested in work in China.  
And I'm sure she is the sort of person  
who would do splendid work with  
the Chinese girls.

I'll let you know when I leave the  
hospital, and will send on the bills at  
that time, as per arrangements made  
for me by the Finance Committee in January.  
Thank you all again a thousand times  
for your help and consideration. I am very  
grateful to all of you. Very sincerely yours,  
Mildred Barber

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MINNETTE BARBER  
ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

June 8, 1928

My dear Miss Bender,

Enclosed are the papers showing my bills at the University of Chicago Hospital for this time, 116.80 in all. I was there exactly three weeks, from May 15<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>. I have previously sent you the bill, <sup>#</sup>35.00, for the one week in February. This means I have spent four weeks or nearly one month since February 15<sup>th</sup>, when you last sent me a check, at the hospital, and the rest of the time in the home of my people.

Dr. Robertson sent me home as soon as I could possibly come, so that I might get back onto goat's milk again, as he was unable to get it for me at the hospital. He says the

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ST. CHARLES, ILLINOIS

treatment he gave me was a heavy course of yuten, the amount which cured nearly all cases on which it was used in Peking. However, he said, though he had every hope that I might have no further trouble, we couldn't be sure until some weeks have passed. He will make laboratory tests again the first week of August. Meantime he wants me to eat well, spend several hours daily in the sunshine, and be careful not to get fatigued unduly.

Harriet Cogswell is coming to see me next week; I shall be delighted to see her.

I had splendid letters <sup>yesterday</sup> from Miss Vantrun and Miss Andrews at <sup>St. Louis</sup> ~~St. Charles~~. All seems to be well out there. I'm happy to learn. Very sincerely yours,  
Minnette Barber

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GINLING COLLEGE COMMITTEE

150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  
June 20, 1928

Miss Minnette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

We had a meeting of the Ginling College Committee on June 13, at which it was voted to pay two-thirds of your hospital expenses in February, May and June, also to pay you an allowance as agreed upon to July 1. There was not a quorum present, so the actions do not become effective until there is a correspondence vote on the part of all the members of the committee. I am sure there will be no objection to the action which was taken on the 13th, but to be perfectly regular I am not authorizing payment until the votes are received. However, I wish to tell you what was done and so am writing this letter.

The bill dated February 26 is receipted, while the others seem to indicate that they have not been paid. As we do not pay the full amounts it seems best for you to pay the hospital and we reimburse you to the extent of two-thirds of the full amount. I am therefore returning the bills to you, hoping that you will not be embarrassed by our delay in sending the money. *Total of four bills \$151.80; two-thirds \$101.20.*

I understand that your allowance was paid to February 15. From that date until July 1 there is due you an allowance for 4 1/2 months. You were in the hospital four weeks, which we will consider one month. During this time you should receive \$75., and for the other 3 1/2 months you should receive allowance at the rate of \$35. a month, which amounts to \$122.50. Adding to this the \$75. for the time you were in the hospital gives a total of \$197.50. The Ginling College Committee should pay you as follows: Hospital expenses \$101.20, Allowance \$197.50, Total \$298.70.

Having occasion to go over the Treasurer's report for the last year and a half, I find that we have up to this time paid on your medical expenses \$269.35, and on salary and allowance, \$567.50. Adding to these amounts what is now due you to bring payments up to July 1, there is a total of \$1135.51 which will have been paid.

When you came home, no one anticipated that you would have such a long time and such a hard struggle to get well. It has been exceedingly hard on you, and we have sympathized with you as you have bravely struggled to get rid of the infection that took so strong a hold on you during the short time that you were in China. We have tried to share your trying experience by helping financially, even though it was not provided for in the Budget. We want to continue to help you according to your need and our ability. We have never had a case like yours before,

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and I was instructed by our Committee to confer with you as to the need of continuing help. We do not know just what your situation is, and hope that you will write frankly, being assured of our sympathy and interest.

A few days ago a cablegram came from Ginling asking for the return next year of Miss Case and Miss Cogswell. I telegraphed Miss Case but have not yet heard from her. I understand that Miss Cogswell is due in New York at this time, and I have left a message with her sister, asking her to come to see me. I sincerely hope that both will feel that they can go, though I realize that it is late in the season to change their plans for next year. Ginling is also asking for another English teacher and someone for physical education if Miss Case does not go. The message also said that they needed a secretary and a doctor. You will be especially interested in the latter. I have given the name of Dr. Bohning to Miss Reid, who is carrying the candidate work for Ginling. She may perhaps write you for information about the doctor.

I am afraid this word from Ginling will make you more homesick than ever, and that you will be wanting to go. This brings me to express the hope that the last treatment which you took will prove effective, and that from now on you can give yourself to building up and getting ready for work somewhere in the fall.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Hodger ✓ St. Charles, Illinois

Please return June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1928

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My dear Miss Bender,

Thank you very much ~~for your~~  
letter of June 26<sup>th</sup> and for your good  
wishes. Also please express my  
gratitude to the other members of the  
Sinking College Committee for all they  
have done for me in helping me  
both financially and with their  
kindness and sympathy. I shall be  
very glad to have the check of which  
you speak.

As to whether I shall need very  
much further aid financially, I can  
hardly say until I know whether or  
not this last course of treatment I  
have had will prove successful in  
eradicating the anaerobic infection. If,  
as I now hope, the disease is gone,  
I should be able to regain my former  
strength far enough to allow of my  
returning to work in the fall  
sometime! But as I believe I told  
you, Dr. Robertson of the University

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of Chicago, told me <sup>JUN 25 1928</sup> to sign up <sup>(21)</sup>  
for a teaching position at present, be-  
cause in view of the fact that I've  
had a very persistent case of amoebiasis,  
he couldn't be certain one course of  
yaten would be enough. The new  
attack of May and the treatment took  
me down badly in weight and strength,  
but I'm gaining again now. Dr. Robert-  
son agrees with my own feeling that  
if I have no further recurrence of  
amoebic trouble, I ought to be strong  
enough to go to work in the fall.  
I'll let you know at intervals how I  
get along. Dr. Robertson expects to  
make laboratory tests for me again  
the first of August; it is of little  
use making them sooner unless I  
have symptoms of dysentery because  
the disease, if not eliminated, would  
be quiescent for some time after  
the yaten treatment given me in  
May and early June. However, in  
view of the fact that such a course

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of treatment as I had ~~seen~~ <sup>seen</sup> the ~~past~~ <sup>past</sup> <sup>1928</sup> <sup>[31]</sup>  
majority of patients on whom it was  
used at Peking, I feel my chances  
are now very good for a definite recovery.  
Dr. Robertson regards this new yater  
treatment as the most effective method  
there is of combating anisobae. It is  
very little used in the United States  
as yet, because, being new, few doctors  
have heard of it, but it is used at  
Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore,  
and by Mayo on cases in which  
arsenic fails, or is impracticable.

I was very much interested in the  
news that Hending has asked for  
some teachers and a doctor. I only  
hope both Miss Case and Miss Logswell  
will go, as they are both very fine  
people for their work. The Hending  
girls like them both very much., Miss  
Case, of course, has a fine record  
out there, and it struck me that  
Miss Logswell got on very well from  
the start!

I have written Miss Reid about

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Dr. Bohning in considerable detail, for  
I feel that Dr. Bohning is just the  
person for the place at Hanking, if  
the matter could be arranged. I have  
also written Dr. Bohning, asking her  
to write to Miss Reid, if she still  
feels she could become a candidate  
for the position.

How I should love to go back this  
fall with the others! But perhaps some-  
time in the future I can go. At the  
time I left Hanking when I was  
grieving over having to leave, Miss  
Hobbs said to me: "But you must not  
feel so badly about going home.  
China will need American Christian  
friends for many years yet; and  
some day you can come back  
to us again!" So I'll hope that  
when I'm well and strong <sup>now</sup> once, I  
may one day go again.

Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie Barber.

Miss Hodge ✓  
Please return

St. Charles, Illinois  
August 18, 1928

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My dear Miss Bender,

I have delayed a few days in answering your nice letter of August 9<sup>th</sup> in order to be able to tell you what report I had from Dr. O. H. Robertson of the University of Chicago on my August laboratory tests. I am very glad to say that the results were negative. I have not, however, gained as rapidly as I had hoped so that I shall not be able to go to work in September. Dr. Robertson does not feel I should be at all discouraged by this fact, for he thinks I am gaining as rapidly as I could expect in view of the severity of the disease in my case. He told me in June that he didn't feel at all sure I could get strong enough to go to work in September. He says in his letter to-day, however, that he thinks I shall make more rapid progress with the advent of cool weather; and I shall make a determined

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effort to get well enough to go to work by the second semester of the school year if I can't before.

I am still about ten pounds under what I weighed before I was taken ill, but I have put on eight pounds in the past two months. Also I can see that I'm getting stronger little by little, and if I could feel as well every day as I do on my very best days I might think I could soon go to work, but so far any little extra strain or exertion leaves me collapsed. However, I feel sure a few more months on this very helpful, nourishing diet I'm on, and a few more months with plenty of rest and sunshine will surely put me back in normal health. I had the disease so long, and had according to Dr. Robertson such a very serious case of the infection that I can't build up again in no time, and after all it is only nine or ten weeks since I left the University of Chicago Hospital after that severe new

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attack that I had <sup>AUG 18 1928</sup> in <sup>[37]</sup> May. Hence  
I feel on the whole I'm fortunate  
enough that I seem to be gradually  
getting well even though I can't as  
yet do as much as I might wish.

The check for my allowance and  
medical expenses up until July 1<sup>st</sup>  
reached me this week. I was very  
glad to have it, as I was out of funds.  
I am very grateful to you and to all  
the other members of the Committee,  
and I hope the day may come  
when I can do something in return  
for Girdling. Inasmuch as I can't  
go back to work this fall, I hope  
the Committee will feel disposed  
to continue my allowance for a  
time. I think it very unlikely I  
shall have to return to the hospital,  
but I shall probably have to remain  
at home for a few months longer, as  
~~and~~ I'm not able to return now  
to active life. I shall be very glad  
if you'll take the matter up at your  
next meeting.

I have told Dr. Robertson that if

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I should be so unfortunate as to have any further recurrence, which I really don't think I shall, I don't want to return to the hospital if I can avoid doing so. A friend of mine was cured by the diet I'm now on without the use of medicines, and it seems very likely that this same diet will build me up to the point where I am safe from danger of recurrence. Dr. Robertson told me when I left the hospital that it was very important for me to get well built up, and to avoid any undue fatigue for a few months.

Emily Case and Eva Spicer spent the day here a week ago. I certainly was pleased to see them, and we had a very good visit. I was sorry I wasn't going back to China with Eva.

I'm glad to know that you have secured a good English teacher. Miss Buse had a heavy load last year.

Thank you again for all your kindness.  
Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie Barber

Oct. 26, 1928.

Miss Minnett Barber,  
St. Charles, Ill.

My dear Miss Barber:

I am afraid that you will think I have been a long time in answering your good letter of August 18th. I have not written for the reason that we have not had a meeting of the Ginling College Com. since then and there has been nothing special to write. I have thought of you often and am rejoicing in the progress which you report, and hoping that it continued. With the laboratory tests negative one might well hope that having passed so much of the summer safely you had indeed conquered the infection. I realize that to regain strength takes time. One of our Methodist missionaries had this trouble four or five years ago and struggled a long time, longer than you have I think. She has been teaching for some time, but in a recent letter she told me that over exertion reveals how little strength she has. However, it is good to be on the upward road and to know that all that is required of you is patience and time. I am sure the Ginling College Committee will give sympathetic consideration to your case.

I was interested in knowing that you had a visit from Miss Case and Miss Spicer. I was sorry to miss the latter as she passed through New York. I was away at the time and did not have an opportunity to see her, though I had the pleasure of meeting her when she passed through New York on her way to England.

I shall be glad to hear from you and know how you are, now that the cooler weather has come.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Please return St. Charles, Illinois Miss Hodge

November 7, 1928

My dear Miss Bender,

I was very much pleased to have your letter of October 26<sup>th</sup>, and I thank you for your good wishes. I hope that the Yining College Committee will feel it possible to continue to make me an allowance until I am able to go to work again, as farm conditions are very bad in our section of the country this year, and I don't feel that I ought to be dependent on my brothers.

I don't regain my strength as rapidly as I had hoped; but as you suggested, probably all that is required now is patience and time. I am very hopeful that the infection was eliminated by the treatment I had in June, as definite symptoms of the disease seem to be gone, and I have made considerable gain in strength and nervous energy during the past few months. I'll have laboratory tests made again soon now, and if they are negative I can

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V feel fairly well out of the danger zone.  
At Peking Union Medical College tests are  
made three, six, and nine months after yatrien  
treatment, and as I understand it if tests  
are clear at the six months interval, the  
patient is usually entirely free of infection.  
It will be six months on December 5<sup>th</sup>  
since I finished treatment at the University  
of Chicago.

I'm very much hoping that I'll be strong  
enough to go to work the second semester  
that is at the end of January or at the  
beginning of February. It does seem as  
if I ought to be able to return to active  
life by then. At present I have two hand-  
icaps; one that my digestive system was so  
disordered by drugs used in treatment that  
it still functions very badly; the other  
that if I get over-tired or excited, I can't  
sleep when night comes. However, I'm  
hoping that a few weeks more of re-  
building will put me far enough back  
to normal so that I can go to work. I'm  
so anxious to get back to teaching again;  
I love to teach and I most certainly do  
not enjoy inactivity. But I'm doing all  
I can to get well - I eat plenty of good

V. food; I get out into the fresh air <sup>NOV 7 1922</sup> and <sup>(37)</sup> sunshine every day the weather permits; and I always retire between eight and nine o'clock so as to get a long night's rest. Also I try not to overdo, as Dr. Robertson told me I must be very careful for a few months about over-fatigue and undue exertion.

After he makes laboratory tests next time, I'll go back into the city to see what he thinks of my progress and prospects. Last time I sent him a report of my condition, he seemed to feel that I was getting on as well as I could expect, and said I had no reason for discouragement that I did not gain faster.

I've had no very recent news from Hsiling, but I had a nice letter from Dr. Hackett this week. She expects to stop to see me when she goes through Chicago, and I shall greatly enjoy talking with her about Hsiling and Hsiling friends. She said she had seen you, and had greatly enjoyed meeting you.

Thank you again for all your kindness, and please extend my most sincere appreciation to the members of the Hsiling College Committee.

Very sincerely yours,  
Dorothy Barber

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December 14, 1928

Miss Minette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

My dear Miss Barber:

I have your letter of December 9, also the one written previously telling me that it had been discovered that you were not free from amoebic infection. This has of course, been very disappointing. I am sure you are doing the right thing in your efforts to get rid of it, and hope that the next course of treatments will entirely eliminate the trouble. The next meeting of the Ginling College Committee will be held on January 7, and at that time we will consider the question of continuing your allowance.

With sympathy, and the earnest hope that you will soon be restored to health and strength,

Very sincerely yours,

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My dear ~~Miss~~ Bender,

The doctors at the University Chicago Hospital let me come home on last Saturday night, as they decided I wouldn't need quite as long treatment this time as last June. Hence I was in the hospital only seventeen days as compared to twenty-one days then! On the whole I feel pretty good, and I seemed a little stronger than the doctors thought I should after two weeks in bed. I only hope it won't be long now until I can return to active life - I'm so anxious to get to doing something again.

Will you please let me know what the Yindling College Committee decided about continuing my allowance from July 1st, and about this last stay in the hospital? I'm rather worried about finances at present. Farm conditions have gone from bad to worse in the Midwest so that my brothers have about all they can do to look out for themselves and their own families. However, I do feel hopeful that this last series of yatra treatment will

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wholeheartedly devoted to work and is such a very earnest Christian that it seems a pity Gwiling has to leave her. I'll venture to say there are few workers in China more sincere in their efforts to spread the faith of Christ in China than Minnie Co., and her whole life is an example to others of tireless, unselfish loyalty to the cause of Christianity.

I should certainly love to be going back with Harriet and Emily, but I'm afraid it would be inadvisable for me to return for some years. In the first place, I shouldn't dare risk my health so soon, and in the second my family now need my financial aid as soon as I can give it to them. If I had fully understood the state of their finances, in 1926, I might not have felt I could go then. But they like me, at that time very felt the opportunity to do something that really counted was not to be missed. And mother always says what has happened must work out for the best in the end, even though we ourselves can't always see that point.

of view, still we must trust that it [3]  
is so.  
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Well I must close. I hope all is well with you, and all the other members of the committee. I am so happy that the work at Hanking is progressing so well, and that further building is being planned. My stay at Hanking, though brief, will always remain in my memory as a happy interlude as far as my work went. I should have been satisfied to spend my life working with the Chinese girls.

Very sincerely yours,  
Minnie Barber.

P.S. I'll enclose the hospital bills so that you can see what they are. Last time I had to pay for the yamen, but this time it isn't charged.

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January 19, 1929

Miss Minette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I have your recent letter enclosing your hospital bills. I am sorry not to be able to give you a definite report in the matter of further help from the Ginling College Committee, though I am confident that something will be given you. Our meetings in the morning and afternoon of the 7th were overcrowded. The Constitution covering matters of reorganization were considered and took practically all of the morning. A number of matters for which there was not time were referred to the Executive Committee, among them the question of aid to you. Miss Hodge has not been in New York since then and we have not yet been able to have a meeting. As soon as we can get together and come to a decision I will report to you. I am sorry for the delay for I realize that you may be in need, since you have had no help for some months.

I was glad to see Miss Case and to hear her report of you. She is confident that you are on the upward road and feels that there is every reason to expect you to overcome the infection in time. You have had a long and wearisome road, but you can have faith that the end will come before long and you will be able to resume your work. We hear splendid things of what you did in Ginling and the way you adapted yourself to conditions and to the girls. We heartily wish that it were possible for you to return, but we dare not think of it now.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1929

Miss Minette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I am writing to say that our Committee has decided to make you a grant-in-aid at this time of \$200. This is a change of basis, but you will understand that it is to help you in your hospital expenses and to serve as a substitute for a monthly allowance. We hope that this will be satisfactory to you.

Please be assured, my dear Miss Barber, of the continued interest and sympathy of the Ginling College Committee, also of our admiration for the brave fight that you have been waging in your effort to regain your health and strength. We are hoping that it will not be long until freedom from infection is reassured and you are in condition to work as you did before you went to China. I suppose there is very little chance of your getting a position before next fall, though if you gain very rapidly there might possibly be some irregular kind of work into which you could get temporarily. We appreciate what you were to Ginling during the short time that you were there, and wish heartily that you were in the college again, well and strong.

Assuring you of our good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Asking Mr. Carter to send \$200.*

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St. Charles, Illinois

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February 6, 1929

My dear Miss Bender,

I am very grateful to the Stinking College Committee for the "grant-in-aid" of \$200 that you speak of, as I am in need of it. I wonder if it would be out of order for you to ask Mr. Carter for me if ~~it~~ he could send it very soon.

I am feeling much better right along and I have every hope that this time I may have really eliminated the amoebic infection. Spring treatment in winter time greatly improves my chance for complete recovery, of course!

I would have liked to go to work this semester, but Dr. Robertson was not very favorable to the idea unless I could find some very light job, and teaching positions ordinarily are not very light. However, I'm going into the city to stay with one

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of my brothers in there instead of <sup>127</sup>  
with those on the farm, and ~~and~~ <sup>FEB 6 1929</sup>  
expect to take up a light course at  
Northwestern University. I can do  
this with a minimum of expense and  
in that way I can make up for  
some of the ground I have lost  
professionally by being ill nearly  
two years. Dr. Robertson is favorable  
to my doing this on condition, he  
said, that I get very regular rest  
and didn't try to do too much.

Thank you again for all your  
kindness to me; some day I hope  
to thank you in person.

Very sincerely yours,  
Mimette Barber



February 13, 1929

Miss Minette Barber  
St. Charles, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

I was surprised to read in your letter of February 6 that you had not yet received a check from Mr. Carter, since I gave him the order some time ago. Evidently it was overlooked, or there was a mistake of some kind. I suppose you will have the check before this reaches you, as I have received the copy of Mr. Carter's letter to you in which he enclosed the check.

I am very glad to know that you are feeling much better and that you have every reason to hope that you have really eliminated the amoebic infection. It seems to me that Dr. Robertson's reluctance to consenting to your taking a "light job" is based on wise judgment. Since he is favorable to your doing some studying I feel confident that it will be all right for you to attempt it. I hope, however, that you will let nothing jeopardize your speedy return to health. You have had a long time to wait, but I believe that before long your patience will be justified.

Very sincerely yours,

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2409 Hartzell Street  
Evanston, Illinois  
March 8, 1929

My dear Miss Bender,

I really meant to answer your kind letter, and to tell you that the check came, before now, but I have been very busy each day, especially as Dr. Robertson consented to my doing school work this semester only if I would plan to go to bed early every night. Going to bed early means that my days are short. However, I am feeling stronger than when I wrote you last, and seem to be getting on very well. I am greatly enjoying studying and am happy to be doing something once more.

At present I am applying for positions for next year, and it may be that some college official may apply to you to know whether my work was satisfactory at Gering. I'll be glad in that case if you will say what you can for me. It may be that none of them will trouble you, as my records from the University of Illinois satisfy most of them, but I've given

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Your name to one or two who may<sup>521</sup>  
want to know how I was liked in Utina.

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Very sincerely yours,  
Minnette Barber.

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March 12, 1929

Miss Minette Barber  
2409 Hartzell St.  
Evanston, Ill.

Dear Miss Barber:

Your letter of March 8 is at hand. I am delighted to know that you are really well and strong enough to be doing some work. I hope that you will gain every day and before long feel as strong and well as ever. You certainly have had a trying experience. It is just about two years since you left China. Care and patience work wonders, and you have been brave during the months of illness. We, together with your friends, rejoice in the outcome.

I have had one request for a testimonial. In the case of some Giling people it has been difficult for me to say anything in reply to communications of this kind. However, your case was different, for I have heard from others so many fine things about you and your work, that I was able to answer in what I think would be considered a satisfactory way. I hope that you will find the kind of work that you want, and that you will have strength for it. I shall be glad to hear from you occasionally, especially to know what position comes to you for next fall.

Sincerely yours,

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2409 Hartzell Street [1]  
Evanston, Illinois  
April 26, 1929

My dear Miss Bender,

I wonder if you will please write a brief letter recommending me as you feel you can on basis of my work at Yenching College, Hankow, China to Mr. Lewis Williams, Secretary of the Appointments Committee, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois? Mr. Williams thinks he might get me a position I might like to have, but left it to me to see that recommendations were sent to him. I find that a great many school authorities are interested in knowing how I fitted into Yenching College, and the fact that I have taught there is a decided asset to me, especially

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in specifically Christian schools. APR 26 1929 [2]  
You may have had a letter from Miss Congdon, President of Monticello Seminary at Godfrey, Illinois, enquiring about me. I am very much in hopes that I may receive that appointment, as the work and the atmosphere of the school would suit me perfectly.

I am getting on very well with my work at Northwestern University, and I'm feeling very well - not quite as strong as in 1926, but on the whole, fine. This time I really feel I must be through with amebic infection.

I hope all is well with you. Someday I'll be in New York, and hope for the pleasure of seeing you.

Very sincerely yours,  
Winnetta Barber

April 30, 1929

Mr. Lewis Williams  
Secretary of the Appointments Committee  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Williams:

Miss Minnette Barber was a member of the staff of Ginling College, Nanking, China. She was there only a short time, being compelled on account of physical trouble contracted after her arrival in China, to return to America, but in the short period that she was there, she proved herself one of the most valuable members of the staff that we have ever had. She was an excellent teacher, took an active interest in the students, making wise contacts with them, and in every way was a splendid influence in the college. The necessity of her return to America was deeply regretted by students and faculty. In looking for someone to take her place, a member of the faculty said that what was wanted was an exact duplicate of Miss Barber. I take pleasure in commending her to any who are interested in securing a teacher of high grade.

Very truly yours,

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Monticello Seminary  
Godfrey, Illinois  
September 16, 1929

My dear Miss Bender,

Here I am, able to work once more, and all established for a year's work as Senior English Teacher at Monticello Seminary. I have a very good position which pays well, and I teach only advanced courses to Junior College Seniors. Monticello is a girls' boarding school for high school and Junior College girls, and is not unlike Hinkley in spirit and atmosphere, being a non-sectarian but distinctly Christian girls' institution.

I spent most of the summer in Colorado on the urgent advice of the doctors of the University of Chicago Clinic who thought the climate would help me to gain weight as they felt the stimulus of the high altitude

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would improve my very much  
 impaired digestive system. They  
 were right. I gained nine pounds  
 out there, and three after I  
 got home, and I became able to  
 eat almost normally - something  
 I hadn't been able to do for  
 two years! I had to borrow  
 some money in order to go,  
 but I'm glad I did for I  
 derived great benefit from  
 the stay in the mountains. I'm  
 now feeling almost as strong  
 as before my illness, or at  
 least much more like myself  
 than at any time heretofore.

I want to thank the Hinley  
 College Committee once more  
 for all that they did for  
 me during a long and  
 trying illness. I shall never  
 forget their kindness.

Very sincerely yours,  
 Minnie Barber

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