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June 25, 1936

Miss Kathleen L. Bond  
Campus

Dear Kathleen:

I have given you a travel allowance of US\$350.00 to cover your trip from Nanking to your home in New Jersey. Inasmuch as you are traveling through Europe, I believe it will be satisfactory to consider that this is a final payment and you need not present to Mr. Carter any report of your trip.

Your salary has been adjusted until August 31, 1936. I am writing to Mr. Carter that you will be entitled to receive the usual retirement allowance for five-year appointments. Please get in touch with him and give him your address so you may be sure to receive the salary checks when they are due.

In regard to your insurance - may I suggest that you take the matter up with Mr. Garside at 150 Fifth Avenue and decide the best policy. You may know that the Ginling staff are insured under the University of Nanking policy so Mr. Garside will be in charge of this adjustment. He will be able to advise you concerning the best use of your policy, continuation or cancellation.

If you have any other questions will you please see Mr. Carter or Miss Tyler at 156 Fifth Avenue. You will be so near New York that I am sure you will be able to take up personally any questions that may arise.

I hope you have a good year. I shall think of you as you go through the Red Sea in August or whenever it is! Anyway Nanking will be just about as hot!

Sincerely yours,

*(from Elsie M. Priest, Treas.)*

cc Mr. Carter

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make the necessary deductions for her share of the premium. She will take this up upon her arrival and decide what she wishes to do with it. Ginling should not pay beyond the retirement allowance date. I have paid her salary to August 31, 1936 and deducted the insurance. Miss Bond goes by way of Europe and should have \$35.00

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING  
Office of the Treasurer  
Nanking, China

GINLING COLLEGE FILE

June 26, 1936

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Mr. Russell Carter,  
New York.

Dear Mr. Carter:

You will find copies of letters to Miss Hoffsommer and Miss Bond. They leave tonight for furlough. Miss Bond is not returning to the college and will be entitled to receive the retirement allowance of three months from September 1st. In making payments to her, will you please keep in mind the insurance policy which she holds, and should she decide to hold it, make the necessary deductions for her share of the premium. She will take this up upon her arrival and decide what she wishes to do with it. Ginling should not pay beyond the retirement allowance date. I have paid her salary to August 31, 1936 and deducted the insurance. Miss Bond goes by way of Europe and should have \$350.00 for her travel to her home. Inasmuch as her ticket will be more than \$350.00 we are suggesting she need make no report or adjustment to you.

Sincerely yours,

signed: Elsie M. Priest

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OCT 1936  
Westminster Chown School  
Princeton New Jersey

Dear Miss Grant,

In all the excitement of seeing you we perhaps I forgot to tell you that I would be working here this winter. I do go to Hackensack for work ends usually, but this week my sister and I were with friends on Long Island. Your letter finally found us here.

My work here keeps me busy every afternoon until three, and some days later.

Except Friday

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I think I might get up  
New York for an afternoon  
appointment about three or  
three-thirty on Friday afternoon.  
There are no Saturday classes  
so I could go right to my  
sister's for the work end.

The pictures that I have  
are piled in my book, except  
one of the Glee Club with me.  
I have pictures of individual  
girls who are musical, but  
there is nothing particularly  
musical about the pictures.  
I will be glad to bring in

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-the ones that I have, to be  
used or not as you like.

I shall save Friday  
afternoon of this week, and  
I will come then if that is  
convenient for you. And I  
shall be very glad to help  
any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen F. Bond.

October 12, 1936

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COPY OF LETTER OF MISS BOND'S TO MRS. SLOSSON.

Dear Lucy

There are several things I did not say in that hurried letter to you which I should have sent to help you understand the situation more clearly.

When teachers are sent to a school in the mission field they cannot be sent for a year and then sent back if the work is not satisfactory. We decide whether we will go for a three year term or a five year term. At the end of the term, the faculty members who have been there for the same period vote whether or not the teacher is to return. In my case there were negative votes, and by people who really have the good of the college in view. I should have realized that when I was not invited nothing further was needed.

All that I have told you before is true. The present theory teacher has had a much better training for the vocal work than I have. She has been teaching piano and theory, but it is much better for the department for her to combine her work and mine, and have two full time piano teachers. You know also that I have had no real college experience in my life. All of this had to be considered, and I should have written it so you would know that the whole thing is absolutely fair and reasonable.

I am dreadfully sorry that I have not been able to be objective about it from the very first. Miss Griest and I have talked the whole thing over in detail, and absolutely frankly with Polly right here. So don't you worry. Let's let it work out quietly and happily in the best way for the college and me, and you help by doing all you can for Ginlin at Ann Arbor.

Love to you all,

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Mrs. John F. Shepard  
908 Oakland Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Sunday morning

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

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I made the announcement about the film at the regular monthly meeting of A.A.U.W. yesterday, and it was well received.

You will put through this Kathleen Bond matter right away won't you? You can see how deeply it must concern me.

Sincerely,

Berenice B. Shepard

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MRS. JOHN F. SHEPARD  
908 OAKLAND AVENUE  
ANN ARBOR, MICH.

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Sincerely,

Berence B. Shepard

The Wardell  
Detroit

25 November 1936

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thank you very much for your note of Sunday morning. At the time you were writing it, I was having a long-distance telephone conversation with Miss Griest in New York. She had seen Kathleen Bond on Friday, just a friendly interview on the plane of their mutual interests. Miss Griest had then heard nothing of Mrs. Slosson's special concern over her cousin's China service, though I had told her in forwarding Mrs. Slosson's pledge for Ginling that the question of Miss Bond's return had been raised. In the course of Miss Bond's conversation with Miss Griest, she had told of hearing from Mrs. Slosson, and stated to Miss Griest she had told her cousin she was glad to hear of her contribution to Ginling, assuring her that Ginling was worth all she could possibly do for it. I have now written to Miss Bond how much we regret Mrs. Slosson's concern over the question of the appointment. She may communicate with her again.

The only error in this whole situation in Ann Arbor, I now see quite clearly, has been mine in allowing myself to be involved in comments upon administrative episodes at Ginling concerning which I had only the most casual knowledge, since I have probably thereby made it less easy for you - and perhaps for Mrs. Slosson - to discuss the matter from your minds. For many years I have known Ginling intimately, and I should have been able to resist any implication that she needed defense in her administrative procedure. Matters of appointment receive the most painstaking attention both on the field and by a fine committee in this country, and although there are often delays in final decisions, due to distance, these are occasioned as often by the candidate as by the College. In this case there has been no equivocation, and I believe Miss Bond has assured her cousin that she (Kathleen) is thoroughly devoted to Ginling. Beyond that none of us should go, and I shall under no circumstances allow myself again to discuss the matter of Miss Bond's relation to Ginling. I can only hope Mrs. Slosson also will see this as the only course to pursue, the one which Miss Bond would wish us all to follow. The one question which does concern us deeply - whether Miss Bond would wish Mrs. Slosson to aid the Ann Arbor program for Ginling - Miss Bond has settled by her message to Mrs. Slosson. We must hope that her desire will prevail with Mrs. Slosson, who showed what a good friend she could be to Ginling when she gave so generously to me of her inspiring counsel when I first met her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. John F. Shepard  
908 Oakland Avenue  
Ann Arbor

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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In E.B.M.

R. Grist

Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
November 7, 1936

My dear Miss Wu:

Mrs. Macmillan as you know from her cable to you was arranging for a large meeting in Ann Arbor which was held on December 2. One of the stumbling blocks that occurred in the planning for the Ann Arbor work was Mrs. Preston Slosson, of whom I wrote you in a letter some weeks ago. I am enclosing for you Mrs. Macmillan's letter to Miss Bond which Mrs. Macmillan sent through me. I did not at first send this letter to Miss Bond but sent instead the letter of November twenty-fourth which is enclosed. On the 25th a letter from Mrs. John Shepard was received from Mrs. Macmillan. Mrs. Thurston was in the office and I talked over the whole situation with her and wrote the enclosed letter to Mrs. Shepard. This answer to Mrs. Shepard was never sent because as the day wore on it seemed best to have a talk with Kathleen herself. After some telephoning it was arranged that I should see her that evening. I am enclosing for you a statement of my talk with Miss Bond which I sent to Mrs. Thurston and to Mrs. Macmillan, and I am enclosing also a copy of the letter which Miss Bond sent following this conference to her cousin, Mrs. Slosson.

Mrs. Thurston, in her answer to my report to her, says: "It is still true that no action has been taken settling absolutely that she is not to return, only that she has not been invited to return." I have asked Miss Tyler, Miss MacKinnon, Mr. Carter, and Miss Hodge for any statements which they have on this situation and the only thing that is in any American office in writing is from the letter of Elsie Priest on June 26, which says: "Miss Bond is not returning to the college and will be entitled to receive the retirement allowance of three months' salary from September 1."

You will see from Kathleen's statement that she understands that she did not measure up to Ginling's expectations but since she had heard nothing definite from you or the Board of Directors it apparently did not dawn upon her until very recently that no invitation to return meant that there was to be no return. I realize of course that had you been there at the end of the year this situation would have been cleared with her. Miss Bond is making no suggestion of a reconsideration nor are we. We do, however, understand her cousin's resentment that her only infor-

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mation should come from the treasurer. It is one that probably all Americans would share. It is difficult for us to conceive of a treasurer having this right or the power. Had it not been for Kathleen's objectiveness about herself and her willingness to be of help to Ginling the important promotion meeting for Ginling in Ann Arbor on the 2nd could not have come off.

Before the meeting Mrs. Macmillan had secured between seven and eight hundred dollars. Since then we have had word of two one thousand dollar gifts from that area.

As individuals we are delighted with Miss Loomis' printed account of the opening of college, but we are sorely disappointed at receiving no bundle of these for general distribution here. Although our own copies have been here for ten days or so we are still hoping that a package of them may come. The shipping strike has played "ducks and drakes" with mail. Will you please ask Miss Loomis or whoever is responsible for such publicity to see that at least five hundred copies of each letter of this sort comes to this office?

Also may I ask again for a steady report on Ginling visitors, and for copies of statistics as they are prepared at Ginling? I realize that automatically such things will be sent this year to Mrs. Thurston but we need them here in this office for filing, for our use in promotion work, and for help in answering the questions of individuals who are more and more using us as a source for information.

Kalamazoo College has quite rightly complained of not receiving help from this office. It says: "No literature comes to us. President Yi-fang acknowledges the receipt of our fifty dollars, but you know as well as I do that to maintain the interest of a group of girls whose personnel is changing with each college year, it really is quite important for us to have more contacts with the college than we now have. Quite accidentally I read in the Detroit paper about President Yi-fang's visit with Mrs. Fisher and I wish I had known about that sooner and could have arranged for her to come to our campus. I hope that this coming year we may work out some way whereby Ginling will be closer to us than it has been in the past. I think I should tell you that our banquet was held on November 4th in order that we might have Mrs. Induk Pak of Korea with us. She has visited Ginling, and while she did not confine her remarks at all to Ginling, she did give us a very clear idea of what the education of Oriental women may mean. She was a brilliant, fascinating speaker. I shall welcome any suggestions that you may care to send me about the furtherance of our cause for Ginling." May we please have a report here of sources of all funds which come from America? We cannot keep individuals or groups interested unless we know who they are.

Mrs. Macmillan has written that in her canvass at Ann Arbor a few individuals stated that they had given money to you directly. If this was for Ginling may we have also the names and amounts for our promotional records.

Mr. Evans is still holding out the Dobbs Ferry fifty dollars waiting for word from you as to its disposition.

Mrs. Macmillan suggested that the enclosed publicity be sent to Ginling.

Mrs. Thurston will be back in New York Friday for several days. I hope we can get between us a lot of promotional things cleared up.

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President Wu

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December 7, 1936

I do thank you for your long and careful letter sent back from Kobe. It was so long in reaching us because no doubt of the strike, but it is here and we are going to have it printed. Because of cost I am cutting it. I wish I could consult with you about what to cut.

Sincerely yours,

President Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

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31 November 1936

Dear Rebecca:

When I went over the enclosed letter to Miss Bond with Mrs. Henderson this afternoon, her husband was also present. He is head of the Extension work of the University and has much to do with Mr. Slosson. Mr. Henderson's comment was that Mrs. S. is merely an echo of Preston, and that we would have to kidnap or chloroform Preston in order to make any headway with his wife. Mr. H. considers Mr. Slosson a brilliant man of fine principles, but practically hopeless when he gets an idea into his head.

Mrs. Henderson is impatient of words, and felt that I should be much more direct in the request to Miss Bond - ask her to wire Mrs. Slosson that her relations with Giling were entirely satisfactory, and leave it at that. I give these comments without adding anything of my own. You will not need to be told how much we regret this angle of the present situation.

Again I want to say how helpful it is to have Mrs. Henderson as a right hand helper. She is so used to the requirements of money-raising that an opportunity like this is like bugles to a war-horse.

Yours -

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This letter should be returned  
for my file. It is my only copy - R.V.B.  
Of all the others I have copies -

As from  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

21 November 1936

Dear Miss Bond:

In taking up work in Ann Arbor for the Ginling endowment fund, it was a great pleasure to meet your cousin Mrs. Preston Slosson. She was on the committee of arrangements for Miss Wu's visit here in October, but was at the last moment unable to serve because of an attack of iritis. She is a close friend of Mrs. Shepard, head of the International Relations committee of the A.A.U.W., and is in her own right an influential member of this community, as you would know without my word.

Soon after my arrival here, Mrs. Slosson was able to see me, and spent her time generously in planning - courageously and effectively - to make the Ann Arbor program for Ginling an adequate follow-up of Miss Wu's visit. Her friendliness was a great encouragement to me, and added materially to the other elements in the situation which make Ann Arbor the logical foundation for the Ginling endowment: the fact that this town and this university are Miss Wu's American home, that several other distinguished Ginling graduates have been here for considerable periods, that Miss Reeves, Miss Whitger, Miss Sutherland, and others of our Western staff have many friends here, and so on.

When I first met Mrs. Slosson this month, we referred briefly to your years at Ginling, and she asked whether you were to return to Ginling. I could tell her only that I had heard fine things of your work, that I had enjoyed meeting your brother and sister in New York, and that I knew the Board of Founders were puzzled by the omission from the spring report from the field of full information concerning the plans of the furloughing members of the staff, such as we have a right to expect after the meeting of the Directors in China.

On Monday morning of this week I was met by a distressed message from Mrs. Shepard that Mrs. Slosson was disturbed because of lack of definite word that you were to return to Ginling. I was able to see her before the day was out, and did what I could to persuade her that it took some time to get matters of appointment settled with the field, telling her I had word from Miss Grist that the question of your reappointment had been raised with

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Ginling. I discovered that Mr. and Mrs. Slosson had been talking over the matter, taking the ground that Ginling - as a reputable college - should follow the regulations of the Association of American University Professors which assure permanence of appointment to anyone who has passed a certain period of probation. I did not at that time, and have not since, tried to show the Slossons how many elements make college administration in China a quite different matter from what it is in this country. I need not tell you how delightfully fiery a Southerner your cousin is, with all the violence of family pride which belongs to families such as hers. I believe that pride is the central factor of this situation; she wants to be assured at once that your fine service to Ginling has received adequate recognition.

In our interview on Monday and in one which occurred with explosive suddenness in Mrs. Riggs' home yesterday, Mrs. Slosson has taken her stand on Ginling's attitude toward matters of appointment, and has informed me (and all the listening world) that she would fight Ginling openly if she could obtain information over your signature that there have been cases in which Ginling has terminated appointments under conditions which would not stand under the American regulations.

I have been delaying any message to Miss Griest this week because I wanted to get things a bit clearer in my own mind. It was only after the incident of yesterday afternoon that I suddenly decided a full report to you was perhaps the only way in which a solution could be found.

Let me give you the setting of yesterday's incident. There was a large and distinguished gathering of Congregational ladies in the home of a Mrs. Riggs in Barton Hills, Ann Arbor. Mrs. Riggs is the sister of Mrs. Franklin Warner. Mrs. Slosson and Madame Slosson arrived late, and were seated in the hallway. After a fine speech by Professor Chang of the National Central University of Nanking, I was introduced for a ten-minute speech about the present Ginling program in Ann Arbor. Among other things I took occasion to refer to the many ties between Ann Arbor and Ginling, among them being Mrs. Slosson's cousinship with you and the presence of Mrs. Khead (whose friends are all about us here) as one-year appointee in the music department on your departure on furlough. This is the basis on which I had asked Mrs. Slosson to be patient with the slow moving of the wheels connected with your word from the field on your appointment. However, as I left the room to keep another appointment, she informed me that a letter from her sister who sees you at the week-ends had reported that "things were as bad as could be" in Ginling's treatment of you, that your salary was to be terminated in November, and that she was trying to get you to send her direct information so that she could fight Ginling in the open here. Moreover, she informed me that her righteous warfare would not be prevented by a favorable action by Ginling in your case if she could know that any other faculty member had been treated in a manner which she and Mr. Slosson consider unethical. It was a very distressing incident, with attendant publicity, distressing to the hostess and others besides myself.

I hope that you and Miss Griest will not be too much concerned by all of this. People in Ann Arbor understand Mrs. Slosson and value her highly for her fine instincts, and might not allow anything she might say to defeat the efforts on Ginling's behalf which are being made here. However Mrs. Shepard and others of our friends consider fairly serious the

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stand which Mrs. Slosson has taken, and the incident of yesterday proved that she is likely to burst into flame anywhere with unfortunate pyrotechnic effect on the surrounding atmosphere. We are in a fair way to make a thorough-going community success for Ginling in Ann Arbor this month, but unless we can keep Mrs. Slosson in line, it will be less of a success than would otherwise be possible.

Perhaps you will agree that the approach should be a constructive one. Mrs. Slosson's sister has written to her of your deep loyalty to Ginling, and her doubt as to whether you will supply information which can be used to detriment of the college. If you can immediately make this loyalty even more positive, let Mrs. Slosson know that you are aware she has been helpful here and that you wish her above all things to keep her shoulder to the wheel, perhaps she will respect your wishes. If she can feel that you are whole-heartedly with Ginling, it may be all she needs.

At some future time, the whole matter of appointments in China can perhaps be made a bit clearer to Mr. and Mrs. Slosson, with explanations of the differences in conditions in that country and in ours. But that is a long story, and perhaps in the end they would not be convinced that any variation from the regulations of the American Association is permissible. Be that as it may, the emergency of the moment exists, and I hope you can cut the Gordian knot of Mrs. Slosson's conviction that she must be in the field against Ginling here and now.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva B. Macmillan*  
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Kathleen Bond

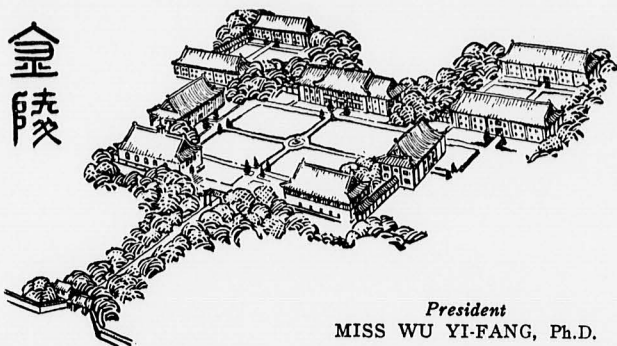
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NANKING, CHINA

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Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
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November 24, 1936

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SMITH COLLEGE

My dear Eva:

What a mess this Kathleen Bond situation is! I have secured from Miss Tyler's office a copy of Kathleen Bond's contract. It is the usual contract for a five-year term in which it is stated that three months' salary will be paid to those who after a five-year term do not expect to return to the college. Since Miss Bond arrived in America in September her three months' salary would be completed in November. I am not going to write fully about this today because I have not had a chance to go over it carefully with Mrs. Thurston. We will do that tomorrow. I feel fairly certain that Kathleen sent an answer to her cousin which will be somewhat disconcerting to the cousin's anti-Ginling campaign.

My own opinion is that the only position for you to take is to ignore this and go calmly on your way with your Ginling solicitation, that when you are asked point-blank about the situation you will have to say that Miss Bond was appointed on a five-year contract, and that its renewal according to Ginling regulations on the field is based on a faculty vote and unfortunately in her case the faculty vote was adverse. The Board in this country can ask for a detailed explanation but they cannot reappoint without an invitation from the field.

Thank you so much for the money which came in this morning.

Affectionately yours,

*Rebecca W. Grist*

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
The Wardell  
15 Kirby East  
Detroit, Michigan

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Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
November 24, 1936

My dear Miss Bonds:

Since I saw you on Friday a letter has come from Mrs. Macmillan in Ann Arbor about the anxiety and distress of your cousin Mrs. Slosson in relation to your reappointment at Ginling. She appears to think that you have been very badly treated and has, as I understand it, stated this publicly in a meeting at which Mrs. Macmillan was presenting Ginling. I wish so much that I had sensed the depth of this feeling when I saw you on Friday for it would have been much easier to talk it over with you than to write to you about it.

As you know all decisions for return of western staff are made on the field. It was a surprise to us that you were not invited to return but this is one of the things which has passed out of our hands in America and we have to accept the field's decision. I have personally wanted to talk to you about this each time that I have seen you because I know it must have given you great pain. Your loyalty to Ginling is so very real and our information from the field has so few details in it that I have wanted since I was responsible for your appointment to hear the story from your point of view. I am still hoping that sometime you will be willing to give me time and to let me know just as one person to another your understanding of this situation.

In the meantime I would tremendously appreciate it if you would send me word of what you know of Mrs. Slosson's attitude and activities in Ann Arbor. I realize of course that she is sincerely championing you, possibly more enthusiastically than you would wish her to. I remember that you spoke on Friday of writing her a letter telling her that Ginling was worthy of support. At that time this seemed to me a rather odd bit of information, but now I suppose it ties up with the fresh information that has come to me through Mrs. Macmillan.

I am going home tomorrow and will be in Lancaster until the second of December. Would you write to me there, 208 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, if you are willing to write to me at all about this problem in Ann Arbor. If you are going to be in New York on the weekend of the fifth of December and will grant me some time at your convenience I shall be relieved to be able to talk with you about your relationship to Ginling.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca W. Griest

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NANKING, CHINA

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*Rebecca W. Griest*

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Mrs. John F. Shepard  
908 Oakland Avenue  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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58 Euclid Avenue

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The Marshall  
Detroit

23 November 1956

Dear Mrs. Shepard:

Thank you very much for your note of Sunday morning. At the time you were writing it, I was having a long-distance telephone conversation with Miss Griest in New York. She had seen Kathleen Bond on Friday, just a friendly interview on the plane of their mutual interests. Miss Griest had then heard nothing of Mrs. Slosson's special concern over her cousin's China service, though I had told her in forwarding Mrs. Slosson's pledge for Ginling that the question of Miss Bond's return had been raised. In the course of Miss Bond's conversation with Miss Griest, she had told of hearing from Mrs. Slosson, and stated to Miss Griest she had told her cousin she was glad to hear of her contribution to Ginling, assuring her that Ginling was worth all she could possibly do for it. I have now written to Miss Bond how much we regret Mrs. Slosson's concern over the question of the appointment. She may communicate with her again.

The only error in this whole situation in Ann Arbor, I now see quite clearly, has been mine in allowing myself to be involved in comments upon administrative episodes at Ginling concerning which I had only the most casual knowledge, since I have probably thereby made it less easy for you - and perhaps for Mrs. Slosson - to discuss the matter from your minds. For many years I have known Ginling intimately, and I should have been able to resist any implication that she needed defense in her administrative procedure. Matters of appointment receive the most painstaking attention both on the field and by a fine committee in this country, and although there are often delays in final decisions, due to distance, these are occasioned as often by the candidate as by the College. In this case there has been no equivocation, and I believe Miss Bond has assured her cousin that she (Kathleen) is thoroughly devoted to Ginling. Beyond that none of us should go, and I shall under no circumstances allow myself again to discuss the matter of Miss Bond's relation to Ginling. I can only hope Mrs. Slosson also will see this as the only course to pursue, the one which Miss Bond would wish us all to follow. The one question which does concern us deeply - whether Miss Bond would wish Mrs. Slosson to aid the Ann Arbor program for Ginling - Miss Bond has settled by her message to Mrs. Slosson. We must hope that her desire will prevail with Mrs. Slosson, who showed what a good friend she could be to Ginling when she gave so generously to me of her inspiring counsel when I first met her.

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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COPY OF LETTER OF MISS BOND'S TO MRS. SLOSSON.

Rec'd. by R. V. B.

Nov. 28, 1936

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Love to you all,

K.

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COPY OF R.W.G.'S REPORT TO MRS. THURSTON AND TO MRS. MACMILLAN

Nov. 25, 1936

On Wednesday afternoon, it seemed best to try to see Miss Bond. I telephoned Princeton and found that it was thought that she had started home for the holiday. I recalled that her sister was in the visiting nurse group and got her in Hackensack. She promptly invited me for dinner. This meant cancelling my own home plans but there seemed nothing else sensible to do. I went out to Hackensack and after a wait Kathleen arrived. Her bus had been two hours late leaving Princeton and she as a result missed her connections at Newark and had had to come into New York. She was about exhausted when she reached home. As soon as she saw me, however, she pulled herself together. The letter I had written her the day before was there waiting her, so we started by reading that. Then I asked her to tell me exactly what happened at Ginling. I took notes on her statement which ran much as follows.

On March 4th Miss Priest called upon her and asked her what she planned to do next year (that is this academic year). Miss Bond told her about the Westminster Choir School. Miss Priest then told her that because of the financial deficit she should not count on salary after the first three months at home. (This is the five year contract provision for those not returning). Miss Priest also told her that Dr. Wu wanted to see her. Miss Bond went to see Dr. Wu the next day, and Dr. Wu told her that the Board had not met; that nothing was decided. The slips went out for voting just before Dr. Wu left for England. Miss Bond went to Dr. Wu the day before she left and Dr. Wu told her that the votes were sealed in an envelope and would remain there until her return. Miss Bond hoped for a letter from Dr. Wu further clarifying the situation, but none came. This fall after the Methodist meeting at Muncie, Indiana, Harriet Whitmer, Hilda Anderson and Mrs. Yui all spent the night en route for Chicago with Catherine Carl. Following that visit Catherine Carl wrote Miss Bond asking her if she were returning to Ginling, and telling her that Hilda Anderson (who lives with Elsie Priest I believe) said she was not and that Harriet Whitmer thought that she was. Miss Bond said that until a few days before the meeting for Mrs. Thurston at the Parkside, it had not penetrated that when one was to return one was invited and that when one was not to return one was not invited.

At this juncture dinner was served. After that I let her read Mrs. Macmillan's letter to her, Mrs. Shepard's letter, and my proposed answer to Mrs. Shepard. The last I felt should not be sent. The two sisters know this cousin very very well. She is the daughter of Bishop Denny of the Southern Methodist Church, and they understand her southern zeal and pride. We talked over various ways of handling the situation. Kathleen had thought her earlier letter would calm her cousin. We discussed the advisability of Kathleen's appearing in person in Ann Arbor at the meeting on the night of the second. We all felt that would be difficult for her, but she has since written that she will go if that is the solution. She has sent since Wednesday night a special delivery letter to her cousin, a copy of which I enclose. Kathleen was to be admired in the objective way in which she discussed this problem. She quietly told her sister who heard all the letters and the discussion that she had not measured up to the quality Ginling wanted. I know that I could not have been as controlled nor as truthful and helpful as she was that evening had our positions been reversed.

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writing later

Princeton 1936  
December first

Dear Rebecca,

You know - I think  
"Cousin Lucy" has done us several  
good turns - good turns of various  
kinds. Well, I'm glad it's over  
and I'm not on the train tonight.

Your "spread" came on Sunday  
and your answer to my letter  
was here for us on Thursday.

I could talk back about some of  
the things you say, but I'll save  
it for some other time. I do  
want to say to you some of  
the things I often wanted to  
write. Not too soon though!

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Do you know Princeton  
First Church at all? They are  
having an anniversary and I  
went tonight to hear the story  
of the church, and to the reception  
afterwards. The Wankling Trilbs  
are there, and Mr & Mrs Soos.  
Mrs Soos has promised to send me  
an account of Founders Day which  
has come to her. Probably I'll  
get over some time. I have a  
letter from Catharina, but it's  
mostly music department news.  
One of the girls wrote about  
"Mountain day."

Best wishes to you for  
December!  
Kathleen

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Dear Miss Givert,

It is a bit of a  
problem - to know whether or not  
- to say Merry Christmas in the  
letters I am writing this week end.  
From my point of view I can,  
and I want to very much. I can  
certainly send very sincere  
wishes for the new year. I  
have such high hopes that  
1934 is going to be a happier

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year for many many projects at  
home, and especially for my  
own friends and family.

You can guess, I am sure,  
how much happiness Emily  
Werner's appointment to Ginkling  
has brought to us. I am not only  
enjoying her myself, but I am  
enjoying seeing the others enjoy  
her. I felt so sure that they  
would, and yet it is a  
constant satisfaction to us.  
And now I am looking forward



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-to having Dr Lou and Eva here  
here. It has made me so happy  
that both of them have seen my  
sisters and that they enjoyed each  
other. Hasn't it been wonderful  
-that Dr Lou is seeing all our families?  
What a wonder she is! Friends who  
heard her only over the radio write  
and say they understand now why  
I like my work and love to be here.  
You must feel a little, as if  
you had had a visit to Grubing

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having seen Eva, and Dr. W. W. W. within  
such a short time. But whether of  
them can tell you as we can here.  
What a happy group we have been  
-this year. Has any one else said  
so, or am I the only one who thinks  
it is so. Mrs. Shapleigh who is  
here to keep house for us asked  
after her first week "Are you all  
always so cheerful, and amiable?  
Don't any one ever get out of  
sorts?" She may be reading

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now that it is because we  
are all so absorbed in our  
work that there just isn't time  
for being out of sorts.

Do you want to know about  
my own special work? May  
I be perfectly frank about it?  
It isn't yet what I really  
want it to be, but it improves  
so steadily that I can't help  
being encouraged about it. It  
all fits together so beautifully;-

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Because my Freshman class  
was so much better last year  
my Glee Club is very much  
better this year. Now this  
year's Freshmen are doing  
still better work so when they  
come in the Glee Club next  
year it ought to be still better.  
My Normal Class and my  
practic school girls fit together  
much the same way. The  
girls my music majors and

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I taught last year and the best  
in the Froshman class, and that  
makes us all happy. I have to be  
awfully patient about vocal students.  
At best it is slow business, and with  
full schedules vocal practice is the  
thing that gets crowded out. I hope it  
will be more definite and more private,  
which is a big thing, when we have  
our practice rooms in the new building.  
You can't guess how eager we are  
to get moved, and get settled. The

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time will be very close when you receive this.

The music department was especially grateful to you for sending "Theozart" to us all last year. I wish you might have seen Rylee then you pouring over it.

With every good wish to  
you,

Sincerely yours,

Nathaniel S. Bond

December 1914.

Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
December 8, 1936

My dear Kathleen:

I am enclosing for you a copy of Mrs. Macmillan's letter telling of the famous meeting on the second in Ann Arbor. It was from an earlier note than this I judge a bad evening, so that their audience seems to me to have been unusually good. Several gifts to the college have come directly to this office as a result of this meeting and Mrs. Macmillan this morning sent \$2,061.30. I hope you will realize how much you have helped in the success of this meeting.

I wrote on yesterday's mail to Miss Wu giving her an outline of this whole incident and telling her of your splendid attitude and cooperation.

I hope you will be having a very happy Christmas and that in the joy of the work at the Westminster Choir School you can in time forget some of the unpleasant problems in China.

Affectionately yours,

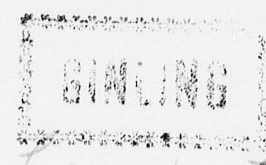
Miss Kathleen Bond  
58 Euclid Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

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Hackensack, New York  
Note for life 1/18

Dear Mr Evans.



I should have written before this to thank you for your reply to my letter about my insurance policy. Have you had any further word from the insurance company about it? I should be sending both the December and January payments if it seems best for me to keep the policy. I should be glad to know what this reply was, and what I need to do next.

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Thank you for all your kindness.

Sincerely yours,  
Nathaniel F. Bond

January 15, 1937

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January 21, 1937

Miss Kathleen L. Bond  
58 Euclid Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

My dear Miss Bond:

A letter from the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada indicates that our former letter has been mislaid and that they are again communicating with the head office. They promise that a reply will be forthcoming immediately.

Very truly yours,

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January 27, 1937

Miss Kathleen L. Bond  
58 Euclid Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bond:

The Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada calls our attention to the fact that the policy under which we are operating does not permit of one of the participants continuing the service independently unless the individual has been with the university for a period of ten years or more.

As this does not apply in your case, they are arbitrarily cancelling the policy as of November 30th and will make reimbursement at an early date. When this fund is received, we will communicate with you again.

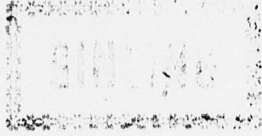
It might be in order for you to invest the amount you receive in some other annuity which might be continued by you over a period of years. There are a number of good companies that are writing annuities, among them the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada (with whom we have carried this policy), the Equitable Life Assurance Company, the Prudential Life Insurance Company, and many others. If we can be of service in this respect, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

CAE:RC

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February 10, 1937

Miss Kathleen Bond  
58 Euclid Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bond:

We are enclosing herewith check for \$191.60, representing the payment received for your share of contributions with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada.

It is reported that the accumulation yielded nearly a 7% income for the time of the investment, which is much higher than the earnings of other companies operating during the same period.

We are very sorry indeed that it is not possible for this policy to be retained by the company, but undoubtedly you will find other means of investing this money whereby the income may be compounded.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC  
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P.S. The Head Office is asking that you return the certificate. If you will mail same to us, we will be glad to forward it to the company, thereby completing the transaction.

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February 15, 1937

Miss Kathleen L. Bond  
58 Euclid Avenue  
Hackensack, New Jersey

Dear Miss Bond:

We are acknowledging your letter of the 15th enclosing your annuity certificate. It is being forwarded to the company.

We are glad that everything is working out according to your desires, and extend to you our very best wishes for the future.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

CAE:RC

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Wednesday <sup>5:10</sup> morning

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Dear Rebecca,

This copy of your  
letter has just come, and I  
just can't resist my desire  
to tell you once more how  
much your thoughtfulness  
and consideration mean to me.

I know you do it naturally  
and as a matter of course  
and not specially for me,  
but it is really very rare  
and it "comforts my heart"  
(as I love to hear the Chinese  
say) more than I can

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tell you. Dr Williamson  
will appreciate your words  
about the Lancaster Choir.  
How lovely it was of you to  
think of telling him. He  
is the appreciative kind too.  
Would you ever care about  
going down to Princeton  
with us?

I have a note from Helen  
too this morning. She and  
her sisters are coming up for  
a few days right seeing  
opera and theater. I'd  
like to have you and Emily

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and Edith come for a very  
simple supper with them on  
Monday. I haven't talked with  
Ben yet but I'm sure he  
will be game. Will you save  
Monday for me? If I have  
enough plates I'll ask the  
two girls.

Yours fully and affectionately yours,  
Kathleen

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J. T.

Mrs Gordon

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JANE THOMAS BOWLES

married: GORDON BOWLES

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GINLING COLLEGE  
NANKING, CHINA

Copy for S. Scott

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April 14, 1932.

To the Members of the  
Ginling College Committee

Dear Friends:

I have been looking every day for a letter from Dr. Wu to Miss Hodge telling us of present conditions at the College but to date nothing has come. In the meantime, however, the mother of Miss Jane Thomas, who went to the College for one year as secretary to Dr. Wu and who as a result of the evacuation married Mr. Bowles to whom she was engaged before she went to China, has sent on to Miss Hodge some most interesting letters from her daughter and I have had extracts made from these and am enclosing them herewith. I am sure you will find this most interesting reading, even to the description of the wedding which is a diversion from war!

Miss Hodge had asked Mrs. Thomas if she thought her daughter would return to the College to complete her year's contract and on March 31st Mrs. Thomas wrote Miss Hodge as follows: "Our only thought is that she intends to complete the school year there, if and when the College opens again. \*\*\*\* Two letters this week, dated February 26 and 29 from Peking speaking of thinking things will be quiet enough in Shanghai so they can return to Nanking by another month at least, so they may be there by now. I feel certain Jane would not break her arrangement with the Committee." In another letter from Mrs. Thomas dated April 5, she wrote Miss Hodge: "I have just heard from Mrs. Morris Shipley in Haverford, Pa. the mother of Mary Mills, that Sam Mills was to go back to Nanking the first week in March as Nanking University was to reopen. (Mary Mills and children were remaining in Shanghai.)"

I expect to see Miss Hodge in the office on April 27 but if in the meantime further word comes from China I will of course send it to you.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. R. W.) Agnes M. MacWhinney.  
Secretary to Miss Hodge.

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS FROM MISS JANE THOMAS (NOW MRS. GORDON BOWLES)

TO HER MOTHER AND FATHER, MR. AND MRS. W. K. THOMAS

Ginling, December 16, 1931

There's much that's happening in the present student situation that is of importance. They fairly completely wrecked the foreign offices yesterday, looking for Wellington Koo and other officials to whom they could present their demands; there was a little shooting, mostly with blank cartridges and the rest in the air, and supposedly no one was hurt, altho there is a report that one girl was accidentally hit in the leg by a stray bullet. It is not the Nanking students at all who are doing all this - it's Peking students and then only part of them. There are supposed to be over 1,000 of them staying at the University of Nanking, in the chapel, gym, etc. when the University is equipped to care for 400 students and already houses over 350!! Then another 1,000 or so of the radical and communistic students are staying at Central University.

It is bitterly cold - down to 20 degrees F. a lot of the time this week-end - it certainly seems that the Lord is with the government, for every time the students have started on these rampages it has either poured rain or been terribly cold. More Shanghai students are reported to have arrived; they're planning a "Monster Demonstration" either tomorrow or the next day, probably, with such slogans as "Down with the Government", "Let Communism reign", etc., etc. The situation is certainly tense - Dr. Wu is worried, terribly so, and looks like a ghost - but most of us have faith that there will be a way out without resorting to bloodshed. Ginling is still almost as tranquil as before - there have been one or two minor outbursts on the bulletin board against Dr. Wu and the school's policy of going on with classes when every other college and school has been on a strike for over a week now - but there again we have faith that Ginling will "carry thru" with her firm policy of thinking before she acts and remaining quiet and undisturbed in this most peaceful valley.

Oh, Dr. Wu is so wonderful. She is still guiding the students in her quiet, tactful, inspiringly Christian way; she has their complete devotion, or as nearly complete as anyone could ever hope to have, and is able to turn from counselling them, to the Chinese faculty, the foreign faculty, visitors, other Presidents and Principals in the city, and talk with and really counsel them in a truly marvelous way. She is in constant demand and it will be a wonder if she doesn't have an awful let-down when it is all over. I certainly hope you may have a chance to really know her sometime - she is so charming and sweet with all her acknowledged "greatness". She is undoubtedly one of the greatest Christians of this age in China, and therefore, I should say, in the world, for to be a true Christian in China these days is one of the greatest tests possible.

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Ginling College, Nanking China  
January 29, 1932

Excitement and more excitement! We have actually had a meeting to discuss evacuation plans, and now we are just sitting tight to see what is going to happen. Neither Mrs. Thurston or Dr. Wu are here and we are all wishing especially that Dr. Wu's counsel might be available at this time. Mrs. Thurston was due this morning on the train from Peking (she had been at Nansuchow, eight hours up the

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line toward Peking to a station meeting) but either the train is held up or she just wasn't able to start at all. We have heard quite authentically that the train from Nanking to Shanghai has been stopped - we suppose because of the movement of troops; and the report has been confirmed that North Station, the station for the Shanghai-Nanking railway, has been "taken". Rumor also has it that Woosung has been occupied and that two Chinese Arsenals have been blown up. Neither one has been confirmed by the Consulate. We do know, though, that there was fighting in Shanghai last night, but to what extent we do not know. We are hoping that some word will come through soon, for we would really like to know a few more things definitely. The International Settlement is under martial law, but then that is only natural when there is any trouble threatened.

There is no use not going on with regular life; at the present time there is nothing for us here in Nanking to fear. The Japanese certainly would not harm the foreigners, and if they were coming on up to Nanking, there would be an ultimatum of some sort sent on ahead which would be plenty of warning. So far the government here seems to be holding its own very well, but if they should go under, the Japanese would undoubtedly come up here, and, what would be far more cause for concern than that, the Communists would have a chance to "do their stuff". People seem to be more concerned, at least as far as physical danger is concerned, with the problem of Communism than with that of the Japanese. Soochow University is a glaring example of the effect of Communism, for it has changed over-night from being a calm, well-ordered, conservative University to the kind of student group that chases their much-beloved President off the campus and locks most of the foreign faculty up until they have signed an agreement to feed the students until a certain date. It is looked upon as a most serious situation by most in the Educational circles. I think it has been definitely stated that the University will not be able to open this semester - at least, no one sees how they possibly can.

The Japanese Consul had a conference with Mr. Peck, the American Consul-General this morning and told him that as far as the Civil part of the Japanese Government was concerned the Americans would have no cause whatsoever to fear. He couldn't attempt to answer for the army, however.

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Saturday morning, January 30, 1932

When we got back last night to Mills about 9:15 Sam informed us that the report from Reuter was that various parts of the city (Shanghai) were being bombed, most the Chinese section, I guess; that the Commercial Printing Press had been blown up; and that fires were breaking out in various parts of the city. The report also was that the Chinese had re-taken North Station and that the Japanese troops had retreated. No one really expects that we will have to evacuate, because it would be Chinese retreating soldiers or Communists who would cause any disturbance in Nanking. We certainly would like to know what is really going on in Shanghai, though. As we came down the quiet road to Ginling last night, it seemed impossible that actual warfare could be going on so near to us. The whole atmosphere of Nanking is as quiet and peaceful as it ever has been.

I'm telling you all these rumors as they are coming to us so that you can get a small picture of the life we lead here - almost always getting our information from rumors first, and finding out later that only a very small portion of the whole thing is true.

No one can tell exactly what is behind all this and both the Chinese and

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Japanese are standing ready to fly at each other on the slightest provocation. They are both aggravating each other to almost unendurable points and if they both don't sit down and smile at each other pretty soon, there's no telling where it will all end. One of the rather prevalent opinions is that the Japanese are using the attack on Shanghai as a blind to accomplish something they want to in Manchuria. One certainly has to adopt the Oriental habit of sitting and waiting to see what is going to happen. Since the trains aren't running, we can't even get the newspapers so we have to get our information from Reuter, the Consulate, etc. So far we have had no word whatsoever this morning.

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Monday morning, February 1, 1932

I missed a day in this log, but I'll try to make up for it in a longer account today. There was enough excitement yesterday to keep us all going for about all day, but as usual nothing has actually happened as yet.

We came back last night to Ginling for dinner and everything seemed to be going pretty calmly. However, we hadn't any more than gotten in the door at Mills' than Mary informed us that four Japanese gunboats had been added to the three already in the Yangtze at Nanking, and that Sam had been called to the Consulate again to discuss the situation and whether or not evacuation would be advised. She herself was going to pack up!

Of course, every-one here who went through the 1927 incident, and especially those who had children and lost every single thing they possessed, are inclined to be more or less prepared for any emergency now, and it is no joke to even think of evacuating with three children and of planning to have enough along to keep them clothed and warm for possibly two weeks.

We came over here to church after we had finished packing and then went to Stanley Smith's for dinner. Sam, in the meantime, had come over to church and told us as the result of the meeting at the Consulate that nothing more had been decided about evacuating, and we were again in the position of watching and waiting. At the Smith's, we were informed that Tom Wailes, one of the Consular people, had sent his regrets at the last moment because all the Consular staff were forced to stay on duty night and day; and Mr. Magee, Episcopal missionary in the Hsiakwan section, had also sent his regrets because people, probably mostly refugees, were pouring into the city in such great numbers that the Consul had considered it quite serious and had asked him to stay down there and report to them. The Bucks came, however, and we spent a very pleasant (?) evening discussing the "present tense situation" (known commonly as the "P.T.S."), comparing it with 1927 and every year since then, etc., etc.

Searle Bates had just returned from Shanghai by boat and so we began to feel as if we really did have some first hand information. His story, as we heard from other people yesterday and as I heard this morning when he told it to the students, is somewhat like this:

On Thursday, the 28th, the Japanese delivered an ultimatum to the Chinese that they would take strong measures if the Chinese did not stop the Japanese boycott. Mayor Wu, of Shanghai, delivered a statement by six o'clock that evening, which has been the time set, and we here were thinking that everything was all settled.

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Not so in Shanghai, however, for the Japanese maintained that the Chinese had gone right ahead with their barricading in the Chinese section, and anyway they evidently weren't planning to be satisfied with Mayor Wu's statement. Firing started on the 29th, and has been going more or less steadily ever since. The Japanese used their portion of the International Settlement as a military base; occupied part of the Chapel district, which is Chinese, and have done some actual bombing in the International Settlement. Mr. Bates stayed at the Missionary Home and was awakened at two o'clock the morning of the 30th by heavy firing in the vicinity and it kept up all the rest of the night. Most of the fighting was in little alleys and small streets so that there was comparatively little loss of life and damage to property, but there were bombs dropped from airplanes on the Missionary Home, and Young Allen Court, both Missionary residences, which happened to do little damage, but might have done a lot. Bombs were dropped on the Commercial Press building, setting fire to it, and it evidently was completely burned. Many, many fires broke out in the city, which burned for fourteen to sixteen hours.

At that time, the Japanese had very small forces so there was not much they could hope to do other than to intimidate the Chinese - and I guess they had accomplished their purpose. When Mr. Bates left on Saturday, the city was very quiet and food shops had opened again.

Before coming to the meeting this morning, however, he went down to the Consulate to get the latest word they had. A wire sent last evening at six o'clock from the American Consulate in Shanghai said that there had been fighting all day there and that reinforcements to the Japanese troops had arrived yesterday; so that sounds pretty serious, we think.

We think the situation for Americans is quite funny: Mr. Bates said in his quiet way this morning that when the Japanese warships proceeded up the river to Nanking, they did so in a very leisurely manner, and upon arriving in Nanking, took up what seemed to the Americans a rather incomprehensible position - that of a complete circle around the one American gunboat in port. The picture of the poor little American gunboat, surrounded by four Japanese gunboats is a rather ludicrous one, we think!! Also, up to the present time, America has had only one gunboat down at Shanghai, according to Mr. Bates, but the whole Asiatic Fleet of some thirty boats, is due there today from Manila. Also, we hear of America's proposed manoeuvres in the Pacific. It looks as if everybody has something up his sleeve, and if not, that America is once more putting her foot into a situation that she has not been called to.

The situation in Nanking is comparatively quiet at the present moment and Mr. Bates thinks that the officials are feeling easier than they were thirty-six hours ago. However, we are having a special faculty meeting at two o'clock this afternoon to discuss the question of our opening as we are scheduled to do day after tomorrow. Also, Mrs. Thurston is actually accepting the situation as serious, and, instead of pooh-pooing everything, is discussing what we will do in case bombs should come over Ginling, etc!!. She never did that before. Also, in the Advisory Committee meeting this morning it was agreed to ask Gordon to come over here and sleep in the Faculty house, partly to have another man on campus - and particularly a foreign man - and partly to have someone to help in case of emergency. Believe me, it will relieve me to know that he is right downstairs instead of ten minutes' walk away. And their decision is entirely free from any suggestion from me - I really hadn't thought seriously about his sleeping here.

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Things are really beginning to happen, and people are thinking now that they are only beginning. The news last night as sent out by the American Consulate seemed very calm and innocuous and we were thinking that having Gordon sleep over here was perhaps a foolish precaution. Everyone went to bed rather early; Gordon and I had worked until a little after eleven and I was starting up the stairs when we heard a little firing, but Gordon said it was nothing and I went on up. Just as I got to the top of the stairs, however, there was a larger explosion that shook the building and I knew it must be a bomb, although I don't think I have ever heard a real bomb before. Since no one seemed to stir in the house I went ahead and got undressed, though, - and during that time there were two or three more bombs until finally, after a particularly loud one, Eva came padding down the hall to ask if I thought Gordon would mind telephoning to the Consulate to determine, if possible, what the nature of these bombs was. Mr. Peck told him that they really didn't know what they were for, but that there had been some sporadic firing along the water-front evidently by Chinese, and the Japanese had retaliated by sending off a few star bombs, to light up the district along the river, and a few blank bombs. They had certainly succeeded in what their purpose must have been, for the Chinese were petrified. Mr. Hsuing and Liu En-lan walked up to the reservoir on the campus and could hear the masses of people down along the water-front in their frenzied and fearful yelling. Our girls were not too scared; Eva, Emily, Gordon and I walked around to all the dormitories to tell them what we had found out from the Consulate, and we found only one dormitory really worked up - some of the others were sound asleep.

Mrs. Thurston, Mereb Mossman, Kathleen Bond, Emily Case, Eva Spicer, Mr. Hsuing Liu-En-lan, Gordon and I stayed downstairs a little while until we decided that nothing more would happen for awhile, anyway, and we went to bed to get what sleep we could. I knew Gordon wouldn't sleep very much, but he says he got some: He's planning to sleep in the day-time, for he thinks it best for someone to be more or less watchful at night. We are all planning to get a nap this afternoon, for there is no telling what sleep we may or may not get to-night.

The rumor which seems to be fairly authentic, but hasn't been verified by the Consulate yet, is that the Japanese have presented demands to Nanking, which isn't at all surprising, and if so, we will probably evacuate! There isn't much chance of the Chinese swallowing the demands peacefully.

We still have had no papers nor any mail from Shanghai. We have had no word whatsoever from Dr. Wu, which is extremely strange, and most of us are quite worried about it. We need her so much and it is not like her to stay away when she knows she is needed so much. She had been having operations on her nose, and it may be that her doctor refused to let her come up on the crowded boat for fear she would catch cold - but in that case, we feel she would have sent a telegram. We'll have to take no news for good news. The report is that the fighting has been stopped in Shanghai by the American and British troops, so we are getting no news particularly from there.

We have heard that martial law went into effect last night at ten o'clock here in Nanking, and the lights of the whole city circuit went off shortly after.

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Friday, February 5th

Two days have passed with nothing more than some violent rumors, and a few confirmed facts that keep the P.T.S. up on its toes. We had a cable this morning from Miss Hodge of the Ginling College Committee in New York asking us to keep them informed of conditions in the College, so I suppose the newspapers have been exaggerating events as much as possible.

To go back to the subject of Monday night - some of the bombs (or were they shells, or just plain bullets? I don't know!) were not blank. In fact, it has been quite authentically reported that five were really potent and landed respectively in the Hsiakwan electric light plant, on the farm belonging to Central University, two on Lion Hill, the Chinese fortification here, and one bullet went right straight through seven houses and stuck in the wall of the eighth, doing no damage. Which all goes to prove, say the philosophers, that there is more chance of not getting hit by this means of warfare than there is of getting hit! The one that landed in the electric light plant caused little damage, but scared the workmen to death and they fled precipitately and refused to go back into the plant the next day so that the engineers and head men were forced to run the plant the next night. The one that landed on the farm was evidently intended for the wireless station a little in front of the farm but was just poorly aimed, for no one can see any reason whatsoever for the farm's being implicated. We are told, also quite authentically, that the cause of the whole disturbance was the fact that one of the Chinese sentries became so incensed by the over-bearing strut and manner of a Japanese sentry that he went behind a pile of bricks and threw a hand grenade at the Japanese. I don't know whether he was killed or not, but the Japanese opened fire and sent up their star bombs; the Chinese along the shore retaliated with rifles and after a few more assurances from the Japanese gun-boats that they meant business, the matter was closed. It is said that both sides have apologized - perhaps they have and perhaps they haven't.

Confirmed news from our Nanking News Bulletin, published in lieu of the newspapers that are distinctly a minus quantity these days, which is news from the American Consulate and Reuter, says that things are much more serious in Shanghai - with the Woosung fort being the main target at the present time. You probably have had all that in the papers though and know more about it at the present time than we do. Despite the fact that we are so comparatively quiet here now, it does not mean that everyone is not preparing himself for the fray, as it were. Several Chinese have had dug-outs made; the University of Nanking has all their signals arranged and really their whole mind set for trouble; we at Ginling have discussed evacuation plans completely and have talked of most of the possibilities we can think of, so that an invasion of any kind - Japanese, Chinese retreating soldiers, Communists or looters, will not surprise us very much. Most of the people in Nanking have their bags packed ready to leave at a moment's notice - about sixty foreigners have left already - but most people are not anticipating evacuation to Shanghai. Manila or Honkong still remain as possible places, ~~the~~ but they are not being seriously considered yet. Also, most foreigners who think anything about it, realize that they lend moral support to the Chinese, if nothing else, for the Chinese feel quite certain that the presence of so many foreigners, plus the British, French, and American Ministers will protect Nanking from the Japanese, if anything will. We really are not expecting trouble from the Japanese here in Nanking because both the Chinese and the Japanese have vowed that neither one of them wishes to start hostilities here - but there is quite a little danger from Chinese looters "they thing".

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Sunday, February 7, 1932

Well the unexpected has happened! You will know before this reaches you that Gordon and I were married yesterday - and the girls are already planning to celebrate our first anniversary today at one o'clock. Some how we feel perfectly natural to be married ~~and~~ we are sure we will never regret doing it in such a hurry.

Friday night Gordon gave a lecture to the students who were on campus and evacuation was just as far from our minds as we walked back to the dorm, as it had been the whole week. However, as walked into the living room and found Sam Mills there I thought something must be up and it wasn't long before we learned that the Consul was advising evacuation immediately, giving as the reason the possibility of means of transportation being blocked. It was not long before the rest of the family went to bed and Gordon and I deemed it best to talk with Mrs. Thurston about the idea that had been more or less in our minds since evacuation had been threatened; the idea that it would probably be best for us to get married. We had no idea what we might be getting into - nor have we yet, for that matter - and if we were going to have to be together for two weeks, a month, or possibly two months, we felt that we ought to be married. Mrs. Thurston, and later Dr. Wu approved very much of our plan, and after taking everything into consideration that we could possibly think of, we decided about midnight to go ahead and get married the next day, and to leave for Peiping along with the rest of the "evacuators" on the seven o'clock train.

Neither of us did a whole lot of sleeping Friday night, I'm afraid, but morning found us feeling the same way, and feeling certain that our two families would agree with us that it was the best thing for us to do, under the circumstances. We went down to the Consulate the first thing Saturday morning to see about a license and the regulations about being married in China. We found that one of the Vice Consuls whom we knew, could come up to Ginling at noon-time, to be present at the ceremony (it is the rule in China that a member of the Consular staff has to be present at the ceremony,) and Charles DeVol, a Quaker missionary, said he would be able to officiate, and we decided we were all set. We stopped at the Mills' on the way back and invited them; they seemed thrilled to death despite the fact that they were packing to go to Shanghai. The DeVols were packing also, although they didn't know when or where they would go. I dashed on back to College and left Gordon packing the rest of his things at Mills' to bring over to Ginling since it is about the safest place in Nanking to leave things; it is fireproof and has never yet been molested in any of the troublous times. I packed my things and generally prepared myself for leaving, although later we repacked my things into one of Gordon's large German suit-cases so that we finally left with it, one small suitcase apiece, the typewriter, and our newly acquired two-by-four phonograph. Of course we had to leave many things behind which we had to realize we might not see again, but there's not use regretting. We left practically all the things Gordon got for himself personally in Tibet--the rest of his collection is stored in Shanghai and we are being optomistic enough to believe that they will surely be all right.

But to go back to the wedding. With a wedding luncheon of baked beans and ~~brown~~ bread, since there was no time to prepare anything else, we went directly to the Ginling chapel. I wore a brown georgette dress I had gotten in Philadelphia last summer to wear on the trip out here and the trip home - and had to be content without any of the fixings of a conventional bride (except "something old, something new, something borrowed, and something blue".) We decided we would rather say the Friends' ceremony, and thus ended all our uncertainty of Christmastime! Charles pronounced us man and wife and produced a home-made certificate which most of those who attended the wedding signed. Rachel Mostrom, the DeVols and Mary

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Mills were the only Quakers who were there; the rest of the Mills family and most of the Ginling faculty, both Chinese and foreign, (all who were on campus) comprised the rest of the guests. Mrs. Thurston got the cook to make a bang-up wedding cake and served it and coffee to the guests afterwards. Not many people could have such an unusual and impromptu and nice wedding as we did!

We finished packing afterwards with the aid of various of the Ginling faculty, Emily Case in particular, and left Ginling at 4 o'clock, along with Abigail, Catherine Carl, and Harriet Whitmer, who were the others from Ginling who were decided upon to leave Ginling at the first notice of evacuation. That leaves the number of foreign faculty reduced to six so that they can more easily be evacuated in an absolute emergency or can be taken care of more easily there in Nanking if all transportation is blocked. Dr. Wu and the others there wanted us all to go, for we can come back very easily in a week or two if things clear up and there is no possibility of college until everything is less tense.

We are traveling first class along with Mrs. Peck, the Consul's wife, the Budks and various other of the elite of Nanking while the others are all packed into a second class car two cars ahead - there are between twenty and twenty-five adults and mobs of children, so we aren't really having a secluded honeymoon yet. We don't know where we will stay in Peiping, but we are giving the Language School, c/o Mr. Pettus, as our address. We may know in a few days how long we will be here and certainly where we will be.

Monday morning -

We are nearly to Peiping - it doesn't seem possible that we are actually going to be in Peiping together; we had wanted it so much and hadn't been able to figure any possible way that we could afford either the time or the money. However, I guess it's just another one of the unusual and exciting things about our whole experience.

We weren't able to send cables from Nanking because the Consulate told us that the cable line was cut between Shanghai and Woosung and we judged our cables would go more directly and possibly be surer than if we tried to send them from Nanking; We are sending them the first thing when we get to Peiping This morning.

We have all sorts of plans - but we'll have to write of them more fully when we have a little more definite ones. Right now we are going over to P.U.M.C. to see what they would suggest for us to do about living for a longer or shorter period - and if possible we hope we can get a house; four of the girls - Abigail, Catherine Carl, Adaline Bucher (Christian Mission) and Hilda Anderson (Univ. of Nanking) who are about our ages, are keen to go in with us for a house, and we don't feel that we have to have an entirely solitary honey moon. It would really make the expense less and we would all have a swell time out of it, I'm sure. I'm hoping that we are going to be able to get a lot of work done for I've already helped Gordon enough to have a little idea of the ways and means, and perhaps now that I'm not busy I can really help him.

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Mrs. Gordon T. Bowles  
2217 Halulu Way  
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Name (maiden or married) by  
which you were known at Ginling Elizabeth Jane Thomas

~~1931-1932~~ at Ginling. Work: Secretary to Dr. Wu and Mrs. Thurston

B.A. or B.S. Year 1929 School Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Year '29-30 School Graduate work at Pennsylvania School of  
Social Work - no degree

Ph.D. Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Other degrees \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Marriage 2/6/32 Husband's name Gordon T. Bowles

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 130-31 Position Family Case Worker - Media Community Center  
Place Media, Pennsylvania

Year(s) 133-134 Position In charge of two Annual Institutes of Interna-  
tional Relations at Wellesley College under  
Place the American Friends Service Committee

Year(s) 135-137 Position Recorder for my husband on an Anthropological  
Place Expedition to North India, Assam and Burma  
under auspices of Harvard University

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You can get in touch with the following people at the addresses indicated:

BERGER, Mrs. R. R.

RUEFF, Frau Gese

GAILEY, Miss Helen

VAIL, Miss

LAUCKS, Miss Blanche

ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

Signed: Jane T. Bowles  
December 1940

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2217 Halulu Way  
Honolulu, T.H.  
January 5, 1941

Mrs. Harold B. Hoskins  
Ginling College Committee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Hoskins:

My conscience has been hurting for a long time because of the lack of action in this part of the world toward cooperation in the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Committee program. I have finally talked with the people I most wanted to about the list for an appeal and, short as it may seem, this seems the best we can do for the present, aside from Smith College graduates whom you said were receiving it anyway. There is such a strong group promoting the China Medical Relief program here and other relief programs for China that most of the Chinese are pretty well wrapped up in that. As we get into things more, and perhaps if Dr. Wu comes and we can have a luncheon or even a meeting we may be able to get more response.

As far as you know are there any Ginling graduates here? The only person I have met who has any connection with present Ginling is the sister of Alice Chong, one of the teachers, who is from Honolulu. I met her for just a little visit when Ruth Chester came through. Alice Chong has had some articles published in the local paper about her trip to Tatsienlu etc. last summer so that publicity may help in this work for the 25th Anniversary.

Just after your letter of October 29th arrived, Dr. Cadbury of Lingnan came to our house for dinner on his way back to China and, as I told him about the Anniversary program a little bit and the possibility of Dr. Wu's coming through here, he suggested I write then and let him mail the letter to her air-mail from Canton. So I did, asking her if she would be willing to have lunch or dinner with a group here and speak to them. It would help a great deal, I am sure, if she could but I also realize that she may be very tired and may be resting up for her engagements on the mainland, so I don't know whether she will want to speak here or not. I have tried to think of another person we might be able to get to talk particularly about present day education in China or anything of that sort, but there seems to be no one here who could do it who hasn't already talked to all sorts of groups. Would that Hu Shih were going back to China via Honolulu!

Sale of the "Epicure in China" may net a small amount here - I should imagine we could probably be sure of selling 25 or so copies although I should like to talk to a few more people before I give an order for them. The sample for me didn't arrive until the Saturday after Christmas so it was too late for us to do anything about that.

What are the possibilities of the new Ginling record you wrote about in the October 29th letter? Can it be sent out here and would it be possible for us to have the loan of the large pictures that were mentioned in the Founders Day report? My own

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recent information is relatively meager about Ginling and tangible things like pictures and a record or records would be of great value.

Beginning this next week I am having a girl help me two afternoons a week with the children and the housework so that I can get out at those times. I ought to be able to accomplish a great deal more than I have been able to this fall so you may see some results before long. Both Mrs. Lee, wife of a prominent Chinese professor here and who knows Dr. Wu, and Mrs. Crawford, wife of the President of the University who also knows Dr. Wu, are interested in helping with the 25th Anniversary program and I am sure there are some Smith people who will help when we can give them something definite to do.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jane T. Bowles

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23 January 1941

Dear Mrs. Bowles:

In responding to your good letter of January 5, let me say first of all that our Anniversary secretary, Miss Ewing, will forward to you the appeals intended for those on your list. You will then be able to deal with them as you think best, perhaps supplementing your own personal approach by help from others.

We have had a cable from Dr. Wu Yi-fang in which she reports a tentative Clipper reservation which would bring her to the United States about mid-March. We are suggesting that she leave the Clipper in Honolulu, because of the especially strenuous experience of travelling by air between Honolulu and our Pacific Coast. We would be sorry to have any demands placed upon Dr. Wu on her incoming trip, until she shall have had a considerable period of rest. We are not in this country planning to ask her to make many speeches. The purpose of the invitation is to do her honor rather than to ask her to give us her help. All of these reservations of plan would naturally be in your own mind, since you belong to the Ginling family and would be one with us in deep consideration for her welfare.

We have come to the decision that Hu Shih ought not to be asked to speak for our Christian work or to help in raising money. He has made a noble attempt to do both of these things, but they are not a part of his highest genius, and particularly does he feel embarrassed to express conviction on the educational program of the Christian forces in recent years in China. We are of course very glad to have Hu Shih's personality attached to the Ambassadorship.

We are awaiting further word from you before sending copies of the "Epicure In China" for sale in Honolulu.

A set of the new Ginling records is going forward to you, and I hope very much you will agree to its excellence and its usefulness, which we have already proved to our own satisfaction here. Of course groups vary, and you will have to be the best judge of what can be most useful in Honolulu, but I shall be very much surprised if the recording does not prove attractive and helpful. We shall also be glad to lend you the mounted pictures which were passed about the table at our December 1st celebration if you will let us know when you can use them best.

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Mrs. Gordon T. Bowles

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23 January 1941

A member of the Smith-Ginling committee, a retired member of the Smith College faculty is now in Honolulu living at the Halekulani Hotel. Miss Frances Grace Smith is one of the quietest people in the world, but her Ginling loyalty is very vital, and she is eager to be of use during the weeks she spends each winter in your city.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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2217 Halulu Way  
Honolulu, T.H.  
February 25, 1941

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 23rd and for the set of Ginling records which arrived in good season. They have not been used yet but I am sure will be very useful when the proper time comes.

We are getting under way here in Honolulu with the Smith club really putting in a great deal of enthusiasm and energy for raising money and with a general committee nearly formed to make a general appeal. The Smith club has been very small up until lately when a great number have been coming to Hawaii with the Army and Navy. One of the members invited me to their annual meeting a couple of weeks ago and as a result of that contact they have decided to put on a bridge-mah jong- tea benefit on March 6th, with the expectation of raising at least \$70. not to mention getting that many people acquainted with Ginling.

I have so far gotten Mrs. Crawford, wife of the Pres. of the University, Miss Barger, Gen. Sec. of the Y.W.C.A. here, Mrs. Shao Chang Lee, wife of a prominent Univ. Prof. here and very active herself, and Mrs. Sam Young, (Chinese) wife of a very prominent Chinese business man here to say they would be glad to be members of a committee to help in any way they can ~~in the tea~~. I am hoping to get at least one if not two more members, preferably Chinese and preferably young women, before we get together. Miss Smith has also agreed to meet with us and also the Pres. of the Smith club, Mrs. Sommerfeld will meet with us. The only ideas I have had, besides some general publicity in the newspapers, have been to send out the appeals you sent to me and to have a benefit tea or luncheon and have some of the people read the play you read at the Founders Day luncheon and/or play the records. Miss Smith said that she had the play read at a tea at Smith and that it went over very well even with the college girls. It seems to me that it is very well presented and that it ought to be of general interest. It would be very helpful if we could have the mounted pictures at that time, too. Could you spare them for the two months or so that it would take to have them mailed out and back and have them here two weeks or so? Also, do you have extra mimeographed copies of the play so that we wouldn't have to have that done here?

Evidently Dr. Wu. is not coming for she wrote me that if we did not hear from her by cable around the 20th of February not to expect her. There has been no word and I am really not surprised for events seem to be moving pretty fast in the Far East these days and I quite understand her desire to run no risks of being kept away from China.

Mrs. Sommerfeld and I both feel that we ought to be able to dispose of 50 copies of the "Epicure in China" so if you could start those out to us as soon as possible it would be fine. We will go ahead taking some orders on the strength of my copy before the others arrive.

I have gotten one short article in the paper and the Smith Club has had two articles so far on the progress of plans for their benefit so I think there will be no difficulty as far as publicity goes. If you have any particularly good publicity besides the play and the records and the appeal I would appreciate having that sent, too.

With best wishes -

Jane Bowles

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28 February 1941

Dear Mrs. Bowles:

What a satisfaction it is to be linked with Honolulu by airmail! Your letter of February 25 is on my desk this morning.

We are delighted to help in every possible way, and you may find-as other groups have-that your conservative<sup>a</sup> stated goal will be doubled quite easily through the enthusiasm you are generating.

The story of what certain other groups have successfully done (sent<sup>+</sup> to you by ordinary mail recently, and herewith duplicated) may help you enlarge the Honolulu planning. We will immediately get off to you one of the kits of mounted pictures which have proved useful for display. This general set is much better than those which were passed around the table on December 1 in New York, for they were quite personal and many were very small. We shall be glad to have this set returned as soon as you have finished with them.

As to the play, I doubt whether it is the December first play which would be suited to a more general group gathered about you in Honolulu. The Wu Yi-fang Episodic sketch which was presented this last week at Smith Alumnae Council takes just 25 minutes, if well read, and I believe this might suit your plan better. Ten copies are now being sent to you, and one copy is included herewith. If, however, you feel that it is the December first play which you want, just send us airmail word, and we will get extra copies of that to you, also. Do not feel that you must return the copies of the Episodes.

Fifty copies of the Epicure in China will be sent to you directly from the press in San Francisco. If you sell each copy for \$1.25 as has been done in many places, Ginling makes about thirty cents on each copy. The trade price in all bookshops dealing with the Colt Press is \$1.50. You will know what Honolulu can bear in this respect.

Mrs. Nangle in New Haven is carrying through an ambitious two-night Ginling plan, having on each of the two nights a Chinese dinner and an hour's entertainment following. The entertainment will consist of the dramatized Ginling story.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Gordon T. Bowles  
2217 Halulu Way  
Honolulu Hawaii

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Mrs. Gordon Bowles,  
4801 Brandywine Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Ginling College,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City,  
July 6, 1943.

My dear Jane:

I am very sorry not to have been in touch with you before I left Washington the evening of June 14th. If I remember correctly you would have been in your new house approximately a week at that time. When I came to New York I expected to go back to Washington after about ten days. That was not possible because of various appointments here in this region. Now the only possible time I can find on my schedule is to go back the last week of July, and I am not sure that I shall come back at all until September.

This made me think of the things I left at my landlady's place. If you should find it convenient could I trouble you to get a taxi from the terminal of the Wisconsin Avenue carline and then get my belongings out of Mrs. Laterner's house at 303 Willard Avenue, just opposite Howard Johnson's restaurant. I have left one small case, one black brief case, a pile of books and three coats. The heavy brown coat belongs to Mrs. John Fairbank. She loaned it to Mrs. New when we were at her place for supper one evening. If you could be good enough to take the coat at your convenience to her home, 1306 - 34th Street, N. W. between N and O Streets, just three blocks from Wisconsin Avenue, I shall be very grateful to you. The other things I would like to have stored in your house during the summer.

One other thing I have just thought of is this. I had called two long distance calls from Mrs. Laterner's and I do not know if both were paid for from the other end or whether they should be paid for in Washington. When you go over to get my things, will you please ask about any long distance calls which my landlady may have paid for. If there are any, will you please advance some money to pay whatever the charge is, and I will clear the account when I see you later. My landlady had some trouble with one other roomer in regard to long distance calls, so I do not wish to have her pay for a single call for me.

If I should come to Washington before the end of July I will surely get in touch with you. Perhaps your number is not in the telephone directory. Will you please let me know what it is?

With many thanks and best wishes to you and your daughters, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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December 13, 1943

Mrs. Gordon Bowles  
4801 Brandywine Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jane:

I am ashamed of myself for having run away from Washington without even talking to you on the phone. Actually, the last two days in Washington were really full. You will be interested to know that I had no difficulty in getting to the White House for the Monday luncheon with Mrs. Roosevelt. She was, as we would expect, informal and cordial. At the luncheon was Mr. Adams, the author (most likely Mr. James Truslow Adams); and Mrs. Roosevelt's daughter was also present. While we did not talk exclusively of China, I enjoyed the conversation in general. Mrs. Roosevelt seemed to be pleased with the piece of embroidery presented to her by the Ginling students.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. New and I returned to New York on the night train. This was because I had an appointment in New York Wednesday morning. From the way my program is made up now, I shall have a real rest from December 21st to the end of the year. I expect to come to Washington either on January 5th or 6th to wait for the plane departure. So I expect to be with you again for a few days.

I met Dr. Hume two days ago. He asked about Gordon and which doctor he was going in to see. I do hope that Gordon will not postpone this medical examination too long, and I also hope that he will be given a clear bill of health.

With best wishes to you and to the whole family,

Cordially yours,

Yi-fang Wu

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4801 Brandywine St NW  
Washington 16, D.C.  
Oct. 28, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills -

Mrs. Dewberry of State Dept. has just called to tell me of the tragic news of En-lan. It's hard to believe of one so alive as she has always been. I can only hope a miracle will happen so that she will regain consciousness.

I am writing not only to let you know of our very deep concern for ~~her~~ & sympathy with you who are watching so closely, but also to let you know I have a suitcase, a roll of maps & two or three packages of books (I judge) of En-lan's stored here. I sent her a package of materials she asked for out of the suitcase

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it arrived safely. <sup>OCT 28</sup> <sup>[21]</sup> 1946

Our prayers will be  
with her + we'll await news  
anxiously - probably that will  
come from Mrs. Dewberry. Of  
course if there is anything  
I can do, I would ~~be~~ more  
than happy to help.

Sincerely  
Jane Bowler

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October 30, 1946

Mrs. Gordon Bowles  
4801 Brandywine St., N. W.  
Washington 16, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bowles:

You will be glad to know that En-lan's condition is slightly better today. She shows some signs of returning to consciousness and has made some efforts to talk, though as yet there has been nothing that we could really understand. Of course, we seize upon every faintest improvement, but I do not want to give you the idea she is out of danger. I have just come from the hospital, where I had a long talk with her nurse. They feel very encouraged, and that, of course, is good news, but they do not give us yet any assurance of complete recovery. I will keep you posted.

The package which you mailed to her at this office has arrived. It will be kept for her.

Thank you for your offers of help. There is nothing now that anyone can do. When she is better and will be able to see people, I am sure she would enjoy a visit from you if you are in New York.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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