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2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley, 5, Calif.  
June 19, 1943

Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Wu:

This is just a note to extend to you a  
welcome, and to say, that I am happy you  
are here, and that you had a safe trip.

We, in this far West, are wondering if

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you will make a visit out to the Coast here. We should be so happy to see and hear you. Please know that you have a standing invitation.

I am working with the Oriental missions in the Bay area here, and am enjoying my work very much. I speak often for China, and last week at our California Conference we took a collection amounting to \$565.

We have quite a China group here, and a number from Nanking, then, the China Language School is also located here in Berkeley. We shall be so happy to hear from you, and to see you, if that is at all possible.

With all good wishes, I am,

Most cordially yours,

Marie Brethout

*She is a Methodist, you may remember her in Nanking.*

*Please answer for me that I am not likely to go to the West Coast*

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June 30, 1943.

My dear Miss Brethorst:

It was most thoughtful of you to write me a note of welcome, and I appreciate it very much.

I am sorry to say that my plans are so uncertain that I am not able to look forward to a trip to the west coast. When I left China it was only for six months. Later I hoped to be able to extend the time. However, it looks now as if I should be on my homeward journey early in the fall. If this is the case, much as I should like to see my friends on the west coast, I shall not be able to come. I hope you will extend my regrets to any of my friends.

Your work in Berkeley sounds interesting. I am glad that you are able to continue your work for the Chinese.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley, 5, Calif.  
July 19, 1943

Dear Dr. Wu,

Thanks for your letter, which I received a few days ago. We are all so very sorry that you are not able to come to the West Coast, but understand how urgent it is for you to return to China.

As I speak for China from time to time, funds are often given me to allocate to certain projects in China. Just now, I have a young married couple who have pledged one tenth of their entire income to a scholarship, and they asked me to name that scholarship. I have designated it for Ginling, and I would be very happy if you could send me the name of some girl for whom it might be used, and write a little about the girl; so that I could pass it on to them. The amount of money this year, will be about \$150. I have \$34 in cash now, which I shall send through our headquarters designated as "The Irwin scholarship" for Ginling College.

I hope that you are enjoying your visit and that you will not be kept too busy. I am leaving tomorrow for Lake Tahoe to attend a Chinese Youth Conference for one week. Last year we had 161 young men and women, and it was a splendid Conference.

I shall hope to hear from you in the near future regarding the girl for the scholarship.

Most cordially yours,

Marie Brethorst

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August 3, 1943.

Miss Marie Brethorst,  
2827 Regent Street,  
Berkeley, 5,  
California.

My dear Miss Brethorst:

I was glad to receive your letter of July 19 and to know of your interest in securing the scholarship help for a Ginling student. Such scholarships are a real necessity at the present times if students from ordinary homes are to get college educations when living costs continue to increase. There are girls worthy of college education who would have to drop out of college were it not for such help. In fact right now I am thinking of a number of splendid girls whom the college is trying to help with scholarships and other grants.

However, I would rather not name a recipient for the scholarship which you have so graciously obtained from your friends without first consulting the Scholarship Committee in Ginling. This is because this Committee considers all applicants for scholarship twice a year and makes the grants. They will be making these grants early in September for the fall term, and I will have no way of knowing the results until they send me reports. So I am writing to Miss Helen Djang to day and am asking her to write to you directly. In that way you will be able to get the information to your friends as soon as possible. When I was at the college I served on this committee, so I know that they are very careful to consider the applicants in regard to academic standards, character, and financial resources, so I have complete confidence in the Committee to make the right recommendation to you.

The College scholarships are not adequate to meet the financial needs of these days, so I am very grateful for this special scholarship from your friends which will help one worthy student to complete her college education. I suppose you have information from China also how the prices are already over one hundred times those in 1937.

You can send the cash from the Irwins to Mr. C. A. Evans, Treasurer of Ginling College, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. If you designate it for

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the Irwin Scholarship, he will forward the money to Miss Elsie Priest, the Treasurer in Chengtu.

I am sorry to have delayed answering your letter, but I have been out of town, and have just returned for a few days before going for my vacation.

Again thanking you for your interest in Ginling and for the very real help you are giving us in our work, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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August 3, 1943.

My dear Mr. Evans:

Miss Marie Brethorst, 2327 Regent Street, Berkeley, 5, California, has written Dr. Wu that she has obtained a scholarship--The Irwin Scholarship--which will amount to \$150.00 a year. She has designated this to Ginling College and has in hand \$34.00 in cash. In her letter, Miss Brethorst says she is sending it through "headquarters" which I take to mean she is sending it through the Methodist Board, since she is working under that Board.

In the reply, Dr. Wu suggested that she send the money direct to you, so that you could send it on to Miss Priest.

Dr. Wu did not ask me to write you, but it seemed to me you should have a record of this matter, in case the money comes to you either directly or through the Methodist Board.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Helen M. Loomis.  
(368 Riverside Drive,  
New York, N. Y.)

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August 5, 1943

Miss Helen M. Loomis  
468 Riverside Drive  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Loomis:

I am grateful for your letter of the 3rd, regarding the Irwin Scholarship. When the sum comes through either the Methodist Board or directly to our office, I will be guided accordingly.

With many thanks to you, I am,

Very truly yours,



C. A. EVANS

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2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley, 5, Calif.  
August 27, 1943

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Congratulations, and a line to tell you that I am joying with you in the good news that Mr. Mills is to be repatriated, and ~~to~~ soon to be with you and the family. I hope that they have a safe trip home, and that they have suffered not too much. Sometimes, I wonder, if it is not harder for the concerned loved ones here, than for them. them, but soon it will all be over, but for the memory of it.

Sometime ago, I wrote to Dr. Wu concerning a scholarship I secured for Ginling, and she replied, asking me to send the money to Mr. C.A. Evans, the treasurer. The money will be sent through our Board from Oroville, California, W.S.C.S, and will be marked "Ginling College, Irwin Scholarship". There will be something over sixty dollars in this first payment, but the young couple are planning to send their tithe monthly, which will, perhaps be forwarded to you quarterly, and will amount to about \$200 this year. Will you please let me know just how much a scholarship costs, now.

I hope that you and the girls have kept well, or I better say, "Young ladies", I expect. Greetings to you all, and best of wishes from,

*Marie Rutherford*

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September 9, 1943

Miss Marie Brethorst  
2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley 5, Calif.

Dear Miss Brethorst:

When I wrote to you a few days ago, I told you that I would write later giving you more information about the amount necessary to keep a girl in Ginling for one year. I have talked to Dr. Wu about this and we have come to the conclusion that \$200 U.S. will be sufficient to meet the expenses for one year.

Ginling greatly appreciates the interest of this young couple, expressed so generously. I do not need to tell you what an important part educated women are playing in China today, and therefore it is unnecessary to stress the value of such an investment in the girls of China.

All best wishes to you,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Brethorst

October 30, 1945

Miss Marie Brethorst  
2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley, Calif.

Dear Miss Brethorst:

Your letter of October 10th about the Irwin scholarship has gone unanswered till now as we were attempting to find out just what had happened to the money. I am glad that you wrote to Miss Gibson at the same time you wrote to me, because we had to consult her as Treasurer of the Methodist Woman's Division.

We have now found out how the money was received and what happened to it. Miss Gibson is writing you fully about it, and suggesting the best way to send it in the future in order to insure its being used for the special purpose the donors had in mind. She will also explain just what was done when the gift was received and how she is planning to have it adjusted now. I hope that this will prove satisfactory to you and to the family who have been giving this scholarship fund.

On behalf of the Ginling Board in America and of the authorities in China, may I express sincere appreciation for this interest in a Ginling girl and the hope that the relationship thus established may be one of mutual and enduring satisfaction.

Thank you for your good wishes for my family. My husband is in Chungking, hoping to get to Nanking soon. My older daughter is doing graduate work at Columbia and living with me. My younger daughter is a junior at Wellesley. We are all well and busy and happy.

I hope that you will find it possible to return to China soon.

Cordially yours,

*Via Air Mail*

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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2827 Regent Street  
Berkeley, California  
October 10, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills,

I donot know if you are still with the Chinese Colleges, but shall write this letter anyway, hoping that it may reach someone in that department.

I am needing a bit of information regarding the "Irwin scholarship" for Ginling, which was sent by that family from Oroville, California, for a girl in the college by the name of Liu Au-mei. They have sent \$200 each year beginning in 1943, and he has just written me, and quoted from Au-mei's letter in which she says: "Tillnow, I didnot receive the scholarship. I didn't know why. Perhaps the money comes too slow. The fee of Freshman and this term were supplied partly by my mother's friends and partly by the Govt. (certain amount of money used to help poor students)"

The family are a bit upset, and wonder if the mone is not reaching her at all. I had a letter from Miss Helen Djang last year saying she had given it to Amy, and Amy also sent a letter. I wonder if you have received the money from our Methodist W.D.C.S. at all, or if it has been given mistakenly to another college? I shall appreciate it very much, if you will write me, per air-mail, just as soon as possible. I am also writing our W.D.C.S. and asking concerning it. Thanks for anything you can do to clear this matter up, for things like this discourage givers, and we do want to avoid that.

Has Mr. Mills returned to China yet? It seems I heard once that he had. I am all ready, exams, inoc-

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culations all finished. John Shen, got off on the steamer last week, Thursday. I was wishing I might have sailed with him. We are all waiting here to go.

I hope that you have kept well. I know that you have been busy. Are your family still with you? Greetings to you all.

Cordially yours,

*Maria Brethorst*

OCT 10 1945

I am needing a bit of information regarding the "Irwin scholarship" for Gladys, which was sent by that lady from Oroville, California, for a girl in the college by the name of Lin A-mei. They have sent \$200 each year beginning in 1943, and he has just written me, and quoted from A-mei's letter in which she says: "I know, I didn't receive the scholarship. I didn't know why. Perhaps the money comes too slow. The fee of the school and this term were supplied partly by my mother's friends and partly by the Govt. (certain amount of money used to help poor students)"

The family are a bit upset, and wonder if the money is not reaching her at all. I had a letter from Miss Helen Wang last year saying she had given it to Amy, and Amy also sent a letter. I wonder if you have received the money from our Methodist W.D.S. at all, or if it has been given mistakenly to another college? I shall appreciate it very much, if you will write me per airmail, just as soon as possible. I am also writing our W.D.S. and asking concerning it. Thank you for anything you can do to clear this matter up, for things like this discourage givers, and we do want to avoid that.

Has Mr. Lin returned to China yet? It seems I heard once that he had. I am all ready, exams, inco-

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August 15, 1934

Miss Margaret E. Hodge  
112 West Gravers Lane  
Chestnut Hill  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Hodge:

Thank you for your letter of August 8th and enclosures. I feel very badly about troubling you so much with Ginling affairs but so many important matters seem to have come during the summer in regard to Ginling. It is a pity you have to expend time and energy in writing letters by hand and I wish there was some way by which this could be avoided. I trust you will find the enclosed copies of letters in good order and that they will meet with your satisfaction.

I hope you will enjoy the Chautauqua Institute. It is very nice to know that you will represent the Women's Committee.

I really shrink from troubling you further but there is just one little matter that came in the mail today. A Mrs. K. W. Brown, of Ames, Iowa, mother of Lydia Brown, who went to Ginling in 1917 as a representative of the Baptist Board to organize the Music Department of the College, - has written to say that she has compiled a brief story of her daughter's life. It appears that Lydia passed away in 1924 and this is a sort of a "memorial booklet". Mrs. Brown wishes to send copies of it to the "foreign members of the faculty who were at Ginling when Lydia was there". Dr. Wu visited with Mrs. Brown when she was in this country and told her at that time where some of the members of the faculty could be reached, and now she wishes to know where she may reach Ruth Chester, Dr. Reeves, Dr. Morrow, Mary Boyd Shipley Mills, Elizabeth Goucher Chapman, Adelaide Gundlach, (and Mrs. Thurston, Rædrica Mead Hiltner, and Rebecca Griest, whose addresses I have in the files). Can you supply the addresses of any of the above?

Mr. Garside is in town now. I spoke to him this morning when I asked him for Miss Priest's present address.

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. Secretary to Miss Tyler  
Miss Lydia Brown went back to China as Mrs. J. B. Hipps, to Shanghai College, now Univ. of Shanghai.

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August 20, 1934

Mrs. K. W. Brown  
1014 Kellogg Avenue  
Ames, Iowa.

My dear Mrs. Brown:

Your letter of August 11th has been received and would have received an answer before this but it has taken us a little time to ascertain the addresses of some of the people. We do not even now have all the addresses, but hope to obtain them for you soon.

Ruth Chester, Dr. Reeves, Mrs. Thurston are at Ginling College, Nanking, China. Mary Boyd Mills, (Mrs. Samuel J), and her husband are at: Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania. Adelaide Gundlach is at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, Mrs. Walter Hiltner (Frederica Mead) is at 4215 E. 33rd St. Seattle, Washington. We are trying now to obtain the addresses of Dr. Morrow and Mrs. Chapman from Miss Griest, whose address is: Miss Rebecca W. Griest, 208 South Queen Street, Lancaster, Penna.

In writing to Miss Margaret E. Hodge for some of the addresses she remembered Miss Lydia Brown very well.

As you will see by the above letter head there is a Ginling College Committee here in New York, and Miss Florence G. Tyler, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City, is the secretary for that committee, and will be glad to help you at any time. Miss Tyler is absent from the office now for a few weeks on account of illness. The Cooperating Committee for the Women's Union Colleges in Foreign Fields gave up its offices in New York in the winter of 1928, and now the various secretaries of the colleges here are carrying on the correspondence.

We enclose the latest leaflet about Ginling thinking it will be of interest to you, also a copy of Dr. Wu's report of her visit to this country, which is equally interesting.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Miss Tyler.

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### Lydia Brown Hipps

THE following sketch of the life of Lydia Brown Hipps was prepared by her mother, Mrs. K. W. Brown, but much of it is given in Lydia's own words.

She was a representative of the W. A. B. F. M. Society, on the Faculty of Ginling College at Nanking, China, for three years, 1917 to 1920, and from September 1921 to December 1924, as Mrs. J. B. Hipps, was under the Southern Baptist Board, at Shanghai College, now University of Shanghai. Just before her marriage, she was asked by the Secretary of the Southern Board, to write him a brief history of her life thus far, and I give her reply verbatim.

Ames, Iowa, June 23, 1921.

Dr. J. F. Love.

Richmond, Virginia.

My Dear Dr. Love:

Here follows a brief account of my life. I was born in Ames, Iowa, in the year 1890. My father was for forty odd years a commercial salesman who sold gloves and mit-

tens six days in the week, and rested himself on Sunday by speaking in pulpits of all denominations on various subjects relating to reform, prohibition, laymen's missionary movements, and many subjects which he espoused as a Christian traveling man. My mother has ever since I can remember, been the central missionary leader, in the life of our church. Both of my grandfathers were Baptist ministers.

From earliest babyhood I was brought up to be a Christian, but at the age of ten, I professed conversion and united with the First Baptist Church of Ames, Iowa.

I had the usual early school days with a few more than average interruptions. Music interested me more than anything else, and so in 1908, I went back to a suburb of Boston, and studied the Fletcher Music Method, a normal course for teachers of children's classes. Returning home after an eight weeks course, I opened classes, and for five years taught children their first steps in music.

All of this time I continued my own music study with a Des Moines teacher. Once during the time I went to Hartford, Conn., for one semester with a sister who was studying there, and did a combination of work in the Hartford School of Religious Pedagogy, and in pipe organ, with one of Hartford's leading organists. During another summer I went with a friend to a summer resort in northern Michigan and conducted a summer school of music for the children of tourists, thus paying our own expenses and acquiring not only a healthful vacation but some valuable experience.

In the fall of 1912, I determined to return to school, and broaden my outlook by a more general training than I had had. I entered the Academy at Oberlin, at the same time doing some work in the Conservatory of Music. Circumstances seemed to favor my being nearer home the next year however, and so I took back some of my pupils at home, and also took an organ position, and during that year lived the lives of two people, while I studied hard at Des

Moin's College, and kept up the musical side at home.

My Academy course I completed in 1915, and two years later took the Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Conservatory in Oberlin.

All my life I had done all the church work that I could carry. I had been seven years a church organist, had taught Sunday School classes, worked on all sorts of committees, and at one time or another held most of the available offices in B. Y. P. U. and Mission Societies. But it seemed to me that the thing I did best was to play the pipe organ, so while I was interested in China, I knew there was nothing over there that I could do. A very dear sister had preceded me to China however, and she was never quite so sure that I did not belong over there. We always entertained Missionaries in our home whenever one came within entertaining distance, and nine out of ten of them told me I was "made for a missionary" which the more thoroughly convinced me that I had no reason to consider it.

While in Oberlin, I had been very active in the College Religious activities, and during my Senior year I began to feel that I was inconsistent, when I urged others to give their lives to Foreign Service, and did not face the question myself. I had a good reason for not facing it, because I had always known that if I faced it I would go. Just as these things were arguing themselves in my mind, I was offered the position as head of the music department in Ginling College, the Union Missionary College for women in the Yangtze Valley. I was honest enough to realize that it offered the greatest opportunity for all around Christian service in the things I knew best how to do, of any opening that I was considering, and after some long weeks of prayerful consideration, I sailed for China in the fall of 1917.

I arrived in a time of desperate need and I never did have time to adjust. There followed three of the happiest, busiest and most satisfying years I can imagine any one living. I found demand for everything

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musical I knew, and plenty that I did not know. The most interesting thing about it all was that what I had done with the pipe organ proved to be the most valuable thing I had. The "baby organ" needed defending. I gave it my best, and I boomed it. The first thing I knew, I began to receive invitations from all over Central China to come and play the baby organ before Mission Schools, and make popular an instrument which was within the realm of possibility for Chinese students to own in their homes. If time permitted I might write a young book on concert tours with a baby organ. Within the last three years I have given 18 full concerts, 14 of which I gave on "baby organs" small enough for me to pick up and move about from one place to another without aid.

This has been but one branch of the varied experiences with which China has enriched my life. I know what it means to be a Missionary in more than musical ways. Problems of all kinds, most of them beyond me, have made me realize the blessed priv-

ilege of prayer, and association with Christ. He is a living reality to me. I am eager to go back to a land so needy. I know it is not always easy to witness for Him 24 hours a day, but it is a blessed privilege, and I rejoice that it is mine.

I go back to a new life, as a home maker as well as a music teacher, at Shanghai College. The home I knew as a child, and have always known as mine, has set me a high standard, and I can hope for nothing greater than that the home we are to establish at Shanghai, may mean to China what the home of my father and mother has meant, not only to the community in which we lived, but in world influence for Christ.

Very Sincerely.

LYDIA B. BROWN.

We found in later years among Lydia's things, a brief history of her life, as written by herself, at different times, from which I shall make some quotations. There was first a record of her music lessons, beginning when she was nine years old, naming



her teachers, and the dates of lessons with each one, mostly piano lessons, but a few on the pipe organ at Iowa State College. In 1908, she told of her experiences in taking the Fletcher Music Method for teaching children, of the originator, Mrs. Evelyn Fletcher Copp, of Boston, who took her class that summer, into a camp near Eliot, Maine.

April 10, 1911, she wrote, "In cleaning my closet, I came across this little book, and will add another chapter, as these records may sometime be of interest." Then she goes on to tell of her teaching experiences, and how in January of 1910, she "doubled up her work, and taught hard," until March 5th, when she went to Hartford, Conn., where her sister Daisy was taking a course in Religious Education. Lydia said, "I took some work in Psychology, while I studied Pipe Organ, with Ralph L. Baldwin. This was a treat which will live in my memory. I practiced on a fine little two manual organ in St. John's Episcopal Church, and took my lessons on the large three manual organ at Fourth Congregational Church, where I also

sang in a vested choir of 60 voices, with Mr. Baldwin as organist and choir director." Returning home in May, she took up her teaching again, and also continued with her music study.

January 4, 1916, she wrote—"Four busy years have gone by since I wrote a word in this little book. Now, today, I pick it up again, and will carry on my little tale, from where I left it." Here follows the story of her entering the Academy at Oberlin in September 1912, just two weeks before her sister Daisy left for China. She finished this section of her story with these words,—"Tomorrow I expect to return to Oberlin. Some day I hope to add another chapter to this record." This she did on June 18, 1920, at Nanking, China. I will make some further quotations from her story later.

In her Conservatory work at Oberlin, she majored in Pipe Organ, under Dr. Geo. W. Andrews, who, because of his strong Christian character, living his religion in all his work, had a great influence on her life.

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She was very appreciative of all her teachers, and in turn was appreciated by them.

In the spring of 1917, she wrote to the home folks,—“When I gave up my work in Ames, and came to Oberlin, I was wholly at sea as to where it would lead me.—As time progressed, I felt that God’s hand was leading me to paths of service musically, but that that might be anywhere except in this land, I little thought. I wanted and still want the chance to be on a Faculty, and have the opportunity of being to other students what my teachers have been to me.—If we are not willing to stand up and say, ‘give me a big job, let me serve somehow, somewhere,’ then we are not worthy to be called children of our earthly parents, or of our Heavenly Father.”

In another letter that spring, she said—“I think this is a wonderful time to be living. Look at what is happening in some enormous way all over the world. It just thrills me to be alive, and I could not wish for anything but work to do that would be

an aid to the bettering of conditions just now.” Then in speaking of Foreign Mission work, she said she had been asking herself several questions and among them, “Is my kind of training needed? Well there are three little Chinese girls in the Conservatory this year, and according to them, their women are hungry for exactly what I could give, and music is a wonderful entering wedge.”

During her Senior year at Oberlin, Lydia was on the Cabinet of the Y. W. C. A. When she gave her recital on the Pipe Organ, May 12, 1917, the other members of the Cabinet sent her several dozen lovely rose buds, and with them the following note, “Lydia dear: The Cabinet that has loved and awed all the year as they watched the Senior they possess for their own, can do very little to express their regard, but there isn’t one of us who is not richer and stronger for contact with your vigor, humor, common sense and magnetism. So Thursday night, (the time she was to give her recital,) is the biggest event that has hap-

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pened to any of us, in the sense of investment of labor and talent. May the Friend we have learned to know together, bless you with the success and happiness you have worked so hard for, by giving you peace and poise and rest. Your Cabinet Sisters."

In the little book in which she had recorded considerable of her life history, under date of June 18, 1920, at Nanking, China, in the first written after January 4, 1916, she said—"I gave my Senior Recital on the Chapel Organ. The occasion will always stand out as one of the biggest experiences of my life. The effect of that glorious organ will always be an inspiration to me."

She received the degree of Bachelor of Music on June 13, 1917, and came home hoping in a year or two, to go to Ginling College, but the Lord's leadership was so plain, and her response so ready, that she sailed August 30th of that same year.

For a month after her return from Oberlin, she was in question whether she ought to go so soon after her graduation, but al-

tho she made application for work in this country, everything seemed to be closed before her.

Late in July, the Ginling Committee telegraphed her, asking if her health and family conditions would permit of her going that fall, sailing if possible, late in August. I remember very vividly the talk we had, out under the trees at home that evening, when she said, "Mama there is but one answer." The next day she telegraphed her reply that she would go, and from that time I think there was never a doubt but that she was doing the right thing, and she was very happy. During that last month at home, she was the life and light of the home, full of fun, and going ahead with all the plans and preparations for the journey.

Lydia was always putting in little personal notes to father and mother, in her more general letters. On August 30, 1917, after leaving Vancouver, on S. S. Empress of Asia, she wrote a little note, and mailed it at Victoria,—“Just an extra word to tell you that I love you big heaps tonight. I

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would give anything almost to be with you, but there is one thing I would not give even for that great privilege, and that is the consciousness that I am doing what God wants me to do. It is a great thing to meet these fine faced men and women who belong to the army of the church in foreign lands, and to feel that you too are entering the same service. I want you to share that blessing. I will share with you all I can too, the interesting and funny things I see."

On September 16th, her first Sunday at Ginling, she wrote, "I have tried to write very completely but it seems impossible to get it all in. This is being a wonderful, wonderful, experience. I say with great pride that we at Ginling College are facing the "Charm of the Impossible." I never realized its meaning until yesterday at our first Faculty meeting. But such faith as it must take! There aren't any hardships about it, there is just the marvelous bigness of our task."

Two weeks later, in her little personal note, she said,—"This has been my week to

lead chapel, and I've enjoyed it more than I would ever dare breathe to anybody but you. Tuesday I talked about Light, today about Shades that keep out the Light, and tomorrow I'm going to talk about Reflectors of Light. The responsiveness of the girls' faces has told me that they were getting it, and it has been a mighty inspiration to me. Pray hard that these girls may go out to be the leaders we look for them to be among the women of China."

July 21, 1918, she wrote, "Just a year ago now I was debating the question of coming. Suppose I hadn't come! I wonder what the year might have been. That isn't given us to know, but I can tell you there hasn't been a minute that I haven't rejoiced that I came."

She went out for a three year term, to organize the music department in this College for girls which was still in its infancy, but had great possibilities. The first class graduated in 1919, with five members, one of whom, Dr. Yi Fang Wu, has been president for several years.

During the years '19 and '20, Mrs. Thurston, the president at that time, came home on furlough, and while they were waiting for Miss Vautrin to come from another field to be acting president during her absence, someone had to be chosen head of the Faculty, and although there were others who had been there longer than Lydia, the other members were all agreed that she was the one for that position.

In the summer of 1920, she came home, considerably broken in health, but on the mend. Late in August, she was offered half time teaching in the Theory Department of the Conservatory at Oberlin, while she was recuperating. She accepted on condition that they would find rooms for light house-keeping, so her parents could come with her, because she felt it would not be justice to us to be separated from us so long during her furlough. The rooms were found, and a most happy year followed for us all.

June 29, 1921, Lydia was married at her home in Ames, Iowa, to Rev. J. B. Hipps,

Dean of the Theological Department of Shanghai College.

Again referring to the little book, under date December 5, 1921, after their arrival in Shanghai, I quote, "Again I take up this little book to set down on its pages a few more items. I spent a happy year in America. Health came back rapidly in that atmosphere. In September I went to Oberlin, with father and mother and we three spent a memorable year together. I taught half time all year, in the Theory Department of the Conservatory, teaching first year Harmony. Most of the year, I had six sections, each meeting twice a week, and comprising some sixty or seventy students. The work was delightfully congenial. From November on I did a little work with my old piano teacher, in methods of teaching, and some practical work. Then in the spring, I began to long for a chance at the Organ, and Dr. Andrews, out of his big kind heart, gave me half of his own practice time, each day for several weeks.

When I left China in July 1920, I knew

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that I would not return to Ginling, but I had made no public statement to that effect. That spring John Burder Hipps of Shanghai College, had come "acourting", and by the last of May, I had to admit he was winning. As soon as I reached home, I told my family of our engagement, and soon after, I told the Ginling Committee, and wrote back to China. In December, just after Christmas, Burder came to Oberlin, and we had a beautiful visit. We were married at home the 29th of June, having what seemed to us to be a very perfect wedding. Dr. White, of Shanghai College married us, and Victor Hanson, of the same place was best man.

We spent the summer in Virginia, Eastern Tennessee, and North Carolina, and had a memorable time each place that we went. In August we returned to Iowa, spending ten days at home, before leaving for Seattle, from which port we sailed the 27th of August. We had a good voyage and are happy to be again in this land we have grown to love. We have had a good fall. Burder is working very hard. I have been busy, large-

ly with home making tasks. I am teaching a few piano pupils, and one music class of Freshman. I am at present Acting Dean of Women. The musical opportunity here is a latent one as yet, but certainly there is plenty of material if one wishes to develop it." This was the first year of co-education at Shanghai College.

At once upon arrival on the Campus the couple had begun house keeping in a new house which had been built that summer, and were very happy as well as busy.

The next year, July 22, 1922, a little son, Robert Owen, came to gladden their hearts.

Lydia's letters home were always full of the interesting details of their daily home life, and of her great happiness as a wife and a mother. She won her way into the hearts of faculty and students alike, and the children loved her.

Late in the evening of December 19, 1924, from a hospital in the city, where everything was done for her that could have been done anywhere, she was suddenly call-

ed Home. Her body was laid to rest in the Southern Baptist Mission lot in one of the International Cemeteries in Shanghai, on Sunday afternoon, and a beautiful memorial service was held at the time in a little chapel. The next morning a similar service was held in the College Chapel, and later, the home church at Ames, Iowa, held an appropriate service in her memory.

The many beautiful letters of sympathy received in the weeks and months which followed, by members of her family, and by her husband, all bore testimony to her Christian character, her radiant personality, her ability to put first things first. These testimonials as to Lydia's helpful influence upon those with whom she mingled, brought great comfort to us, and in closing this sketch of her life, it seems fitting that we make some quotations from them.

Mrs. Matilda C. Thurston, then President of Ginling College, who was in the United States at the time, wrote from Massachusetts, February 5, 1925. "It is still like a dark cloud over the sun, when I realize that

dear Lydia will not be there when I go back to Shanghai. My very last night in China was spent with her—such a happy memory to keep! But every memory of Lydia is happy. What a blessing of God her life is, and one thinks of her as living even now."

Mrs. Webster, wife of one of the Faculty, wrote for the Woman's Auxiliary of Shanghai College,—“We all loved Lydia. We miss her happy, helpful self, coming and going among us. She was quiet and unassuming, but always ready with wise counsel, whenever we went to her for advice, which many of us did often, because her judgment was good and reliable. In all the time she has lived among us, I have never heard one word of criticism of her, neither was she critical of others. She was loved by every group here. The students admired her, and looked to her for assistance, which she was always ready to give. They called on her at all times and under all kinds of circumstances, for help in the line of music. Her co-workers loved and respected her. The children could open their

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hearts to her, and were glad to go to the Sunday School when she led them. The servants of the various households all knew her, and felt that none of them was beneath her notice. My little daughter Esther said, 'I never, never will forget Mrs. Hipps. She was so good and kind. Poor little Owen, I will always be kind to him, because I loved her.' Lydia was such a beautiful mother. Always so wise in her dealings with Owen, and he has responded so beautifully to her guidance. Our hearts were all saddened by her unexpected going away, but her going has been such a victory, that it has brought Heaven nearer to us all."

The following testimonial was written for the Memorial number of the Shanghai College "Voice," (which was issued on January 16, 1925,) by Mrs. W. S. New, who as Miss Zee, had been one of the five girls who had graduated in that first class in 1919, from Ginling College.

**"A Student's Appreciation"**

Two outstanding pictures of Mrs. Hipps, (Miss Lydia Brown in my college,) impress

me deeply. One as my teacher, earnest, patient and cheerful; the other as my advisor, open minded and sympathetic. She had a ready heart to understand whatever difficulty you were in, and was ever generous to give suggestions freely. Never did she want to prejudice her student with any biased idea. She was ambitious for her students in the way she gave a four year's course in harmony in two years. Her wonderful musical talent and her mastery of both theory and practice made us feel the study with her the greatest pleasure. We always anticipated her class hour in the studio as an hour of enjoyment. There we felt the warmth of her radiant personality, there our puzzled minds were clarified, our discords made harmonious, added to all this her delightful humor which set our natures right for many a day to come.

We wondered at the spontaneous manner in which she worked and played with us. Because of her motherly affection for us, by calling us children, we entitled her "Mamma Brown." Nothing satisfied her



more than seeing a student grin from ear to ear at having seen the most ridiculous mistake she had made in her composition. Then she whispered smiling, "You're a good girl! You've saved at least the waste of one red pencil mark."

The great lesson she taught us was her own intense love of simplicity. She enjoyed simple music. In teaching us to analyze the most complicated form of music, and to reduce it to the simplest chords, she led us to see deeper into the human actions of life, how they could be analyzed, and how disconnected units could be interrelated into one vast harmony of life.

With a baby organ she made music which sounded like a pipe organ. It was her wish and ambition for her students to render beautiful church music. Her advice was to produce the best music from the poorest instrument you could have. "Be the master of your instrument, instead of being mastered by it," was a remark she frequently made.

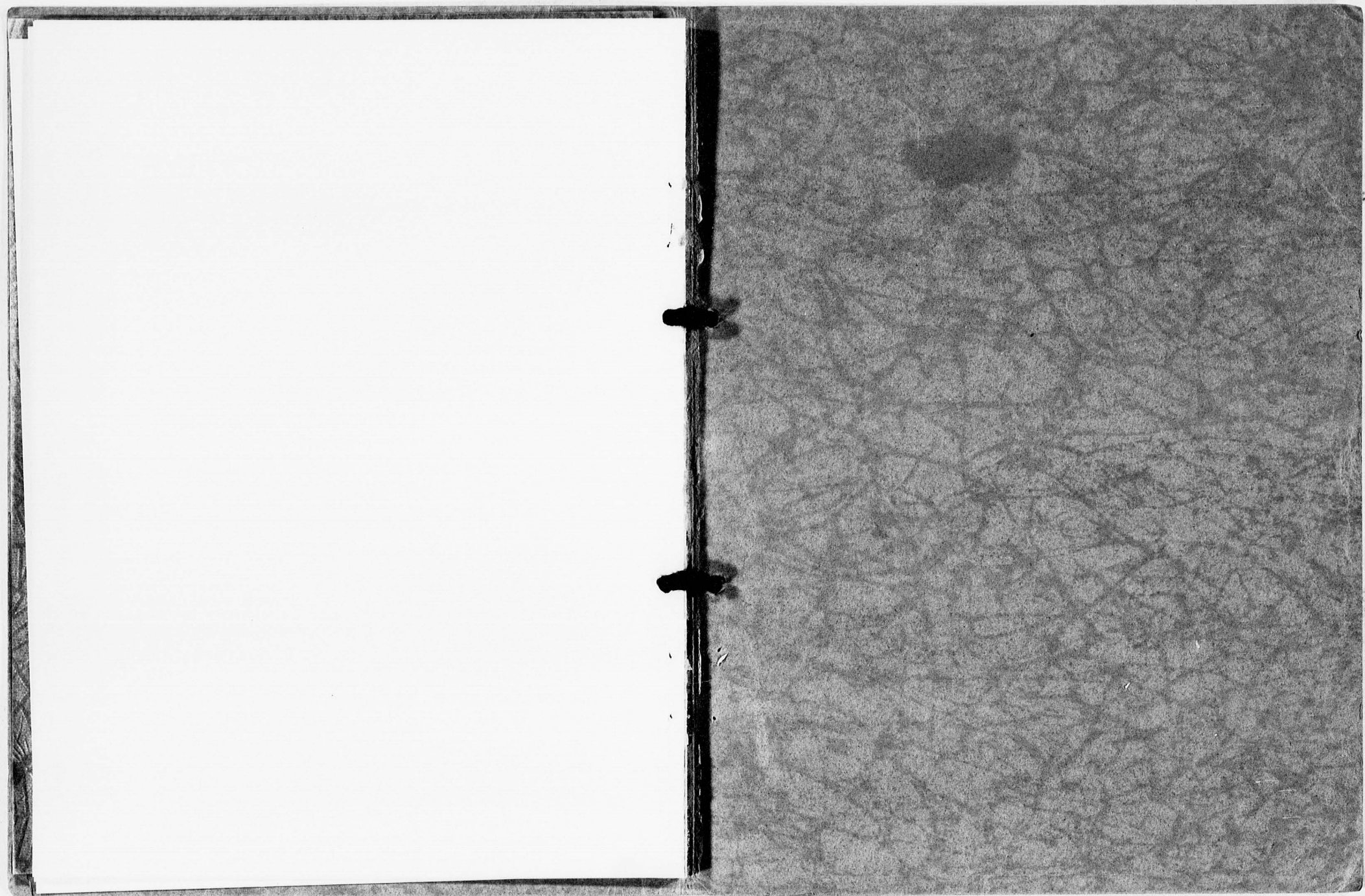
One rich experience I had with her I must pass on to those who want to know

more about her. It happened six years ago in a summer Y. W. conference at Hangchow. One early Sunday morning she took three of us to a quiet hill top. Then she read us reverently, "God of the Open Air" by Henry Vandyke. Little did she know then the effect it produced on her listeners. They were awakened to find the secret of her beautiful life. They became conscious of the great source where she drew her inexhaustible power of spiritual resourcefulness. They too drank deep of the Fount of Life which supplied and cherished such a noble soul. This open life of freedom was in perfect tune with the Almighty God of the Open Air.

It is only by reading over the poem she once passed on to me that I find consolation in hearing the echo of her living voice on that lovely hilltop,—

"Then gently fall on sleep,  
And breathe my body back to Nature's care,  
My spirit out to the God of the Open Air."

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Dear Committee Members.

Some of you may remember Lydia Brown, who went to Ginling in 1917 as a representative of the Baptist Board, to organize the music dept. was there for a <sup>three</sup> year term, came home, and was married June 29, 1921 and went back to China, as Mrs. J. B. Hipps to Shanghai College, now Univ. of Shanghai. She was suddenly "called Home" Dec. 19, 1924.

I am her mother, and have recently compiled a little story of her life, told mostly in her own words, in the form of a memorial booklet, which I want to send copies of to the "Foreign" members of the Faculty who were there at Ginling when she was. I saw and had a good visit with the Pres. Yi-Fang Hu, in Des Moines last Nov. and she told me of the different ones who were still there at that time, but some of them may

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have come home on furlough this year, & it occurred to me that you might be able to tell me of the whereabouts of the different ones.

Mrs. Thurston, Ruth Chester, Dr. Reeves,  
Dr. Marrow, Mary Boyd Shipley Mills,  
Elizabeth Goucher Chapman,  
Fredrica Mead Holtner.

Adelaide Gundlach.

Rebecca Grist.

I want the Chinese girls who were in that first class graduating in 1919 and a number of other Chinese friends who knew her to have copies, but will have to send <sup>them</sup> to Dr. Wu to distribute for me.

Is there a Girling Committee in N. Y. as there used to be, or does this committee include that?

Thanking you in advance for any information you can give me,  
I am  
Sincerely Yours,

Mrs. K. W. Brown.

1014 Kellogg Ave.

Ames, Iowa.

Aug. 11. '34.

1014 Kellogg Ave. 07  
Ames Iowa,  
Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> '37

Dear Miss Hodge:  
I want to thank  
you for sending me  
bulletin #1, dated Oct. 1: '37  
to the Christian Colleges  
in China, and shall  
look forward to receiving  
further bulletins as they  
are put out. I am  
deeply interested in  
what the Christian schools  
are doing in this time  
of such disturbed conditions.  
Cordially,  
Mr. K. M. Brown

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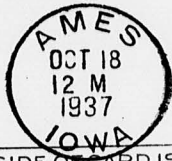
AMES IOWA  
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R. 7, Box 48 - approved  
Marshall Texas  
Feb. 20, 38.

Dear Miss Linn:  
My sister with whom  
I have spent most of the  
winters in recent years,  
was called home last  
Monday Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, leaving  
me the last one of our  
generation in our family.  
I was 7 years her senior.  
I shall be going back  
to Iowa, probably this  
week, 1014 Kellogg Ave,  
Ames Iowa. Will you  
please see that my address  
is changed again. I very  
much appreciate receiving  
the Girdling Bulletin  
and other material  
concerning conditions  
in China. I hear quite  
frequently from the  
Hippe family (Lydia's)  
in Shanghai. How terrible  
conditions have been and  
continue to be.  
Cordially,  
Mr. K. M. Brown

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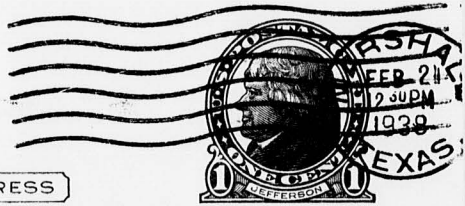


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Miss Margaret E. Hodge.  
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Miss Rebecca Grist,  
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Room 903  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York  
March 5, 1938

My dear Mrs. Brown:

I have been wanting, ever since the pamphlet, which you prepared with such loving care as a memorial to Lydia, to sit down and write you a long letter. I have had the booklet on my desk at home, and I have had it on my desk here, but so often the letters one wants to write most, are the ones that do not get written. It was Lydia who met me in Shanghai, when I first entered China in the fall of 1919, and it was Lydia and Daisy with whom I had my first dinner in China. Lydia's ideals are a precious heritage for Ginling, both faculty and students. She had a rare combination of the practical and the idealistic, and standards that were both high and simple. I well remember some of her chapel talks, especially one in which she told the girls of your work and interest. One could hear a pin drop in the chapel as she talked.

I often wonder, as I think of the poverty which this next generation in China is going to face - all of them will face it, unless they are traitors - and of the poverty which many have always faced in China, whether Lydia's ideals for development of Chinese music, and her marvelous teaching and handling of the organ, through the baby organ, is not the emphasis which again we are going to need most in our Ginling Music Department. China will need too, women of Lydia's character and devotion, as well as of her insight. One wonders if present day mothers are building daughters of Lydia's type. You certainly can be both proud and humble, that you had such a great part in giving to China in the early days of women's higher education, so rare a contribution as she was able to make.

We do appreciate so much your generous gift of \$2.00 for postage, in connection with the letters which we have been sending out from China. Five diaries have now come in from men, who were on the International Committee of the Safety Zone in that city. They run from December 10th through January 11th, and are very terrible reading. The Japanese army of fifty thousand soldiers were apparently permitted to run wild in that city, and through that whole period, murders of men and violations of women, robbing of the poor, looting of stores and burning of property was a daily and nightly occurrence. We are thankful that Ginling came through

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it more safely than other institutions, which were trying to protect the miserable civilians. Constant patrolling of our campus by Miss Vautrin and her assistants, and the patrolling each night by one of the American men, made it possible to give more safety there than apparently was achieved anywhere else.

Miss Vautrin is planning to use the campus this spring for a training school for the widows of Nanking, trying to teach them how to earn a living. There are hundreds of women who have lost their husbands, through the ferocity of this invading army, since it occupied the city.

I was sorry to receive your card, telling me of the loss of your sister. I trust that she slipped away peacefully, and that the strain was not too great for you. With deep sympathy to you, and with deep appreciation for your continued interest in Ginling, I am

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Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. K. W. Brown  
1014 Kellogg Avenue  
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Miss Rebecca W. Griest,  
Room 903. - 150 Fifth Ave.  
New York.

Dear Friend:

I do very much want to continue to receive the material you are receiving from China. I am deeply interested and concerned in all that concerns China these days, not only on account of past memories of our Lydia over there, and of her family now standing by the Chinese workers in Shanghai, but on account of

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the many noble, courageous  
Chinese themselves. I keep  
more or less in touch with  
3 of the 5 members of that  
first graduating class at  
Giuling, Pres Wu Yi Tang,  
Mrs. New, and Mary Tang.  
I cannot tell you how  
thankful I was to receive  
<sup>just a few days ago,</sup>  
a copy of dear Mrs. New's  
letter of Dec. 6, and a copy  
of her speech to the Chinese  
Women's Club of Shanghai, - on  
Dec. 14, '37. She sent me last  
Jan. one of the family group  
pictures, and her general letter,  
and then the booklet, in  
Tribute to her husband.

Lydia's son, Owen, was

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15. last July 22. He  
is a fine boy, and I get  
fine letters from him.

Margaret, (Mrs. Hippe) has  
been a splendid wife and  
mother, and has been a  
real daughter to me. She has  
not taken Lydia's place, but  
has certainly made a place  
for herself. Burder has been  
all the time a great comfort  
to me, and I claim the younger  
boy (Jack) as a grandson. He  
will be ten years old to-morrow.

I am enclosing a check  
for just a small amount,  
two dollars (\$2.00) to help out  
on the expense of these bulletins.

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the postage etc. I would  
so love to help in a big way,<sup>(H)</sup>  
to relieve the terrible  
needs in China, but have  
another real need to which  
I have to respond. I have  
only one sister living. She &  
her husband were in Home  
Mission work for years, he as  
President of Bishop College  
here in Marshall for 20 years,  
for Colored young people, and  
she in the work just as long  
and as hard as he. For 10  
years they have been retired, and  
she receives a small allowance  
but not nearly enough to meet  
their needs. He is an invalid,  
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strain of caring for him.

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I have spent the winters here for several years. This year, mostly, because I felt that sister needed me more than anyone else. I am glad to be ~~so~~ situated that I can come, but the financial burden is more than I can really carry, or than I should, and the responsibility is more than I ought to have to carry at my age, 77 last Aug.

I did not ask for a change of address. My mail carrier at home has been forwarding my second class mail from Guilford, but I will ask you to please change my address now until further notice from 1014 Kellogg Ave. Ames Iowa, to R. 7. Box 43. Marshall Texas.

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Yours Cordially,

Mrs K. W. Brown.

R. 7. Box 43.

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R. 7. Box 43,  
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Dear Miss Grist:

I want to thank you and the "Board of Founders", for sending me one of the beautiful Calendars, with the picture of Central Building of Girling College, the gift of Smith College. It is so very attractive. I very much appreciate having copies of all the letters etc. from Pres. Her, Miss Vautrin, and all the others. As I wrote you a few days ago, I am deeply interested in all that concerns Girling College, Shanghai University, and China. My prayer is that in some way, good may come out of the terrible experiences

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through which China is <sup>[2]</sup>  
passing, and Christ and  
His cause may be  
triumphant.

With Love,

Mrs K. W. Brown,

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1014 Kellogg Ave,  
Ames Iowa,  
Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> '39.

Dear Friends:

I do not know who is in the office now. I used to address Rebecca Grist a year or two ago, but she may not be there now. I am enclosing check for \$5.00 for the work wherever you think best to put it. I would be more than glad if I could make it ten or one hundred times that much. I want to send some Christmas Greetings to some of the Linling friends, and will thank you very much if you can give me some of the addresses that will reach them.

- Mrs Matilda Thurston, <sup>China.</sup> Linling College
- Miss Ruth Chester, <sup>145 H. H. K. Rd.</sup> Shanghai (?)
- Mrs Way Sung New, <sup>Ranking.</sup> St. Stephen's College, Shanghai (?)
- Pres Yiu fang Hu, <sup>Ranking, Chengtu.</sup> West China Union Univ. Chengtu. ?
- Miss Minnie Austin, <sup>Ranking, Chengtu.</sup> Linling College, Ranking. 1145 H. H. K. Rd.
- Miss Mary Sang, <sup>(can this be Jung Hwei-tung of the Class of 1919. If so, our latest address is Pui Shi Girls' School, American Church, Mission, Anking, Anhwei.)</sup>
- Miss Phoebe Ho, <sup>Ranking, Chengtu.</sup>

Are the ones I have written above correct?

Thanking you in advance  
Yours Most Cordially,  
Mrs K. W. Brown,  
(Margaret M.)

Mrs. Emory Ross.  
150 Fifth Avenue. New York. N.Y.

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Dear Mrs. Ross :

Sometime today, I suppose you will receive a letter from me, which I wrote Monday evening, but did not get it into the mail, until yesterday morning about nine o'clock, when the post-man came. About six hours after that, the envelope containing the General News Letter from Ginling College, <sup>came</sup> with the little article about the luncheon given Oct. 27th, "in honor of Miss Catherine Sutherland, of Ginling's Department of Music, just arrived in America on furlough, "Without Fanfare", ~~essay~~ With these, was your little personal note, written Nov. 6th, and the postmark on the envelope was Nov. 6. 7-P.M. and it came Air Mail. It was mailed at just about the same hour in which I was writing to your office, and ~~mail~~ enclosing my check for \$5.00.

That was certainly a strong illustration of Mental Telepathy, and I was very much impressed by it, and feel that in some way, God was back of it. You may not know that Lydia Brown, who went out to Ginling in 1917, to organize the Music Dept. was my daughter, and my interest in Ginling has been continuous ever since that time. She was there three years, (as happy years as any young woman ever lived,) then she came home for a little more than a year, and went back as Mrs. J.B.Hipps to Shanghai Baptist College where she gave of her best for three more years, when the Lord took her to her Heavenly Home, and her dear body was laid to rest in the International Cemetery, in the French Concession in Shanghai. She left a little boy, Owen, two years and five months old. He is 17 years and four months old now, a Senior in the American School, and President of the School Senate. Mrs. Way Sung New goes to Lydia's "Garden of Remembrance" every Easter with flowers, or sends them, and you can imagine what that means to me. Mr. Hipps has been a very true son to me. He married again with our entire endorsement, <sup>Margaret</sup> and has been all that we could wish, not having taken Lydia's place, but having made a place of her own in all of our hearts.

I said in my letter of the 6th, that I would be so glad if my check could be for ten or one hundred times as much, but I am sure that you can understand that there are other calls, and the amount of my check does not measure my interest in Ginling. I have read with great interest all the reports and letters which have come from Ginling, where ever the work was going on, through the past months.

I was so impressed with the experience of yesterday, that I called up a very dear friend, a young mother, who is so very much interested always in Ginling and all Mission work, and told her the story, and then it occurred to me to call another dear friend, nearer my own age, who knew and loved Lydia, and has been interested in Ginling since the days when Lydia was there. She was deeply interested and immediately said, "Would you send five dollars for me, to add to yours?" I confess that I had not even thought of that, altho I knew she was always ready to respond when called upon. I hastened to say "Indeed I would", and altho I have not yet seen her to get the five, I am enclosing another check, with ~~xxx~~ a thankful heart, and the feeling that God is better to us than we even expect.

I see by the News Letter that Ruth Chester is in Chengtu, and I suppose a letter addressed to the Union University will reach her.

I have not done a very good job typing this letter, but I am in my 79th year, and I know you will excuse mistakes.

1014 Kellogg Ave.  
Ames Iowa,  
Nov. 8, 1939.

Sincerely,  
Mrs R. W. Brown.

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9 November 1939

Dear Mrs. Brown:

We have your letter of November 6, 1939 in which you enclosed a check for \$5.00 for Ginling's current budget. We have also noted your request that we supply you with addresses for some of your Ginling friends in China. As Mrs. Macmillan, who is Secretary of the Ginling Board of Founders, is out of town for a few days, we are leaving your letter for her final acknowledgment, as she will have more information about correct addresses than we could give you.

Meanwhile, we have put your check through the Treasurer's office, and the official receipt will go forward to you with Mrs. Macmillan's reply.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary in the Ginling  
Office.

Mrs. K. W. Brown  
1014 Kellogg Avenue  
Ames, Iowa

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15 November 1939

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Mrs. Ross has shared with me your very sweet message which accompanied your check. It was my great pleasure to know Lydia; she was a lovely person and her going was a great loss.

We are acknowledging by this same mail Mrs. Boltenstern's contribution and are telling her that you will share with her the news on the enclosed typed sheet, just received from Chengtu.

Your messages to Ruth Chester can be addressed simply "Ginling College, Chengtu, Szechuan, China".

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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To MRS GEORGE H. ROUNDS

Street and No. 55 WEST 95 STREET

Place NEW YORK CITY

I HEARTILY ENDORSE THE WORK OF GINGLING COLLEGE.

GINGLING HAS STEADILY CARRIED ON THE CASE OF WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN CHINA, AND TODAY IS THE LEADING COLLEGE FOR WOMEN IN THAT COUNTRY

PEARL S. BUCK

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR REFERENCE

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