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March 23, 1931.

Dear Miss Butler:

I want to have a little gossip with you, and through you with the other ex-faculty members, about Ginling and report what was done at the annual meeting and the Executive Committee to which we committed several important matters.

First, I suppose you know that Miss Bender resigned last fall because of the illness of her sister. Early in January the sister died and since then Miss Bender has been overwhelmed with business details and with the care of her aged aunt who is very ill. She is very tired herself and we are wondering if she will have the physical strength to carry the burden. Of course her loss to the College is irreparable. We have not yet elected a secretary though Rebecca Griest made a fine secretary pro-tem at the annual meeting.

Did you know that Rebecca Griest's mother died about a month ago following a comparatively short illness of a serious heart trouble. Rebecca is breaking up the home and writes that she does not know what she is going to do. It certainly has been a joy to have her carrying so much of the candidate work this year and she is giving herself to it in her usual thorough way.

I presume that you have heard from the field about the annual meeting of the Board of Directors.

FINANCE. The United Christian Missionary Society is paying in gold instead of mex. and the Presbyterian Board has increased its gifts, and you know that the Methodists have increased theirs by supporting one or two of the members of the faculty, so there is more money available particularly because of the wonderful exchange rate. They were planning at that time to complete the whole building program including the buying of one or two additional plots of land. Dr. Wu says:

"In the plan for the new Capital, this section is reserved as Educational and Residential. We therefore feel that such fine land, such as Miss D's, should be secured when it is quite low in price and easy to buy, particularly because it gives a short road to the laboratory of the Central Research Institute."

They were planning to have the architect go ahead with plans and specifications and asked us to authorize the use of the whole amount which we are holding here for buildings. After a careful study of their request the Committee voted:

"That if upon further consideration the Board of Directors feels that it is wise to enter upon the enlarged building program in 1931, the Ginling College Committee make available to the field \$415,466. mexican with the understanding that only such buildings are to be projected as can be built and completely equipped within this sum, and the further understanding that any expenditures for land purchases are also to come within this total sum.

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"The Ginling College Committee expresses its judgment that there should be no encroachment upon the Fund that has been built up as a Permanent Property Upkeep Fund."

This authorization was cabled to the field and a letter in February says that conditions are such that they will probably not be able to proceed with the whole building program but they do want to erect some small buildings to be used at present for the faculty and which can later be used for the married Chinese professors. It seemed quite thrilling to think of going ahead with the whole building program and I do hope that they will be able to do it while exchange is so favorable.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. Of course we were interested in the necessary modifications of the Constitution and By-Laws to meet the requirements of the Chinese government if registration was to be secured. The Committee in America acquiesced in the amendments and recommended that certain phrases such as - "the five Christian missionary Boards" "and at least three-fourths shall be professing Christians" and others which describe the College as definitely Christian, be embodied in the Agreement between the Directors on the field and the Governors in this country. This plan was the suggestion of the Executive Committee on the field.

FACULTY. You probably know that Miss Sharp, who seems to have been such a satisfactory secretary, has had to come home because of a mild case of tuberculosis. They seem to feel that she will probably recover in time. We are very sorry both for Miss Sharp and for Dr. Wu and felt that the most important person to secure is a secretary to the president. Following the recommendations of the field we voted to try to secure in addition people for:

Education - 1
English - 1
Music - 2
Physical Education - 1
Physics and Mathematics - 1
Psychology - 1
Librarian - 1

"The English position is to be in addition to Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon."

Miss Merab E. Mossman, for Sociology, has arrived and they feel that she will fit in beautifully. I quote from Miss Griest's report:

"The methods used, were (1) applying to Appointment Bureaus, (2) Heads of Departments and (3) enlisting the interest of former members of the Ginling College faculty now in America. The last was the only real fruitful method. The report asked both the Committee and the College to recognize the difficulty of securing satisfactory candidates because of the training demanded and professional experience desired combined with genuine Christian ideals of service, and salaries offered. The combined requirements narrow very much the numbers who can go or who would be acceptable. The Committee was asked to cooperate in every way possible with the

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Candidate Committee, through their knowledge of suitable graduate students and through their influence with men and women who direct graduate students."

Are you not interested in knowing that you former members of the faculty are the ones who have been most helpful in securing re-inforcements? I hope you will all continue the good work.

Dr. Reeves, Miss Vautrin and Miss Sutherland are coming home on furlough in the summer of 1931. Miss Warren completes her three year term.

We are still trying to find an Educationalist to serve as a co-opted member of the Committee. We had hopes that Miss Case of Teachers College, Columbia, who is doing a very fine piece of work there and also for the Episcopal Board, would consent to serve but she is so busy that she has regretfully declined. If you can suggest anyone we will be very grateful.

Miss Thayer and Mrs. Henry Smith Leiper were both at the meeting, Mrs. Leiper having been appointed by the Alumnae Association of Smith College to represent them. They seemed much interested in the meeting and urged us to do what we can to provide more knowledge about the College among the Smith Alumnae and the friends of the College in America. This led to a discussion of publicity and several suggestions were made such as a sketch of Dr. Wu, an account of what the alumnae are doing, a statement of the past year by the College. Miss Thayer has already prepared the latter in the form of a letter and we were quite distressed to find that most of the names which we had on file seemed to have gone back to China with Mrs. Thurston. I have written asking that we may be given a copy of that list and any names that they may have out there. If any of you ex-faculty members have names to suggest please send them to Miss Thayer, also any other suggestions about publicity.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION. You probably know that the agreement with the Y.W.C.A. is terminated and they have handed over to the College the equipment which they brought with them. A very formal legal document has been received signed by representatives of the Y.W. and of the College, so that matter seems to be satisfactorily closed.

My greetings go to one and all of you. I wish that I could see you more frequently.

Cordially yours,

(Signed) Margaret E. Hodge

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January 20, 1932

Miss Alice L. Butler
Western College
Oxford, Ohio

My dear Miss Butler:

Thank you for your letter of January 12th and your report. I do wish you could have been at the meeting last Saturday. It was a good meeting and Miss Vautrin's presence added much to it.

It is wonderful the way the College is carrying on during these difficult days and we all admire the poise of the president and of the undergraduates. I am enclosing excerpts from recent letters. A very interesting letter came from Dr. Wu just before the meeting, which Miss Bender has. I have asked her to send it to you. I hope you will hold up your news letter until you receive it.

I think your suggestion that you and Miss Thayer together prepare a letter to send to your group and to hers is a very good one. We felt that you and she could decide between you whether it would be better to have the letter mimeographed or printed. There has been such a dearth of information from the College that personally I am inclined to think it would be a good plan to have it printed so that we could all have a number to use in our correspondence and for other purposes of publicity. Could you not have it done more cheaply in Oxford than it could be done in cities. If you will send me the bill for its reproduction I will see that Mr. Carter sends you a check for it.

Miss Vautrin presented a very interesting plan for publicity which she and Miss Thayer have worked out, much along the lines which some of us here had thought of some years ago but with much more care for details. Unfortunately it involves expense and whether we can afford anything of the kind is a question which was referred to the Executive Committee which will meet fairly soon.

You probably know that the College wants to build notwithstanding the present situation. If we should sell the securities that are back of the building fund it would be at a great loss now and so we are putting up to the College whether they think the gain in exchange and the necessity for expansion will warrant this loss in realizing on the securities.

With cordial good wishes for your work as registrar as well as with your Ginling group, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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P.S.

Thank you for your suggestion about the pictures. We have not yet decided just how best to use them.

Signed in Miss Hodge's absence

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OXFORD, OHIO
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
January 12, 1932

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Miss Hodge:

The letter from your secretary inviting me to attend the meeting of the Ginling College committee on Saturday, January 16, was much appreciated. How I wish I could come. I should like to see you again and some of the other people who would be present at the meeting. This, however, is impossible at this time.

I am sending a very brief report of the publicity work that I have done. As I understand it Miss Mary V. Thayer, 218 Park Street, West Roxbury, Massachusetts, is carrying on the publicity work with people from outside the Ginling family. Miss MacWhinney said you wished to know where I thought the photographs should be kept. Miss Griest might make some use of them in her dealings with applicants for positions though there may be some other better place than that and Miss Griest may not be doing that work at present.

I hope the news letter from Mrs. Thurston may be sent to me early next week and any items of interest to the group in America that develop during the committee meeting. If the news letter is one that should go to this much larger group of outsiders, should it be printed rather than mimeographed, although I could have it mimeographed here in a large enough number to send to the entire group if you think that advisable.

I trust that everything at the committee meeting will go smoothly and that the college is preparing for further growth.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice L. Butler

Alice L. Butler
Registrar

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My dear Ginling Friends:

You've been eagerly awaiting the first functioning of the Ginling Abroad Secretary and she's been just as eager to get something to you, but circumstances seemed to interfere.

On the advice of some of the group it was decided not to get out a letter before Christmas but to wait until after the Ginling College Committee meeting in January. The sudden illness and death of Mrs. Griest delayed the reports somewhat. Moreover, my first job now is Western College, and I have been unusually pushed this spring. Even now I'm trying to write as I travel on a one coach train across Ohio. If there are errors in my part of the letter, it may be due to the illegibility of the manuscript I'm sending back to a typist.

I'm hoping that each one of you will send me prompt replies giving criticisms, news items, addresses, and many suggestions for the further work of the group.

May we have a show of hands by means of pens (or pencils) on the question of name? Those suggested were Ginling-in-America and Ginling Abroad. As some addresses of Ginlingers away from China are in other parts of the world than America, there are arguments in favor of the latter name.

I'm expecting to have many visits with Mr. Tsü next week in Buffalo, and if Registrar Adelaide Gundlach comes to our convention, we'll have to have a China party.

There are many things I'd like to say, but space forbids.

I'm hoping for prompt replies.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Alice L. Butler

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GINLING ABROAD

News Items.

Cables from China in February, announced that Misses Carl, Hof-sommer, Thomas, and Whitmer had gone to Peiping and Misses Bond, Ches-ter, Mossman, and Scharle to Shanghai. The others were waiting hope-fully in Nanking. Miss Hodge says, "I'm so glad Mrs. Thurston is staying with Dr. Wu in these critical days, but of course, I expected that she would." Miss Hodge also says, "It is wonderful the way the College is carrying on during these difficult days and we all admire the poise of the president and of the undergraduates. You probably know that the College wants to build notwithstanding the present sit-uation. If we should sell the securities that are back of the building fund it would be at a great loss now and so we are putting up to the College whether they think the gain in exchange and the necessity for expansion will warrant this loss in realizing on the securities.

Mrs. Thurston wrote in the fall about the visit of the Lindberghs to Ginling. Mrs. Lindbergh, as a Smith College graduate, was much in-terested in Ginling. The dinner was not a feast, but a carefully chosen group of special Chinese dishes with rice, mushrooms, shrimps, sharks' fins, abalone, duck, kidneys, fish, eight-precious-rice, pine seeds, almonds, watermelon seeds, honey dates, moon cakes.

New American members of the Ginling faculty are:

Miss Jane Thomas, Secretary to the President,--out for one year only.

Miss Kathleen Bond, Vocal Music, formerly in Canton.

Miss Catherine Carl, Music, an Oberlin College graduate.

Miss Abigail Hofsommer, English, Carleton College graduate.

Miss Scharle, Piano.

Blanche Wu writes about Founder's Day; "We almost wanted to give up our Founder's Day celebration due to flood conditions and our National distress. However, we thought such a gathering together might add to the spirit of the college. If the history of the college is made known to the students, they will appreciate Ginling College bet-ter, thus increasing the loyalty of each one. We did not have a ban-quet, but only noodles and vegetables, giving the money saved for flood relief. There were only a few guests, especially alumnae. Liu Fuh-mei was the only one at the noodles and Mrs. Wei attended only a part of the program. We were divided up into many groups representing different countries. Liu En-lan was the toast mistress. The central theme was "Communication". Mrs. Thurston-Pioneer Road; Dr. Wu-Expan-sion of Road; Students-Road in Construction; and Miss Spicer-The Ten Year Plan--The Side Road.

Miss Minnie Vautrin and Miss Catherine Sutherland are in America on furlough. They came via Siberia and Europe. Miss Vautrin is now studying in the University of Chicago. Her home address is Shepherd, Michigan. Miss Sutherland is at her home, 445 Baker Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

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Dr. Cora D. Reeves, who is also on furlough, was in Europe when the last word from her reached the Secretary of Ginling Abroad. She too travelled across Siberia and spent part of her time on a study of fishes at Stockholm. She was in London in October.

Phoebe Hoh, '20, who returned to China last summer, is working at the Y.W.C.A. in Wuchang and enjoys her work very much. She was doing refugee work in the fall.

Marie Yü (Yü Chang-fang, '21) returned to China in September after two years in America.

Mary Chen (Chen Djuh-gün) '23, is studying Religious Education at Oberlin. Her address is 145 Elm Street, Oberlin, Ohio.

Miss Marion Ewing writes of the charming little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quon (Ho Chang-chi-Lily Ho, '23). The Quons are living in San Diego, at 4663 Georgia Street. Mr. Quon is in business in California and Miss Ewing says his San Diego store is very attractive.

Mrs. K. C. Chen (Swen Dji-Shuh, '23), who was a student at Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky, last year, is now studying at Teachers College, Columbia. Her husband is continuing his graduate work in Psychology at Columbia University.

Bao Dji-lih, '24, is working at the University of Michigan on her dissertation in Experimental Psychology. She has passed the preliminary examinations for her doctorate.

Mao Yeh-wen, '25, returned to China via Europe last summer.

Liu En-lan, '25, who is now in the Department of Geography at Ginling, did her two years of graduate work in Geography at Clark and Chicago Universities. She had a few weeks in the U.S. Weather Bureau in Washington. On her voyage to Europe en route for China, she spent most of her spare time taking the ocean's temperature. At the dinner given for the Lindberghs at Ginling she sat by the Colonel and asked questions about far away places, adding to her geographical knowledge.

Djang Siao-Sung, '26, is taking graduate work in Psychology, at the University of Michigan, working for her doctor's degree. She received her master's degree last June and expects to take her language examinations this summer. Readers of *The Chinese Christian Student* see her name in its pages for she is a member-at-large of the Central Executive Board and is active in work for the organization. She is living at Helen Newberry Residence in Ann Arbor.

Wang Gia-wei, '27, who came to Pomona College for graduate work in Botany, has been forced to take a rest. She can be addressed care Miss Marion Ewing, Pomona College Library, Claremont, California.

Hwang Li-ming, '27, received her Master of Arts in Hygiene and Physical Education at Wellesley in June and returned to China to be on the Ginling faculty. She met Liu En-lan in Europe and they visited English factones and Scandinavian Fjords. They travelled across Siberia with Miss Emily Case who had spent the summer in Europe with her parents.

Chen Pin-dji, '28, is doing graduate work in Zoology at the University of Michigan. She lives at Belser Parkour House.

Sung Ging-ying, '28, who was studying Education in the University of Chicago last year, is studying Journalism at Columbia this year. She was married early in January to Mr. C. Y. Sen, who is a graduate student at Columbia.

Tang Ming-sin, '28, is doing graduate work in Sociology at Smith College.

Liu Shuh-yin, '28, is studying Physics at Mt. Holyoke.

Ho Chang-ling (Ivy Ho), '29, is now Mrs. Tang. She and her husband have returned to China and are in Nanking.

Giang Shuh-ying, '30, is taking work in Economics at University of Michigan.

Chen Yueh-mei, '30, Mary Chen's sister, is taking work in the Physical Education department at Wellesley College.

Ho I-djen, '30, is a graduate student at Mt. Holyoke College.

Grace Zia, Mrs. S.M. Chu, is living at Niebuhrstrasse 8 II, Berlin C 4, Germany. Her husband is studying the art of war and she is studying German.

Mrs. C. N. Li (Gwoh Hsing-yen) lives at 430 West 122nd Street, New York City.

Fan Gwan is having her second year of study at the Biblical Seminary.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goucher Chapman, who lived in Nanking last year and was in charge of the Ginling library, spent six weeks in Baltimore during the summer visiting her sister.

Mr. K. C. Tsü is spending a second year in graduate study. He received his master's degree at the University of Kentucky in June and is now doing graduate work at the University of Michigan.

Miss Ada Grabill was Acting Dean of Women at Beloit College for a part of the fall term. She is now busy with her Missionary Education classes.

Misses Ellen and May Cook are taking a Mediterranean cruise this winter. They have a charming home in Jaffrey, New Hampshire.

The father of Miss Alice Butler died very suddenly last September. Miss Butler and her mother are living in an apartment in Oxford while the former continues her work as Registrar of Western College.

Miss Adelaide Gundlach was at Pendle Hill for the summer course and enjoyed her renewed acquaintance with Dr. and Mrs. Henry Hodgkin.

Miss Gundlach, Miss Butler and Mr. Tsü expect to be in Chicago in April for the meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars. They expect to have a visit with Miss Vautrin at that time.

Miss Helen Yule McCoy is working at the Social Settlement in Omaha, Nebraska. She works in the office and has charge of the library.

Miss Virginia Corbett, who was at Ginling for the year 1923-24 died at her home in Fort Collins, Colorado, on February eleven, two days before her sixty-fifth birthday. She had been resting and taking treatment for cancer for about three months. She returned to her home from the hospital in Denver just a few days before her death. She was Dean of Women and Professor of English at Colorado Agricultural College.

The Chinese Christian Student is published monthly from October to April, at 347 Madison Avenue, New York. (Subscription rate \$1.00 a year). It contains much interesting information.

Born June 19, 1930, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Quon (Lily Ho) a daughter, Alberta Pauline. They are living at 4663 Georgia Street, San Diego, California, or may be reached in care of Miss Mollie L. Paul, 1628 N. Gardner Street, Hollywood, California.

Miss Griest and Miss Treudley had a fine trip to Europe last summer, going as far east as Budapest. They saw Eva Spicer for three hours in Berlin and had eight days with Deng Yü-dji there, and were with Li Dzeh-djen for three days in Paris.

Liu En-lan spent the first semester at the University of Chicago and is back at Clark University now.

Lu Shuh-ying is studying Physics at Mt. Holyoke.

Dr. Martha Hackett gave a course at Mt. Holyoke the first semester. She expects to be at Western College, her Alma Mater, for Commencement, and is to do some archaeological digging in Mexico this summer.

Dr. Miner Lee Bates, former president of Hiram College and father of Searles Bates, died August 19, 1930, after a ten day illness.

Miss Martha Phelps was in the Tyrol when she sent in her dollar for Ginling-Abroad.

Mr. Tsü Kwo-chi, the Ginling Registrar, is studying the work of the Registrar at the University of Kentucky. He expects to attend the meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars in Buffalo the latter part of April.

Mrs. Griest, mother of Miss Rebecca Griest died at the end of January after an illness of two weeks.

Miss Dorothy Stendel has been at her home, 4326 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, California, since August 1929 because of her mother's ill health.

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Lunch with Miss

Chubb & Alice on the 10th

12 o'clock Woodstock

Theatre - Thursday evening.

WESTERN COLLEGE

OXFORD, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

January 29, 1937

Miss Rebecca Griest
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Rebecca:

All signs fail in dry weather, and flood conditions seem to do the same thing, at least to my plans. Last October for a brief time there was a prospect that I might accompany Georgia Wilkins to South America and for thirty-six hours early in January that same idea was up, but the report was absolutely no chance of a passage. Georgia has arrived in New York and was at Thomas Cook's on Monday. There seemed so little hope of passage that she went ahead with her plans for my visit, buying theater tickets and such, and I had a letter to that effect Wednesday noon. I was in the midst of making plans for getting to New York Saturday morning when Wednesday evening she telephoned that she had passage for me and so all my plans are changed.

I am expecting now to arrive in New York on Wednesday or at the latest on Thursday, February 10 or 11. We sail on the Santa Lucia at midnight, February 12. It looks as if I should not see you unless I see you on the 10th. I had hoped to see Mrs. Thurston also, and I do not know whether she will be in New York at that time or not. Do you? I am quite sure that I can't do many separate engagements because I shall be a part of a party of four for whom plans are already being made.

It is my hope to reach New York early on Wednesday, February 10. I shall be staying at the Hotel Woodstock, Forty-third near Broadway. You might telephone to Georgia who is there now or write her a note. That day is Ash Wednesday. She is a good Episcopalian. I may go to the theater Wednesday night, but she will not.

In view of what I said in an earlier letter about Mrs. Thurston and Georgia, I might take back part of the statement. What I meant was that I did not want Mrs. Thurston to be the one who asks her for the money, and I still mean that, but I do not mean that it would not be possible for them to meet.

I do hope I shall get to see you.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice L. Butler

Alice L. Butler
Registrar

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO
November 1, 1937

Miss Rebecca Griest
Room 903 - 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rebecca:

Last week Mrs. Lewis, who represents the Information Bureau for Women's Colleges in Chicago (This includes all the eastern women's colleges as well as western, etc.) was here with her high school daughter, Mrs. Pomeroy wished some student to show the daughter around the campus. She ran through the students' schedules to see what girl was available at the time and picked Emily Griest to do this. She told me later that Emily had done a fine job, and had made an excellent impression. I thought you could be glad to know that your child is making a place for herself.

I wonder if you got Catherine Sutherland's letter of September 26? She sent a copy to Dean Sawyer to be sent to me. It is most interesting. Last night at the Church Trustees' meeting when a missions collection was being discussed, I told some things about the conditions existing at present in regard to some financial matters, part of this gleaned from you and part from the information sent out by Frank Price.

My curiosity has almost overcome me in the intervals when I have had time to let it work since I received your letter telling about the Japanese and Chinese missionaries. What did the Japanese missionaries have to say?

I have been home for a week. My furniture is all back, the front hangings are up, the net curtains that were at the front room windows have been shortened, all but one of them being ready to go to be cleaned before they are hung in my bedroom. Yesterday I did all the family laundry, not, of course, sheets, and pillow cases, but slips, stockings, handkerchiefs, etc., things that I don't usually do myself.

This was dictated on Friday.

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I hope I am going to look at lisle hose today.
If I put on a personal boycott against the Japanese,
I think that lisle hose must be part of the picture.
What do you think of Japan's suggesting mediation?

Affectionately,

Alice

Alice L. Butler

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO
December 10, 1937

Miss Rebecca Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Rebecca:

Mrs. Thurston has come and gone, and we did have a very good visit, and she made some excellent speeches. There was much entertaining for her. I gave her breakfast daily, and we had one lunch and a Sunday supper at home, when illness had interfered with the plans made by another hostess.

Her schedule is pretty tight for this week-end, and I am wondering how it is going to work out. The only way that she could get from Berea to Columbus for the tea this afternoon was to leave Berea at about 1:45 this morning by train. A bus trip would not have gotten her there until about 4:30. In order to get to Toledo for the lunch she must go by bus, which leaves at 7:00 in the morning, and I am wondering about the roads. Since she will be going by main highways, I am assuming that they will be clear, but there is always a question.

*later -
no she goes
by train arriving
at 2:50 a.m.*

You will be pleased with the comments that I heard on Emily recently. One of her teachers said, "We surely want to keep this girl in college. She's one of the finest we have." This morning Miss Edmands, Emily's history teacher, was in and we were talking about Mrs. Thurston. Miss Edmands quoted a comment of Emily's on the effect of living in China, and then she told me of how they discuss political things at the table. She found Emily quite an interesting person and one always to rise in defense of F.D.R. when he is maligned. I judge that Emily has had a good deal of teasing at the table. At any rate, Miss Edmands says that Emily is working harder than she did and made A on her recent test. I said that you said that Emily's first grades were what she could do without much effort, and Miss Edmands' reply was that she thought this was true, but she thought Emily had settled down to harder work. The comments we hear on all sides about Emily are all favorable. Mrs. Thurston was very much pleased with her both in appearance and poise.

I do wonder what Nanking's fate is.

Affectionately yours,

Alice
Alice L. Butler

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

January 3, 1938

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rebecca:

I have had quite an interesting time this week, and I know you will be interested in the enclosed clipping.

On Wednesday, Miss Hamilton of Miami telephoned to say that two Ginling graduates, who were staying at her dormitory during the National Student Conference here, had fairly jumped up and down when my name was mentioned. She asked if I would come to lunch. The one was Alice Yang, the other Miss Shih. I was, of course, delighted to go, and I was glad we had that visit because it was the only one I had with them. They were terribly busy with conference. Miss Shih broadcast from Cincinnati as one of the speakers of the conference. There was a fine picture of her in the Enquirer, but unfortunately, my copy got destroyed. The other, Alice Yang, you can see for yourself.

They said Wang Mei-o had not come to the U.S.A.

Before the luncheon Miss Hamilton went over to the information bureau to be sure that there were no other Ginling people, and she said to the girl at the desk, "I am wanting to invite these people in to meet Miss Butler." A man standing nearby asked, "May I be invited to lunch, too?" It was Ray Sweetman, and did we have a good visit! He is with the Student Movement in New York State with offices on West Forty-fifth. Last night he showed colored movies that he had made in Russia last summer to a group, and invited me over to see them. They were very interesting.

I suppose it may be some time before we'll hear from Minnie again. The whole China situation just makes me ill. Let's hope for a happier New Year.

I see by the suit-cases in the hall that Emily is back, but I have not seen her yet.

*Thanks for your Christmas
greeting*

Affectionately yours,

Alice

Alice L. Butler

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January 7, 1938

My dear Alice:

Thank you so much for writing me about the Student Volunteer Conference. I am wondering whether you saw the Ginling film? We sent it to them at Mr. Braisted's request and suggested that you be asked to annotate it. I think, however, that you were not told of this, for Miss Sharp has been in the hospital since the 22nd of December, and I was home for a week at that time, so that a number of things that should have been finished off were not done.

I am glad that you saw the two Ginling girls. Shih Pao-chen has written me also about being in Oxford and of seeing you, and has given me Alice Yang's address.

I was very glad to have your letter about Mrs. Thurston. She apparently had a very successful trip and was deeply appreciated everywhere with the exception of Toledo. I believe that the fatigue of the very bad connections probably accounted for the criticisms which came from that meeting. Emily Case wrote enthusiastically from Cleveland, and believes that we should be using Mrs. Thurston constantly for interpretation at this time.

Two letters have come this week from Miss Wu in Hankow, the last written on December 21st but they had not then heard anything about the Ginling property. Miss Wu has made herself willing to function whenever it is possible in Nanking. She is arranging for the appointment of an American vice-president to carry on in the meantime. This, I assume, will be Minnie.

I think Emily had a very happy vacation. I spent New Year's day with them. Her mother came into New York with her on Sunday to see her off.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Alice Butler
Western College
Oxford, Ohio

P.S. The clipping and your note has just arrived. Thank you for telling me about the death of Helen McCoy's mother. I had not heard of it before.

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Alice Butler

WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

January 17, 1938

Miss Rebecca Griest
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rebecca:

The letters which have just come from your office, the description of the capture of Nanking in the "New York Times", and all of the other information we receive from China these days is thrilling and saddening. To see the statement in "Time" that the ducal residence of the Kung Family near the Tomb of Confucius has been blasted makes me wonder what has happened to the tomb, temples, etc. there. And now the comments in the morning papers Saturday that the Japanese are interfering with employees in foreign homes in Nanking make me wonder if the Japanese military are not fully insane.

May I breathe a whisper to you about Emily? Please don't repeat it to her, as I am going to sound her out on it in a day or two. Perhaps what Miss Edmands said to her this week will be sufficient. That was an indication from Miss Edmands that Emily was not working so hard in History. She had told Emily that she was lazy. From this you need only infer that Emily is so capable that we hate to see her doing less than her best, though what she is doing now is very good in comparison with the work of many others.

Yes, I agree with Emily Case in feeling that Mrs. Thurston is very useful in her interpretations of China at the present time. I believe that she made the people here realize that while China had been slow, its progress in the last two years had been tremendous. I think it must have been the weariness of her bad connections and difficult trip that brought any criticisms from Toledo. Here I have had numerous comments, most of them favorable, and some of them quite recent. When a speaker is remembered for a month in Oxford, it is a matter of record, we have so many of them.

Affectionately yours,

Alice

Alice L. Butler

Last eve I took Emily + some others to supper in Eaton's. A good time was had by all. E - was worried about you for she had no letter. I reassured her. Sorry to hear about Lincolnton. Dad maybe this silences you, etc.

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

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January 24, 1938

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rebecca:

A letter from Dr. Wu this morning written on the 30th of December and sent registered air mail asks us to admit Cheng Kwoh-chi, and we are cabling her today to come. The letter was written in long hand. Her only reference to conditions in Nanking is that Miss Vautrin, Mrs. Tsen, and a few others have been in Nanking during this ordeal.

The Ginling calendar arrived this morning, and I am thrilled with it. I am sure I can sell some, but how many I have no notion. I love the little sketches on the calendar pad sheets and the envelope. It seems to me it is the nicest calendar we have ever had. It is too bad that it did not come in time to be used for Christmas cards. I hope I can sell more than 25. I am beginning to think already of a number of people to whom I shall send some, myself. I am not sure whether I will have to pay a sales tax if I sell these or not. I hope not. If there is any complication, we will work it out some way here. I think you can send me 35 of them.

Don't feel too badly about Gratia Sharpe. After all, she knew her own health record and should use sense. She's a grown woman, not a baby.

Affectionately yours,

Alice L. Butler

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
February 11, 1938

My dear Alice:

Miss Stella Graves, who has taught music at Ginling College for three years, has just arrived in New York, after a term of study in Paris, part of which was with Madame Boulanger, who is this semester teaching at Radcliffe and Wellesley. Miss Graves has offered to return to China because she speaks Japanese, but we have as yet had no response from China. If she does not go, she would very much like to find something to do for the rest of this academic year. She has her three year furlough allowance, but has no other resources, and she would be glad to give her services in return for a small remuneration, which would cover her actual living expenses.

She has her B. A. degree from Oberlin College in 1922 and her Bachelor of Music degree from the Conservatory in the same year. She received a Public School Music diploma from the Conservatory in 1920, and she studied at the Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music from 1928 to 1930, receiving a Master's degree in Sacred Music. Her interest is in Theory and in Chorus work and in Public School Music. She does, of course, teach Piano also. I am sending you this information with the thought that there just might be a temporary opening at Western, which she could fill for the remainder of this year. I realize that the chance is slight, but it seemed worthwhile to write. Mrs. Thurston, of course, knows of her work at Ginling and could be written to about her.

RWG:am

Sincerely yours,

Miss Alice L. Dubler
Western College
3 East Walnut Street
Oxford, Ohio

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

March 24, 1938

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
Room 903, 150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Rebecca:

Just a note. I agree with you that Minnie is tremendous. I wonder what kind of a collapse she may have when all this is over. I don't see how she can go on indefinitely under the present strain.

This morning I was asked a question which I am going to have to refer to you. One of my friends who has been reading about the bad conditions in China and who knew that foreigners out there must be spending all their money in helping others, wondered if it might be possible to send them nice clothing, not a missionary barrel. By that she means dresses that we, ourselves, are wearing but could get along without, clothing of that sort, not an old-fashioned missionary barrel or rummage sale stuff. I said I would find out if there was a need for that kind of things, if it was possible to send them, if it would reach its destination, and if there would be duty. I said that it was always possible to send money and that we could get that through. Will you let me know what you think as soon as possible.

Affectionately yours,

Alice

ALB:ML

Emily is doing well. Grades just in. Will be mailed home during next week. I haven't begun recording yet.

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Room 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
March 29, 1938

Dear Alice:

From Ruth Chester's Christmas letter, I note that her family sent her money for new clothes, and that from that she had a suit and a dress made at Christmas time. This gives work to very needy people in China, but it doesn't give the people here the pleasure of buying the things. Money can be transported more easily. Money to the group in Shanghai could be sent out through the Missions' treasurers.

Hall Paxton is going back to Shanghai on May 13th. He, I am sure, would take money and he might take a small package. You know that Mr. Paxton was in the Consulate in 1927 and in the Embassy in 1937, and was injured on the Panay. If you know him personally it might help, although I should hesitate to ask him to carry very much. Mr. Wheeler had a luncheon for him on Friday, at which I was a guest, and he is very friendly and pleasant.

As you see, money would be simpler, but I don't suppose that would appeal.

RWH:am

Affectionately yours,

Miss Alice Butler
Office of Registrar
Western College
Oxford, Ohio

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

May 11, 1939

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

My dear Rebecca:

Miss Byrne and I have been talking about plans for our two Chinese girls who are not really college material, at least Western material. One of them needs a good preparatory school with the emphasis on Home Economics. Can you suggest any school not too expensive in your section of the country? We thought you might know of some. The fees ought not be too high unless the school were willing to make some concession in regard to the costs. If you could give us some suggestion of any schools that you know that would give this child good living conditions, whose standards would not be too impossibly academic (she is not an academic person), I should be glad.

Alice L. Butler -

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER PENNSYLVANIA

May 17, 1939.

Dear Eva:-

I meant to talk to you yesterday about the question Miss Butler raises in the enclosed letter. - Last summer the sterns agreed to accept a Chinese girl - Keen School graduate. When she turned up, as I recall the story, there were two other girls with her. - Neither of the other two were ready for college and at least one of these ^{two} has been in the grade schools of

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Oxford acquiring English, but
living at Western this year.

Alice and a woman in Cincinnati

I think have divided the
responsibility for them. The two
non-college girls I think are
reasonably adult as to years,
attractive, of good families, but
one at least she thinks will never
be college material. - Alice told
me this story when she was
here but I don't remember it clearly

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208 SOUTH QUEEN STREET
LANCASTER PENNSYLVANIA 2

and I ^{inquire} ~~know~~ some of the details
Those figures are probably inaccurate.
This is the background I have for
her letter. -

I wrote that I knew little
about Home Economics - had nothing
to suggest in the Philadelphia area
but I knew La Salle used to
give a good course. I also said
that if the finances could
be arranged and the school
would accept foreign students

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there is no better school for
manners, good training etc, than
Dobb Ferry - and they do have
Home Economics. - I told her
I would send her letter to you
and ask you to send me your
wisdom, as you "know eastern
schools and their possibilities". -
If you can squeeze in a comment
in this could you answer Alice
out of your wisdom? -

Yesterday was a good day - I hope you
found your visit had had a happy day -
Yours, Rebecca

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York
29 May 1939

Dear Miss Butler:

Miss Criest has told me something of your quandary in regard to the plans for the two Chinese girls who are not convincing college material. If it were possible for me to delay my word to you for another fortnight, I might write very differently. I have, however, held Rebecca's note already for a week, and must not leave you without some word by June 1.

We are just in process of gathering what will be an imposing and valuable body of information in regard to opportunities for study in the field of Home Economics. It is still very much in its beginning stages, but will definitely be usable by July 1. If your problem is not settled by that time, I shall be very glad indeed to share with you all that we have gathered. ^{Suggest that you} If you must take definite action before then, I would ~~unload~~ ^{unload} the problem on the shoulders of the very capable Miss Mary E. Sweeny, Assistant Director, Merrill-Palmer School, 71 East Ferry, Detroit, Michigan. She is extremely able, and knows the field of home studies as no one else whom I have met. Moreover, she has just come back from Madras and is filled with enthusiasm for China. She is one of those who says that Miss Wu was by all odds the woman of all the Madras delegates. You may tell Miss Sweeny that I suggested referring your problem to her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Alice L. Butler
Office of the Registrar
Western College
Oxford Ohio

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

Butler

June 3, 1939

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you very much for your letter about our Chinese student. I am taking your suggestion and writing to Miss Sweeny about the case. We have had a number of very interesting letters from different schools that we think will probably be satisfactory. One of the difficulties of the situation is that Miss Zee's presence in the United States is because of her young fiance lieutenant's presence here. It was our purpose to have her not too far from him, but as he shifts from place to place we are finding that rather difficult. Most of her life she has lived in Singapore, so we do not want too cold a climate. She is very attractive looking with lovely manners, but alas without a large amount of intellectual capacity. She was dropped upon our front door-step quite unexpectedly and has been living in the dormitory while she has been attending high school in the village, an unfortunate arrangement from every point of view.

It's very fine to get the reports that we get from everyone about Dr. Wu. Mr. John Reisner told me what a difficult time she had had with the hard-headed Britisher who was the secretary of her commission and wrote the report as he wanted it, not the way the group decided.

If you ever get out to this part of the country again do let me know. I'd love to have you come to Western College, and I think you would like our very pleasant village also.

Very sincerely yours,

Alice L. Butler

Alice L. Butler

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1 July 1939

Dear Miss Butler:

In response to your wire, I am sending herewith two maps which may be of help to you on Wednesday. If you are talking about the dramatic trek of the Christian Colleges, it would be grand to have the black and red map in large form. Just think of Hua Chung, bombed almost out of its very life in Kweilin, going on the trail again and settling on the Burma Road at Talifu, almost within sight of India!

For this exact moment, there seems such special value in the map in this week's Life that I am wiring you to-day, urging that you get it prepared in lecture room size over the week-end, if possible. I hope you have a self-help student - or some one like that - who is willing to take a huge sheet of drawing paper and spend enough hours to reproduce the vivid story of Life's report of the present status of things in China. This map could well have certain other cities put in at your dictation.

Best wishes for your talk, and, when you return my faithful map-friends, do let me know whether you wish me to purchase a map for you here. Rand and McNally is constantly up to date, and can supply maps of large enough size to serve for talks.

Sincerely yours,


Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Alice L. Butler
Western College
Oxford Ohio

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1114 South Ocheese
Wewoka, Oklahoma
May 27, 1940

My dear Miss Griest,

I did not in the least intend that you should write me before I wrote you to thank you for the ticket to that very wonderful concert in Carnegie Hall. Really, I haven't had such a nice thing happen to me in a long time -- and right out of the skies, so to speak. I'm sure Miss Sutherland told you what a wonderful concert it was and, although we were disappointed not to hear Rudolf Serkin, we were both thrilled with the playing of Robert Casadesus. In fact, I was rather glad that Casadesus played instead of Serkin. For I have heard Serkin and haven't heard Casadesus, both of whom my teacher admires very much. We did wish you might have enjoyed the music with us. Certainly, no two people could have enjoyed those two good seats you got us more than Miss Sutherland and I did and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

You know, I really think that we should be good enough friends for you to call me and think of me as "Rosa May" rather than "Miss Butler". As I began reading this last letter of yours I had rather a shock when you started out "Dear Miss Butler".

I am most grateful to you and the Ginling Board for inviting me again to be with you after a year. I do hope that things work out in such a way that I'll be able to go. As I told Miss Sutherland I may not be quite as enthusiastic about going to Ginling a year from now as I am right now -- not because I won't want to be there just as much but because it will mean a change and another up-rooting when my life in China so far has been a series of up-rootings. I'd so much rather go now than wait until I fall in love with my students and my work at McTyeire only to have to move again and make adjustments to a new situation all over again. I'm sure you must understand just what I mean. In the field of music teaching especially our work becomes more and more rewarding and satisfying as the passing of time enables us to build on our own foundations. But since it cannot be (going to Ginling this year) we will hope that it can be as early as possible.

It meant much to have that visit with you and Miss Sutherland. I just wish we could look forward to the day when all three of us might be teaching at Ginling together!

With love and deep appreciation for the ticket to the concert, I am

Most sincerely and gratefully,

Rosa May Butler

P.S. How could I have forgotten to tell you that I saw Evelyn Berry after talking with you and gave her the address you suggested she write to. She seems keenly interested in the need of teachers of religion in the colleges of China. I also gave her your address for she would like to meet you and talk with you further about the need at Ginling. So you may be hearing from her. I think she is an excellent bet and I believe you would find her a most desirable candidate.

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 21, 1940

Miss Rosa May Butler
1114 South Scheese Street
Wewaka, Oklahoma

My dear Rosa May:

I do indeed feel that I know you well enough to call you by your first name. It was good to know that you are safely in Oklahoma and I hope that the rest of your time here, and even more importantly, your trip across the Pacific will be most happy.

I understand very well what you mean when you say that it will be more difficult for you to go to Ginling in 1941 than it would be were you going in 1940. I had been thinking about that even before you wrote of it, and I think it is a question which should be faced quite frankly. Ginling College has asked for you for 1941, but I feel that if, when you get to Shanghai, you find that you yourself do not wish to go, that that should be the outstanding factor in any consideration given to a re-assignment to you in 1941. It is very hard when we start putting roots into one place to have to tear them up and move on to another, and it is especially hard when we have an enthusiasm for the work that we are doing because we are able to see students develop in our department, and that kind of satisfaction is not possible when one changes so often. In spite of this real emotional difficulty, I am still hoping that Ginling may some day have the satisfaction of having you on her staff and that you may have the satisfaction of putting yourself into the training of girls who are meeting the kind of experience which girls in West China are meeting. I think it would mean a great deal to you and that it would be an experience that you would never regret.

I am so glad that you and Miss Sutherland enjoyed the concert. I had a lot of satisfaction in thinking of you both hearing it. I was awfully sorry when I heard that Serkin was not to play. I think it was a disappointment to Catharine too, but she is not the kind of person to say much about disappointments and I was glad that Casadesus was someone whom you had not heard. I don't mean by this that Catharine did not enjoy it, she did enjoy it very much. But I really thought that she had set her heart on hearing Serkin.

Sincerely yours,

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Dictated early in June.

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WESTERN COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR
OXFORD, OHIO

January 12, 1942

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Mr. C. A. Evans,
Ginling College Committee,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York

My dear Mr. Evans:

*Miss Butler
has been paying
\$5 per month
for Faculty
Relief.
E.H.*

I am enclosing a check for \$15, which completes my 1941 pledge to Ginling. Can you tell me if the continuance of this pledge is advisable for the present year or if there are some other funds to which it should go?

I want to thank you for sending me information about the people in China, and I hope that you will continue to send any bulletins. I am, of course, interested particularly in the Nanking situation and wonder what is happening there.

In March I am to meet a group of club women, and the subject decided on a year ago was "Chinese Colleges and the War." I should like to receive all the information possible on this subject by the end of February. Will you let me know if I can get it through your office or if there is some other source, or has all the information about the colleges been included in the materials already sent?

*Ginling can send
latest news bulletins.
Can other colleges supply some
material?
E.H.*

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Very truly yours,
Alice L. Butler

Alice L. Butler

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January 29, 1942

Miss Alice L. Butler
3 East Walnut Street
Oxford, Ohio

Dear Miss Butler:

I have not answered your letter of January 12th which reached us on the 14th as I have been hoping that additional news would come to hand which I could pass on to you. Nothing more, however, has been received other than cables which indicate that the College at Chengtu is functioning as usual and insofar as we know Mrs. Thurston and Miss Whitmer are detained in their residences at Nanking. Reports received from the International Red Cross would indicate that Americans and British are being treated with due discretion.

I am grateful for your remittance of \$15.00 which has been credited to your 1941 pledge to Ginling and enclose a receipt herewith.

I am inclined to think that your gifts can serve the best purpose as you have been sending them in the past since Ginling is the outstanding woman's College in China and there is every evidence that it will continue to function as a major institution of this character. I can conceive of no better place for such contributions.

We shall be glad to continue sending such news bulletins as accumulate as, I am sure, that you will be interested in any flashes which come to us from any of our Colleges in the Orient.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Rosa May Butler

November 23, 1945

Miss Louise Robinson
China Secretary, Women's Division of
Christian Service, Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Miss Robinson:

News from the College has been very encouraging and they are definitely expecting to move back to our permanent campus in Nanking after the present college year is finished in Chengtu next May. As I look forward to the reestablishment of Ginling in Nanking, I naturally think of the additional faculty members who will be needed. I am therefore writing to ask if you will kindly give consideration to the assignment of Miss Rosa May Butler to the Music Department of Ginling from the fall of 1946.

We extended this same invitation to Miss Butler, through Miss MacKinnon, several years ago, and it was only the war conditions in West China which kept your Board from considering sending Miss Butler to Chengtu. Now, as we look forward to the return of normal conditions in Nanking by next fall, I do hope that there will be no question from the health point of view to prevent Miss Butler from coming to Ginling.

In regard to music, our department has further developed during the war years. The interest in music has greatly increased among the students in general, and there are many more girls majoring in music than before the war. With Miss Butler's splendid preparation and experience, she will be able to contribute greatly to the further development in that field.

We shall greatly appreciate it if you will kindly have this request given careful consideration, and I hope that you will be able to make a favorable decision.

Sincerely yours,

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Letter from Miss Rosa May Butler to Miss Louise Robinson

Shanghai
April 23, 1947

Last night I returned from a trip to Nanking, my first since my only other visit there in 1935, and it was such a happy trip that I want to tell you about it. I left Saturday morning at 7 a.m. I had heard much of the vicissitudes of train travel and was prepared for a much worse trip than I had. Actually, it was quite pleasant and free from crowds (thanks to the reserved seat I had managed to get). In the seat opposite me was an American woman with three children (ages 8, 5, and 2), the four of them occupying a seat for two. As you can imagine before the 7-hour trip was over that seat had overflowed and at least two small fry at a time were sitting with me (and a Chinese gentleman) and I was reading stories to them. If I had decided ahead of time to be a recluse on that trip, it would have been too bad, for it "couldn't be done". The mother told me such a cute thing that the little 8-year old said the other day. (He reminds me so much of nephew Paul!) He said, "Mother, I want to learn to eat with chopsticks so that when I grow up I'll be a real Chinese!"

My good friend Mary Frances Reed (contract teacher under our Board who has just arrived for Child Welfare and Home Development work at Ginling) met me at the station in a jeep. Impressions of Nanking were something like this: wide, wide streets just full of dust; dust EVERYWHERE -- in your hair, eyes, shoes, clothes; seemingly few people compared with the crowds of Shanghai; space and country and wide open fields and hills right inside the city. The city wall of Nanking is the longest city wall in China -- 22 miles long. The old city wall dates back to at least the year 500. The present city wall dates back to the Ming emperors in the 15th century. The Ming emperor who built the present wall extended the area of the city to include lots of farm land so that in case of a long siege the population of the city would be self-sustaining. The age and bits of history I gleaned about Nanking make me eager to delve into Chinese history and learn more about it.

Ginling College, in spite of the long occupation by the Japanese and much destructions and mutilation of property, is very lovely. The school moved back from the west only about a year ago. The campus is very large and makes our McTyeire campus seem diminutive in comparison. There must be 40 or 50 acres, so I was told, in the Ginling campus. Much of this area is hill and woodland and one has a feeling of being right in the country even on the campus. Buildings of various kinds are tucked away in little valleys and on top of wooded hills so that you have a feeling of tremendous space. The main school buildings are quite compact, however. They are all an adaptation of Chinese architecture to the demands of a modern school. The roofs all curve upward at the corners, the buildings are very colorful, and they are connected by covered walks which do not in the least detract from the beauty of the buildings. Even though many of the colors have faded during these years, the buildings are still beautiful and one is impressed with the wonderful planning done by those who came before my own generation. School equipment is pitifully inadequate. Even a superficial walk through the science hall by a mere music teacher is enough to impress one with the great need of equipment. Repairs are going on constantly and yet there remains so much to be done. The ground is full of fox-holes and levelling off the most frequently used parts has been an important first task. The wonderful president of Ginling, Dr. Wu Yi-fang, told me the other night that when they came back to their own campus from Chengtu they agreed on two principles: first, that repair would be only the minimum essentials (because of prohibitive costs, of course), and second, that all they did repair would be on a permanent basis. You feel they are doing just that thing and that it will take many, many years to get Ginling to the place where McTyeire is, for instance. For one thing, Ginling has had much more destruction than McTyeire had and for another, it is so very much larger. Even so, these few days at Ginling have impressed me all over again with China's need for schools like that and with the great opportunity of such a college. The thing that really impressed me most at Ginling is the high caliber of so many of the girls I met. They are so attractive, such fun-loving girls, and yet so fine and

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with such real character written on their faces. Of course, many of them have been with the college through years of hardship in West China and you feel that those experiences have really enabled them to grow. I think we are going to get some two or three of the music majors graduating this year and I am delighted at the prospect of having girls like that on our faculty here at McTyeire.

I got to Nanking about 2 on Saturday afternoon. Later I went to a tea Miss Graves was having with the music majors and music faculty. There are some 25 or 30 music majors altogether. As I have already stated, I was deeply impressed with the high quality of many of them.

Sunday morning I went to the 9:30 worship service, which is a joint service for Nanking University and Ginling. I must confess it fell far short of what it seems to me such a service should and could be. Attendance was pitifully small and I'm not surprised. The service simply lacked vitality and anything to attract students (or anyone else) except for the sermon, which was preached by Tracy Jones (one of our new missionaries) in mandarin and it was excellent. (In fact, I could go into rapsodies over some of the new missionaries I met in Nanking -- particularly the Tracy Jones and Ben Coles. The Coles are under the Presbyterian Board and Mrs. Cole is teaching voice at Ginling).....After the church service, Mary Frances and I started out on a picnic as guests of the five girls who are living this month in the Home Ec. Practice House at Ginling. The girls were just peaches -- there is no other way to express it -- and we did have a wonderful time with them. We rode in jeeps to the top of Purple Mountain where there is an observatory. The hairpin curves in the road that wound to the top just took your breath away, but the view -- O, there is no way to describe what that view of the city and the countryside did to me. Below we could see the sprawling city with the wall winding round it. In the distance we could see the Yangtze River and beyond that, mountains as far as eye could see. I shall remember that sight for days to come. I read a poem recently which perfectly expresses what I felt that day. Here are some lines from it: "I came to nature worn and tired and old: The mountains' green and purple were not clear Because my eyes were veiled with city fear..... My mind had all of cities it could hold.....I felt that I must run and stamp and shout Until I got the city madness out: When I had cried my troubles to the hill The mountain silences were twice as still. The stillness made my eyes and ears rejoice For then I heard the echo of God's voice."..... And to have had that experience of beauty in fellowship with such lovely people -- well, I couldn't be the same person I was when I left Shanghai! Later the girls took me to the famous Sun Yat Sen Memorial on another slope of Purple Mountain. Because of the many people there it was not an experience like the other, but it was certainly most interesting. Except for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, it is the most beautiful memorial I've ever seen. As we looked up the hill toward the memorial we could see, about two-thirds up, the most beautiful strip of red, red maple trees and above them a tall shrub in bloom with white blossoms, and above these the dark green of evergreens. I've never seen more beautiful evergreens that there are around that memorial, and so well kept.....We just did have time to climb the 365 steps to the top and get back to town for the English church service at 4:30. It was nice to worship with the English-speaking community of Nanking and this small chapel at Nanking University. Ambassador Stuart was there and I met him after the service..... I had dinner that night with Mr. Yeh, head of the English Dept. of Nanking U. His wife is the head of the voice department at Ginling and is now in America. It was because I knew Mrs. Yeh that Mr. Yeh asked me and a few others to dinner. I wish I had time to tell you of some of our conversation and about a new Disciples missionary I met, George Cherryhomes, but I guess I'd better not take time to.....Monday morning I went with Miss Witmer (Ginling teacher) to the American Embassy which I was most interested in seeing because it is in the former palace of Wang Ching-Wei which the Japanese built for him. It makes a very nice and suitable embassy! We had lunch, Miss W. and I, with the Sones. Mr. Sone teaches at the Nanking Theological

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Seminary, is in our mission, and the Sones and I came together on the Northeastern Victory last summer. It was good to see them and, as is always true, to see how they've managed to repair and clean and refurnish their home. So many people are having to get along with so much less than we've ever thought we could before.... Monday night Dr. Wu Yi-fang had such a nice dinner for me -- 11 altogether including Dr. Wu. The Tracy Jones and Coles were there, two of the Chinese teachers in the Ginling music dept., Miss Graves (the only missionary music teacher there now), Mary Frances and I -- and the husband of one of the teachers (Paul Feng, whose wife, now teaching at Ginling, used to teach music here at Motyeire). We had such wonderful food and such stimulating conversation -- it was one of those experiences of fellowship that one will always remember. Each person said and felt as we left, "Thank you for including me in this party" -- and that is how each of us felt. Dr. Wu is truly a wonderful person and little by little as I see more of her I begin to understand why she is one of the great of the earth. She told us a little of the air-raid experiences in Chengtu in '40 and '41 and of the part Ginling girls played in them. Of herself she said, "O, I never went to the country (dug-outs were not possible in the flat city of Chengtu). I just stayed at home during air-raids and wrote letters or did other important work -- it was the only uninterrupted time I ever had to myself!"

I must bring this to a conclusion on this page. Thank you for letting me share the goodness of these few days with you. My soul has truly been stretched by the beauty of Nanking's mountains and by fellowship with lovely Ginling girls and with other fine folk doing a wonderful job to bring Christianity to the people around them. Last night my travelling companion on the train was a Chinese Lt. in the air force, just returned from U.S. After a long lull in conversation, he suddenly turned and asked, "are you a Christian?" And sometimes I wonder if I really am!

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Excerpts from a letter from Miss Rosa May Butler
to Miss Louise Robinson, dated April 23, 1947

"Ginling College, in spite of the long occupation by the Japanese and much destructions and mutilation of property, is very lovely. The school moved back from the west only about a year ago. The campus is very large, 40 or 50 acres, so I was told. Much of this area is hill and woodland and one has a feeling of being right in the country even on the campus. Buildings of various kinds are tucked away in little valleys and on top of wooded hills so that you have a feeling of tremendous space. The main school buildings are quite compact, however. They are all an adaptation of Chinese architecture to the demands of a modern school. The roofs all curve upward at the corners, the buildings are very colorful, and they are connected by covered walks which do not in the least detract from their beauty. Even though many of the colors have faded during these years, the buildings are still beautiful and one is impressed with the wonderful planning done by those who went before. School equipment is pitifully inadequate. Even a superficial walk through the science hall was enough to impress a mere music teacher with the great need for equipment. Repairs are going on constantly and yet there remains so much to be done. The ground is full of fox-holes and levelling off the most frequently used parts has been an important first task. The wonderful president of Ginling, Dr. Wu Yi-fang, told me the other night that when they came back to their own campus from Chengtu, they agreed on two principles; first, that repair would be only the minimum essentials (because of prohibitive costs, of course), and second, that all they did repair would be on a permanent basis. You feel they are doing just that thing and that it will take many, many years to restore Ginling. Even so, these few days at Ginling have impressed me all over again with China's need for schools like that and with the great opportunity of such a college. The thing that really impressed me most at Ginling is the high caliber of so many of the girls I met. They are so attractive, such fun-loving girls, and yet so fine and with such real character written on their faces. Of course, many of them have been with the college through years of hardship in West China and you feel that those experiences have really enabled them to grow."

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Peru Indiana

August 6, 1931

Miss Rebecca W. Guest
208 S. Ineen St.
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Miss Guest:

You have probably heard that I have been appointed to teach at Guilford College this year. It makes me very happy. I know that everything will more than come up to my expectations and that the three years will pass before I am aware of it.

There are a great many things both my mother and I would like to know and I feel sure that you will try to answer them for me.

Should one attempt to take clothes for three years if it is possible? I suppose everything American

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is naturally more expensive over there than here. And will it be both extremely cold and hot as one finds it here cold enough for a fur coat? Is it true that it is difficult to be fitted in shoes and hose in China? Can one buy the little things that they carry in America, such as powder, soap, tooth paste, Kotey, etc? The catalogue says that the students furnish their own bedding. Do the teachers also? Is one's baggage limited or can one take as many trunks as necessary? (Not that I intend to take so many but three years is a long time!) Is there any special way that it has to be packed to be inspected? And what type of clothes does one wear on board ship? Is it customary to dress formally for dinner every night? Would a portable typewriter be a handy thing to

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have? Mother and Dad would like to get me one if it would be a help to me in writing letters. Also the travelling expenses paid by the college include everything - Gasport, visas, excess on baggage, etc.

Many of these questions undoubtedly sound foolish to you but to one who has never traveled to any extent they are very important. I wish you would tell me everything you can that you think would be a help to me in buying clothes and in packing. I shall certainly be very grateful for any information.

Sincerely yours
Catherine C. Carl

I sail on the Empress of Asia August 29th from Vancouver. I regret that I'll miss the first few days of school but even though I could be ready before it would ^{be} impossible to secure a passport.

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
February 26, 1937

My dear Miss Elliott:

Miss Catherine Carl, who went out to Ginling on a short-term appointment to the Music Department in 1930, has written to me recently saying that she is now interested again in returning to China. Her letter says that she would be willing to pay her own travel expenses if she went for a year or two. She is a graduate of the Oberlin Conservatory and was very highly recommended to us by Professor Heacock of that institution. Since her return to America, she has taken her Master's degree from Indiana University at Bloomington, Indiana, and has been living at home at 128 West Third Street, Peru, Indiana.

She is one of our candidates whom I never saw personally and apparently Ginling and Hanking, at least the missionary part of Hanking, found their initial impression of her unpleasant. So far as I can make out, the basis for this was that she used lipstick and wore her hair in the latest fashion. She has some very strong friends at Ginling who feel that she was not given quite a fair chance there. At the close of her term, she did not ask for a reappointment, so the question did not come up for a formal decision. Quite frankly, I should hesitate because of the differences of opinion about her to suggest that she return to Ginling; but on the other hand, both her musical record and the very friendly statements which certain individuals in Hanking have made about her would lead me to feel that she has a real contribution to make to educational work through the field of music.

In answering her letter, I told her both of you and of Miss MacKinnon. Miss MacKinnon is the chairman of the Ginling Personnel Committee at present and she is also the Candidate Secretary for the Southern Methodist Board.

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Miss Ruth Elliott, page 2

February 26, 1937 Candidates

I am writing you very frankly. I would suggest, if Miss Carl should write to you and there should be any opening possible, that a personal interview be arranged very early, so that you could judge for yourself as to her appearance and as to the impression her personality makes upon you. If I remember correctly, her denominational connection is Presbyterian. She seems very loyal to Ginning and definitely interested in Ginning welfare.

Sincerely yours,

RG/EA

Miss Ruth Elliott
Secretary for Candidates
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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128 West Third Street
Peru, Indiana
February 16, 1937

Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon
Doctors Building
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Miss MacKinnon:

Some days ago I wrote Miss Rebecca Griest, asking her if she could put me in touch with the proper person to whom I might write concerning a position as music teacher in one of the China colleges and she suggested you because she remembered that you told her you sometimes had difficulty in securing music teachers.

I spent three years (1931-1934) as teacher of music--piano, organ, harmony, composition--at Ginling College and am interested in returning to China because I loved China and was very happy there. The thought came to me that it might be possible to return for a year or two, while one of the regular teachers came to America on furlough. I know that this has been done at Ginling.

But perhaps I had better tell you something of myself. I received my Mus. B. degree from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1929 and my M. A. degree from Indiana University this last June--1936. At Oberlin, I majored in organ and minored in piano and harmony and at Indiana I resumed my study of harmony, theory, and composition and wrote a symphony. I substituted in the absence of the regular organ, piano, and harmony teacher at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama, 1929-1930; I taught these same subjects at William Woods College, Fulton, Missouri, 1930-1931; and, of course, after that I went to China. At present I am working in my father's, a physician's, office and am playing the organ at our Methodist church of which I am a member. I have been the regular organist in Christian, Congregational, and Methodist churches; I have led choirs, glee clubs, choruses, orchestras, and bands; I have studied musical pedagogy and the psychology of teaching; and I have had considerable work in the field of education.

I am 30 years of age, in excellent health--my lack of illness during my three years in China should prove that--and I am intensely interested in anything that pertains to China and education in China, especially from a musical standpoint.

Dr. Wu can tell you of my teaching at Ginling, Dean B. W. Merrill of the Indiana University School of Music can tell you of my work at Indiana University and I have in my possession letters from the other Presidents under whom I taught but who are both deceased.

I shall be grateful if you will write me concerning the present possibilities in regard to this.

Yours very truly,

Catherine C. Carl

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Peru, Indiana
August 18, 1931

Miss Rebecca W. Giest
208 S. Queen St.
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Miss Giest:
Mother and I
did so appreciate your detailed
answer to my letter. It made
so many things clear that
we didn't understand. There
is only one thing left that
I'd like to know and that
I'm sure you can tell me.
What do you consider to
be reasonable tips on the
boat? Several of my friends
have been abroad but
they all tell me differently.
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to overtip but I don't want

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to do so in this case.

I intend to leave Penn
a week from today. The trip
will be lovely, I know and
I'm looking forward to it.

Thanking you for
everything you've done, I am,

Sincerely yours
Catherine C. Carl

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