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July 21, 1946

Dear Mrs Mills,

I am extremely grateful to you for the extracts from "Gimling College" news, that you have sent on to me. Eva Spicer writes to me fairly regularly, but her news is usually more personal and I am glad for all this more general information. Unfortunately, I have not been allowed, for medical reasons, to do a full deputation programme yet; but have done a certain amount of speaking & expect to do a good deal more in the very near future. So, it is good to have all available news. As you know when we were in Cheungtu we were very short of films and such like materials. I understood Florence to say that she had sent a certain number of films, such things as of the orphanage where Miss Chen is matron, the Chung Ho-chiang work, etc. as well as some more general ones of Cheungtu campus etc. to the Gimling office. I am finding not having photographs a real handicap when I'm speaking to small groups. I was wondering if it would be possible ^{for me} either to be given ~~a loan~~ ^{some} of the negatives for a brief period, or, for you to let me have some prints, say of the work of some of our graduates & general background to life in Cheungtu? I would of course let you have the negatives back as quickly as possible, or, would be glad to pay for cost of the prints.

People in England seem much more interested in China than they used to be. I was down in London in June and attended the China Christian Universities Association, 2nd annual meeting. It was a very interesting meeting. St. Francis Wei was the chief speaker. The C.C.U.A. is much more alive than formerly & I do hope England is going to help as much as possible with the Christian University work. One realises so much more forcibly

when one is away from China, just how important such work is.

As you probably know Dr. Wu has sent a request to the London Missionary Society that they should appoint me to Jurling after furlough. I am very honoured to be invited. The Society is considering the matter carefully, but it will not be possible to make a decision before September. They have one or two similar requests from other institutions.

In the meantime I'm still busy with plans for some further study. The universities here are very overcrowded with the young ^{men & women} as well as the not-so-young returning from the Forces. It is proving rather difficult to get what I want just at present. Still these things usually work themselves out in time.

With thanks for your kindness in sending Jurling news.

Yours sincerely,

Major, Causar.

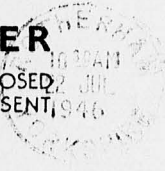
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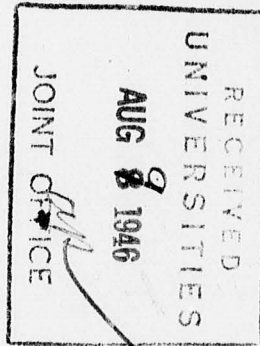


Mrs. Mills,
Girling College Office,
Associated Mission Boards,
150, Fifth Avenue
U.S.A. New York 11, N.Y.

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Sender's name and address:-

Miss M. Casper
76 Church St.
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Pictures sent to Miss Causer:

(By first-class 5¢ post)

Chengtun: Dormitory,

3 of double-deckers
Sunning piano
Faculty dining
Athletic field
Getting shoes shined
Letters from home
Nurse aids student

Cooking rice

Selling clothes

Gardening

Indian girl reads papers

Ginling girls read papers

Sunning clothing (2)

Student Govt. cabinet

Service: Teaching games in Jenschow

Girl points to poster

Interviewing farm family

Nursery school children

2 of Chen Siu-djen orphanage

3 of Child Guidance Service children

Dr. Wu leaves for Nanking

Trip home: 6 of loading trucks

Girl and baggage

Wading

Girls and hand cart

Hand slapping game

Miss Spicer and girl with luggage at Nanking Sta.

Breakfast in Nanking

Nanking destruction: 15 pictures of grounds, buildings and interiors

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Miss Marjory Causer
October 16, 1946

I am glad to know that the United States we have been
sending you has reached you safely. We will continue to mail
you information as we receive it.

I shall be happy to hear from you about your plans
and hope that the next letter will bring me word that you are
planning to return to Ginling.

Cordially yours,

October 16, 1946

Miss Marjory Causer
76 Church Street
Greasbrough, Rotherham
England

Dear Miss Causer:

Your letter of July 21st was waiting for me when I re-
turned from my vacation the first of September. I have delayed
thus long answering it as I have been trying to collect for you
pictures of Ginling which would be interesting and useful in
your work in England. I am sending you, in a separate package,
a number of pictures that have come to us from the West China
campus and some showing the condition of the Nanking campus and
a few taken on the return trip. I hope that all of these will
serve your purpose.

I hope that you are having a restful and happy furlough
and I hope too that the London Missionary Society will send you
back to Ginling when you are ready to return to China. I know
how welcome you would be and how much strength you would bring
to the faculty.

You will be interested to know that we have at last
secured a secretary for Dr. Wu and she is now on her way to
Nanking.

Ruth Chester arrived in America in September. She seems
quite well and insists that she feels fine, though she admits that
she is somewhat tired. She is making her headquarters with her
sister in Pennsylvania, where I am sure she will have the best of
care and a good opportunity to rest.

Hu Shih-tsang also came in September and is now es-
tablished in New York, studying music at the Juilliard School.
Hsiung Ya-na is studying at Cornell and Wu Mei-lin is in Oregon.

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Cordially yours,

October 16, 1946

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Via Air Mail

Miss Marjory Causer
78 Church Street
Greenough, London
England

Dear Miss Causer:

Your letter of July 21st was waiting for me when I returned from my vacation in the East of England. I have delayed this long answering it as I have been trying to collect for you a number of things which would be interesting and useful in your work in England. I am sending you, in a separate package, a number of pictures that have come to me from the West China League and some about the situation of the League camp and a few notes on the return trip. I hope that all of these will serve your purpose.

I hope that you are having a restful and happy holiday and I hope too that the London Missionary Society will send you back to Ginling when you are ready to return to China. I know how welcome you would be and how much strength you would bring to the faculty.

You will be interested to know that we have at last secured a secretary for the office and she is now on her way to Beijing.

Miss Causer arrived in America in September. She came with her mother and father and the two girls. She is now in the States in somewhat of a hurry. She is looking for headquarters with her father in Pennsylvania, where I am sure she will have the best of care and a good opportunity to rest.

Ms. Chittenden also came in September and is now established in New York, studying music at the Juilliard School. Beulah Yarnall is studying at Cornell and her mother is in Oregon.

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Mrs W. Plummer Mills,
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U. S. A.

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the University. It's rather difficult to
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go to Ex-Service people. I'd hoped at

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would have involved my staying a year
& I think it's in the fairly
immediate future. Guilin needs me most.

Prof. at Manchester was kind
enough to suggest that if I would
do a little demonstrating for them,
he & his staff would give me all

the help & advice they could. At
present I've not started on any
personal research, but help
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a good deal of necessary revision),
read things which have not been
available to us, & am getting all
sorts of advice & help. I think it

will prove most useful.
24-11-46

Dear Mrs Mills,

I was delighted to
receive your letter with news of photos
on the way, & even more delighted
this morning to receive the packet.

Thank you very much indeed. I shall
find them most useful I know. I
keep doing some deputation work for
L.M.S. & am going to speak to the
students in Manchester sometime soon.

There is a branch in Manchester Univ.
of the China Christian Universities' Assoc.
I hope to make some useful contacts
with them & get them interested in
Guilin etc. The pictures will help.

I expect you have heard
via Ruth Chester that the L.M.S.
has agreed to my transfer to Guilin.
It has now passed all the committees
and Mr Orchard is to write to Dr
Wu at once. It is good to have the
matter settled. I'm looking forward

to seeing Nanking in the Fall of
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read things which have not been
available to us, & am getting all
sorts of advice & help. I think it
will prove most useful.

I was very glad to hear of Ruth's safe arrival & to read her letter. Lou Mei-lin also wrote to me about her impressions of Origen. They seem to have been very kind to her; but she sounds to be a bit homesick. You have quite a large contingent of Girdling graduates in America at present. We have two or three in England.

I'm so glad you have found a secretary for Dr. Wu. She was badly needed. I had a letter from an English girl, who is supposed to be going to Girdling for a short time, sent by the British Council. I haven't managed to meet her yet. I still hope to travel back to China via "your honourable country"; but one can't always choose one's way these days. Thank you again for the pictures & for all the information you have sent.

Sincerely yours,

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Marjory Causser.

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Chang Bing-I

(Alumna)

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(From Dr. Wu's letter of Aug. 12, 1944, to Mrs. Mills)

CHANG BING-I

"You made inquiry regarding Chang Bing-I. I am very sorry that I forgot that she changed her name after graduation. On our list she is Djang Kwei-chi of the Class of 1932. She was also known as Katharine Djang and taught in the Government Middle School in South City, Nanking. Her husband is Stephen Fung who helped Dr. Lowdermilk and I understand is still helping him with some projects in the States. Naturally, he wants his wife to come to America and she herself is very anxious to go. Mrs Stockwell secured a half scholarship for her at Oberlin. However, with the present Government policy regarding students going abroad, she would not go this summer. I am sure she will continue in her efforts to find a way of getting to America, but no one knows how soon that may be. Miss Sutherland would like to see her get some further training for she has musical talent. Her only fault is that she is not steady."

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Chang Bing-i
May 23, 1947
(Mrs. Tang)
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Mrs. Mills
Ginling Office,
150 5th Avenue
New York City,
Dear Mrs. Mills,

You might be very surprised to receive my letter. Let me introduce myself. I am one of the Ginling College Graduates. I was in Oberlin Conservatory last year. This year, I am studying in University of Illinois. I will get my Degree in Music Education in June. I do not plan to go home yet, because that I still want to come back to the University ~~to the~~ Music School and shall take more courses of study. I probably will go back to China next Spring. So far for introducing myself. The Main reason of my writing to you is concerning some books which I am going to give to the Ginling ^{College in China} Library. I don't know how to send them back and whether the Ginling Library will need them or not. So I am writing to you and send the books to you and please do anything with the books. I still will have more to give you. If you don't think that it is needed there in Nanking, please do anything to the books. Anyway, I like the books to be used rather than wasted. According to my opinion, some of the books are old, yet some of them are alright. Do You agree?

The Ling Nam University Library asked us Chinese students here in University of Illinois to start a book Campaign. I helped them with my share. I suddenly remember that the report about The Ginling College Library - that is, that the Japanese sold the Library books by pound to the people either to start fire or to carry peanuts or other nuts. It makes me feel very bad ever since I heard. This time the Ling Nam Library Book Campaign reminded me of our own Library. I am wondering whether our

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Library will need some books or not. These books were given to me by my American friends. They don't have any use for them and ask me to use them. During the end of the semester, I have to move to other places and these books are no more use to me. I did not read them all or give ^{them all} to the Ling Nam Library, I kept them ^{because} and have the Ginling Library in mind. So I am sending them to you, and do wish that you can do something about them. If you have time, please center them and see whether they are worthy to be belonging to our Library or not. One of our friends is going to give me a whole collection of cooking books. We have a very strong Home Economics department in Ginling. I hope that they will make use of them, thank you very much.

Very Respectfully yours

Catherine Prip - Changling

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May 28, 1947

Mrs. Ping-i Chang Feng
808 South Lincoln
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Feng:

Thank you for your letter of May 23rd and for the box of books which arrived this morning. You are very thoughtful indeed to send these to the Ginling library and I am sure that they will be most welcome in China.

We are sending books now by book post as that is much quicker and surer than by freight. The ones that you have sent us will therefore be done up in small packages and mailed to Nanking very soon.

I am glad that you told me something about yourself and your work as we are always anxious to keep in touch with the Ginling girls in this country. I hope that your plans for next year will work out satisfactorily and that you will find just the courses you will need most when you return to China.

Please send us any change of address so that we may have your address in our files correct.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Chang Hwei-Lan
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CHANG HWEI-LAN

ADDRESS: 122 East Court, Iowa City, Iowa

Past History:

1926-28 Ginling faculty member, Dept. of P.E.
(after graduation from U. of Wisconsin)

1928-30 Part-time teacher at Ginling.

1930-37 Worked in China.

1938 Worked with Ginling alumnae on refugee clothing
project in Shanghai.

Sept. 1938 -1940. Mills College, Oakland, Cal. (studying
medical phase of P.E.)

June 1940 Dr. Wu asked her to return to take charge
of Ginling's P.E. work in Chengtu.
Miss Chang regretted inability to accept
as her plans for next year uncertain.

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NANKING, CHINA

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MISS MARGARET E. HODGE

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Mills College
Oakland, Calif.

Chang Hwa-lan
Jan 30, 1939

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

It is certainly a great honor to let me be included in Ginkgo Alumnae group for the forthcoming bulletin. I am very sorry that at present I do not have a good photograph.

The one I am sending you is terrible. I had it taken in a great hurry, when I applied for my passport last summer. I am afraid it will spoil the whole group.

Not long after my return from the University of Wisconsin in 1926, I was the chairman of the department of physical education of Ginkgo College, National Central University and Hopei Women's Normal College up to the summer of 1937. Several years I served on physical education committees of Ministry of Education and that of Hopei Province. In 1936 I was among the delegates sent by the Government to Berlin and various other countries in Europe to investigate physical education in these countries.

In the winter of 1937 I had the pleasure to join Ginkgo Alumnae at Shanghai to serve on the clothing committee of International Red Cross to start a system for the distribution of

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clothing to 200,000 to 300,000 refugees in
149 camps.

In the fall of 1938 I came to my will to prepare
myself on biological science for I hope to go into
the medical phase of health education.

I hope the above information is what you want
for the bulletin. This week is our final examination
week. I am not able to give much time to
it. I hope it will serve the purpose.

Sincerely Yours

Hwei Lan Chang

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Letter from President Wu Yi-fang to Miss Djang

Ginling College, Chengtu,
June 12, 1940

Dear Miss Djang,

As you know well, I am a very poor correspondent and I do not write to friends unless there are business items to be taken up also. So here today I am writing to you about a very important business question.

I am writing to ask if you will kindly consider returning to Ginling to take charge of the Physical Education work in Chengtu. Perhaps you have heard that from last autumn Ginling joined Soochow University in starting a joint Physical Education department in Shanghai with Soochow doing the work for men and Ginling for women in close cooperation with each other. Mrs. Chen Hwang Li-ming is taking charge of the work for women in that important center. Here in Chengtu the Physical Education work has been in charge of Miss Tsui Ya-lan. I wonder if you have heard that she has been engaged to be married to Mr. D. Y. Lin in July. Since Mr. Lin does not know definitely where he wishes to make his home, Ya-lan has resigned from the College and will at most be able to give part-time service if they should decide to live in Chengtu.

You know Ginling and our Physical Education department well enough so that I do not need to explain the importance of our carrying on the Physical Education work. You also know about the very small number of well trained women in this field so you will readily understand our desperate need. In a general way the condition of the department is quite similar to that when we were in Nanking. There are still few girls that see the importance of taking Physical Education as a college major, but because of the great need for Physical Education teachers we are giving the two-year special course. By next fall we shall have the entering class of special Physical Education and also the second year of the special Physical Education class. There will be no college majors in the junior and senior class as the number is quite small in these classes because of the war. But among the incoming sophomores there may be two or three taking Physical Education as a college major. There is a great deal of popular interest in Physical Education in Chengtu and the Provincial Education Commissioner is much interested in our developing this line. There is a Mr. Liu on his staff who takes charge of directing Physical Education in the province. He has cooperated very well with Miss Tsui and thinks very highly of the work of our department.

On our staff here there is Miss Ettie Chin whom you met in the spring of 1938 in Shanghai, and since spring we have had a graduate from Central University, Miss Djou Dou-fuh, and I am expecting her to continue with us next year. We are also asking Miss Dju En-djen of class 1938 to join the staff here. If Chen En-tsi should still be in Chengtu, she will be able to give part-time help. Our estimate of the total student body is 180. From the number of applicants for our entrance tests, it seems we may have a larger enrollment than this estimate. After your experience in the Normal College in Tientsin, you will naturally think our numbers very small. However, you will be returning to an institution you know well and to friends you have known. I do hope you will give this request your careful consideration and kindly consent to give us your valuable service again.

In regard to salary, I am not in a position to give you a definite figure. This is because we are revising the salary scale in view of the rising cost of living. However, I may say that it will be around \$200 whether we count that as the whole salary or count it as the basic salary plus bonus. This spring the women

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professors have \$160 as basic salary plus \$15 as bonus. As for travel, the College is ready to pay the travel from Shanghai or Hongkong to Chengtu by way of Kunning. If you should be in need of help for the ocean passage, the College will be glad to advance the amount as a loan. If it is third class passage and if you should find it satisfactory to continue serving Ginling for a term of three years, then the College would be ready to consider cancelling this loan. (That is, not expecting you to return the loan.)

To be quite fair with you, I should tell you that Miss Tsui had heard from Mr. Yuen that the new normal college for women was considering inviting you to head up their Physical Education department. This normal college for women is to be directly under the Ministry of Education and I understand the proposed site is in a hsien city on the highway between Chungking and Kweiyang and only four hours by bus from Chungking. I also understand they are to begin taking students from next fall although the buildings are not ready yet. There is only a planning committee now with Mr. Hsieh as the chairman of the committee. I have not heard whether he is going to be appointed the president. The College of Education in Central University has also been changed into a normal college and the department of Physical Education is naturally in this normal college. From what Miss Tsui knows it seems Dorothy Kao Tze has not a good women staff with her and the work there is mostly being done by men staff.

This school year is drawing to its close very soon with Commencement coming on June 24th. For the fall term we have decided to have college registration on September 6th and 7th and classes start on September 9th. Miss Sutherland who is returning after her year of furlough is sailing from Vancouver on July 13th. I do not know at all if you have made plans to return this summer and if you have booked a passage. If not, that is the first thing you should try to do as there are not so many boats running this year. If you need to cable me just "Ginling, Chengtu" will be enough for the address.

Permit me to take this chance to express my sympathy for the passing away of your mother. This loss must have been very hard on you, especially when it came so suddenly. I have known of friends or relatives who have had deaths caused indirectly by war conditions. We have to consider this philosophically as a sacrifice due to the war.

Looking forward to a favorable reply from you, I am,

Yours sincerely,

s/ Yi-fang Wu

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Copy for Mr. Hunter

cpo Miss Cora Belle Hunter

2022 2nd Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 10, 1940

My dear Miss Griest:

Your wire came this morning. I wish I could let you know more definitely about my plans for next year. A month ago I received an air mail from Chungking, asking me to return in the fall. For various reasons I have not been able to make my decision. I hope by the end of this month I shall know better to make my final decision.

About a month ago I also heard from home that my mother passed away in May. Life seems rather dark these days. My brother's family is having a very hard time at Shanghai. This also accounts for my delay of making decision.

I am much interested in the biological aspect of physical and health education. I feel I should bring more back to my country than merely a degree.

I am so sorry that my letter does not seem to tell you definitely of my plans for coming year. As soon as I know more of them I shall let you know.

With best wishes

Yours very sincerely,

Hwei Lan Chang

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Physical Education
Djang Hwei-lan

18 July 1940

Dear Miss Djang:

We are co-operating with Miss Griest in certain of the important faculty matters now in process of decision. You may know of the sad death of Miss Griest's only brother last week.

Your very prompt letter of July 10 reached Miss Griest safely. Now that a letter to you from President Wu Yi-fang is at hand, we feel that you should have it as a possible help toward more definite plans for next year. And it is also necessary for us to proceed as rapidly as possible toward the filling of the vacancy in the Ginling Physical Education department. There may be a possibility of transferring from Yenching University to Ginling a finely-trained Westerner for a two-year period. But we should be glad to have more definite word from you before taking up the cable correspondence with Peiping and with Chengtu. Will you let us hear from you by return mail, if possible? Your reply can be addressed either to me or to Mr. C. A. Evans, Treasurer of the Ginling Board. Both of us are at the office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Djang Hwei-lan
Care of Miss Cora Belle Hunter
2022 2nd Avenue, South
Minneapolis Minnesota

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16 July 1940

Dear Rebecca:

Attached hereto is an airmail note received this morning from Chang Hwei-lan. In replying to her, I shall tell her how much we appreciate the promptness and forthrightness of her replies this week and last.

Mr. Evans and I have now sent off this cable:

CHANGHWEILAN CANNOT RETURN CHINA JACOBS TRAINING
EXCELLENT DANCING RHYTHMICS DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION
SHALL WE ASK YENCHING RELEASE HER TWO YEARS GINLING
HEADSHIP COOLIDGE SAILINGS LIMANKUEI YUNGHSIAOYUN
LIUENLAN RHODES SUTHERLAND MATTHEW

You will understand that the matter of the headship had to be mentioned because of the history in this case of Miss Jacobs and because the other more experienced member of the department would be Ettie Chin whose physical education preparation is limited to the one year in the University of Michigan. Mr. Evans has the Jacobs papers in full, and they are ready for distribution if that happy moment arrives in these negotiations.

Mr. Evans has your letter of yesterday, and will comment upon the matter of Miss Li's first semester problem, - which I hope has disappeared. She was in yesterday and saw Mr. Evans.

You have raised the question of further comment to Wu Yi-fang on the matter of Miss Sutherland and Chengtu. It was our opinion this morning that, since this was written before the despatch of our later cables and of the masterly letter phrased by Mr. Evans, nothing need be added to to-day's cable. To-morrow morning we will have further words about a covering letter.

Liu En-lan, probably Deng Yu-dji, and Dean Li Tien-lu will presumably be having dinner with me to-morrow, Wednesday. Miss Li Man-kuei will come in at eight. Miss Yung is in Atlantic City! I am sorry not to meet the member of so numerous a tribe as hers seems to be, - in these parts. En-lan thinks she will be glad to get into my car on Thursday morning and spend the next few days wandering. I will let you know where she can be reached. Mildred Hand, the editor person, is to meet En-lan in the Ginling office on Thursday morning, the 25th.

Yours -

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Chang Hwei-lan

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10 Clinton Street
Cambridge, Mass

Dec. 26, 1940

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lots of biographical
information below.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan

I hope it is not late to send you New
Year Greetings, though I am late for Christmas
greetings.

My work here is very interesting. All
of us here work so hard. Several of my
classmates have had experiences in different
phases of medical science. They contribute
much experience to my work here.

During my two years in Peking I prepared
myself to go into public health which
is very useful in China especially at
present.

I hope Swinburn College Office in America
will not consider me as a distant
member of the family. Though I was in
Swinburn as a full time teacher for 1926

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to 1928. After that I was part time teacher for
three year and later I was always connected
with Swinburn as a close friend. Mrs.
W. S. New is a good friend of mine.
She knows very well that in some little
ways I have shown my interest of
Swinburn College. I am sure you are
glad to know this.

I hope you will have a happy
and successful new year.

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Sincerely yours
Hwei Lan Chang

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Dear Mrs. New,

Your letter with the enclosed letter from Doctor Wu came this morning. I shall have a copy of my letter for Dr. Wu.

I am trying to finish my thesis this month. After that I shall start to review my French and German. Doctor Y. R. Chao's family have moved in. I am invited to be their guest three times a day for meals Mrs. Chao makes real Chinese food - plenty for all. She is a hard worker, but also knows how to entertain herself.

I am supposed to take the language exam. As soon as I arrive at Iowa. I think I can start to review during meal times with the Chaos, they know so much. I hope to be at Iowa at the end of August or early in September. I am advised to take my preliminary exam right after my language exams. I have accumulated too many credits and reached the stage that should be taken right away. What a busy time I shall have. Therefore I think I shall not plan to attend the institute of human relation I hope you will attend it.

I am grateful for your present arrangement, I shall let you know as soon as I hear from Tsing Hua. All your suggestions are wise. While I am staying here I tried to present my point of view to Ginling. If I find Ginling is the right place for me to render my service I shall surely accept her offer. I am at the age of being practical. I do not care to pass a routine program of life and be satisfied with whatever is given to me. By nature I love to see development and growth. I was not satisfied with my own teaching, therefore I went to P.U.M.C. for three summers to study Anatomy ~~(?)~~ and Histology. I experienced that the more I know the allied science of my field the clearer and the simpler I could present my teaching to my class. My three years teaching in Tientsin has been precious experience for me. I was exposed to the real life of the Chinese student. There were three hundred in college and seven hundred in the middle school and normal school. For the college P. E. major I arranged a program to meet the needs of the nature of those students. For the general college student we had a different program from any other college. It was different from that of American colleges for the normal school we offered a special teaching method all the graduates of the normal school can also make a pretty good teacher in P. E. that was not required by the provincial or the central government. I say the great need of P. E. teacher and I offered the course to every normal student. I was to make still some improvement, but the war came. If you should have seen the organization of that department, you might have been surprised. The college authority has given me all the freedom to develop its P. E. program. The graduate class from P. E. in 1937 were good teachers some of them were the best administrators. The college was intended to make P. E. very strong and the president gentleman was interested in P. E. for women twenty four years ago. He sent his best graduates to the Shanghai YWCA to study P.E. then he was only the principal of the first normal at Tien Tsin.

We took much initiative to train all the college students to be able to teach P.E. along with other subjects. Some very good courses have to be given to them. No extra credits for these courses, but be given in their physical educational class. I must say these courses should be very good courses, the essentials of all the physical educational courses offered to the major students. Otherwise, they would be abused by the student. The above work in Tientsin is to illustrate how we took the initiative to approach the needs of our country in a very simple way. It takes an experienced teacher to do that. These college students often do well in teaching. To have a group of intelligent college graduates to teach P.E. with other subjects sometimes is more satisfactory than to have those mediocre. That does not mean I disagree with we need the special P.E. students to meet the most demands just as in the medical profession they have midwifery schools. At the same time they improve the medical schools in China along different phases. P. E. is very much like that. 1. We need P.E. major 2. We also need to make our P.E. major cost a substantial cost. 3. At the same time we should also train all our college graduates to be able to teach P.E. if they are called upon to do so. That will give them a better chance for good jobs. Such training can only be given in those institutions which have P.E. major departments. These three should go parallel. The second item is not an

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easy job. One has to see things ahead. ----- policy makes our nation behind others and busy all the time. Empty high sound philosophy is not what we need. We must see things ahead from the practical side. I hope my opinion is not an empty philosophy. Excuse me for pouring out some of my accumulated thoughts to you in a random form. Whatever we do we must get a definite goal then do our best to reach it. Try to find our failures and correct them. Now I begin to like my work in the Harvard library. Thank you for all your support which always gives me strength.

Yours sincerely

s/ Hwei-lan Chang

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Jordan Hall
Ann Arbor
Oct. 21, 1937.

Dear Miss Frost:

I feel at a loss how to answer your questions for I've been out of China for such a long time now and war situations change so rapidly. You see, I left Hanking as soon as school closed in June and have not been back since. But I shall do the best I can.

Mother wrote on Sept. 10th that she had been visiting an emergency hospital for the sick in Shanphan and was much impressed by the orderliness there. There were 100 soldiers and most of them from 20 to 30 of age. They were all able to read the papers. I emphasize this fact for it shows that the fighters for China now are not just any man but trained soldiers.

The women in Shanphan are doing two kinds of work - relief and collecting funds. Some are working in camps for refugees while others are in hospitals for the wounded. Still others are trying to raise funds to take care of the wounded and homeless. This I heard from a girl who left China the earlier part of September.

Most of the students as well as faculty

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have felt that war is inevitable between China and Japan. There is a limit to oppression which must result in a burst of war. But there was not that wild clamour for war in 1937 as there had been in 1932. We feel that we know what it would be like, for most of the boys have been through military training, and this anxiety for war is rather nervousness to the inevitable. I think the students - especially those in Hankow - are strongly supporting the Central Government.

Communism has been talked about in colleges; but most students, though they believe in the ideals, feel that the Communism of Russia would not be appropriate for China.

I think that students are continuing to do their college work in China as well as abroad. The general attitude, I gather, is that they will work until they are called for and then they will leave and do work of another kind.

You asked if I would be willing to speak. This problem of speaking is taken care of here because we have a Chinese Student's Association. Miss Tung Vung Yuen is the president. We have a committee to take care of all requests to speak; so, if there is in any way that the group can help in speaking to groups, I'm sure

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Miss King will be able to take care of that.
Of course, being all of us students, we
have to take into consideration the question of
distance since none would willingly cut classes.

I shall be glad to send such news
to you as will be of help. But most of
my letters from home are in Chinese so
I shall have to translate the news.

If there is any way in which
I can help, I shall try to do all
I can.

Sincerely yours
Chang Tshuwei

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
November 8, 1937

My dear Chang Tuh-wei:

I acknowledged briefly your good letter of October 21st. I certainly did appreciate your writing so fully. I do hope that your work is going well in Ann Arbor and that you are able, in spite of the Shanghai situation, to feel a little sense of ease in regard to your own family.

Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo, Michigan, sends annually a gift to Ginling. This they raise through a dinner at which they have a speaker, or through some other type of meeting in the fall. It is not the speaker's responsibility to raise the money, the speaker is supposed to be able to give information about Ginling and about China. I have taken the liberty of sending your name and Mrs. Rhead's to Kalamazoo with the hope that they would ask one or the other of you or both of you to attend this function this fall. It is very important that every single one of our American sources of income continue their contributions this year and increase them if possible. As you no doubt know, the salaries have been cut from 40 to 60 per cent, which is unbearable, and this has been done because of the great uncertainty of Chinese sources of income for the college during this war period. America normally contributes about 50 per cent of the college budget and this year we need to make every effort, if there is not to be too much suffering among our Chinese staff, to increase our income from America. We therefore do not want to lose a single cent which has been coming into the college regularly, and Kalamazoo is one of the places interested in Ginling.

We have sent you everything that has come to us up to this week. I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter which President Wu has just written to the Board of Founders. We will be happy to have you share that with Mrs. Rhead if she cares to see it. We will also send you as soon as we can get it ready, Eva Spicer's account of the Ginling unit at Hua Chung.

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With best wishes to you and success in your work,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Chang Tuh-wei
Jordan Hall
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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SENT FOR INFORMATION OF

Miss Rebecca Griest
 Room 903
 150 Fifth Avenue
 New York City
 March 18, 1938

Chang Tuh-wei

Miss Chang Tuh Wei
 Jordan Hall
 Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Dear Miss Chang:

I take pleasure in giving this notification of your appointment as a Baurbour Scholar for the academic year 1938-39, with a stipend of \$650.00 and University fees.

Please send a letter of acceptance at your early convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

W. Carl Rufus
 W. Carl Rufus, Secretary.

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CC: President Yi-fang Wu,
 Ginling College Unit,
 West China University,
 Chengtu, China

and

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
 Chairman of Personnel Committee of the
 Board of Founders of Ginling College,
 903, Room,
 150 Fifth Avenue,
 New York City.

PRESIDENT ALEXANDER G. RUTHVEN
CHAIRMAN

PROFESSOR W. CARL RUFUS
SECRETARY

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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BARBOUR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ORIENTAL WOMEN
ANN ARBOR

March 25, 1938

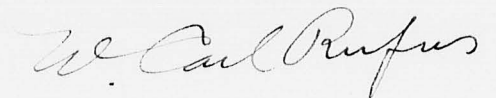
Miss Rebecca Walton Griest
American Office of Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Miss Griest:

I note in your letter of March 21 that you mentioned the renewal of Miss Chang's appointment as a Barbour scholar. Miss Chang is not a Barbour scholar this year, but we are very glad to be able to include her as a new appointee for next year.

Thanking you for sending a letter to Miss Wu by the China Clipper, and assuring you that we greatly appreciate your interest and cooperation, I am

Very sincerely yours,



W. Carl Rufus.

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415 E. Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan
October 20, 1938

Dear Mrs. Mcmillan:

Thank you for your letters dated October 17th asking me to speak at the Detroit Smith Club. I shall be glad to go over on November 4th as that is the only date of the three when I do not have late afternoon or evening classes.

I shall appreciate greatly if you would send me the texts of speeches made to the Smith group previously and also any material you have with respect to the plans of Ginling opening in Chengtu. I am afraid that as November is the month when we have all our mid-semester examinations, that I shall have little time to prepare for any very interesting speech. However, I shall try to do all I can.

I do not know whether you know that there is a Miss Wang Ming-djen here who has just come from Shanghai. She has been with the Shanghai unit of Ginling until June and would know more of the conditions in China just now. She is a good speaker and I wonder if you would like to have her represent Ginling instead. In that case, please feel free to let me know and I shall gladly resign my place to her. In the meantime, since you said the Detroit group is anxious to know the exact date, I shall write to Mrs. Robinson and reserve November 4th, which I feel sure will also be a more suitable date for Miss Wang, it being nearer the end of the week.

Sincerely yours,

Chang Puh Wei

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

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Chang Tuh-wei

415 East Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan
November 25, 1938

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you for your note of the 14th. I would have answered it sooner had I not been so pressed with work.

Yes, I enjoyed speaking to the Detroit Smith Club very much. They have there a group of interesting and highly intelligent women and we spent quite a lot of time discussing the situation, political and otherwise. I gave them in my talk a picture of Ginling during the past year and what the college expects to do this coming year. I hope that that is what you had in mind when you asked me to speak.

I am sending you my passport picture, the only photo that I can find. You can keep it as I had a number made when I found out that so many were needed for passports, health certificates and what nots. I hope that it will do.

Miss Wang just called me over the phone telling me that Mrs. Thurston will be in Ann Arbor some time in December. We are looking forward to seeing her soon.

Sincerely yours,

Chang Tuh Wei

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

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Chang Tuh-wei

150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York.
21 February 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

I have just returned from Northampton, where we had a meeting of the Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling. One of the items discussed was the program for the Commencement Meeting on the morning of 11 June 1939. This is a program which follows the general lines laid down in the enclosed card, and the Committee voted to extend an invitation to you as the only speaker for Ginling this year. We had two-thirds of the time on 19 June 1938, but we feel it is appropriate to take less time this spring, since there are many alumnae projects which should have a hearing, and each June this Sunday morning meeting is recognized as the time when Ginling shares an hour with one or two other speakers from philanthropic or social work. This will mean that you would have time for a twenty-minute speech. I hope very much that your presence is possible, - in fact, that the trip to the East fits into your other plans. I shall eagerly await your answer. Of course, your expenses will be borne by the China College budget.

The twenty-minute speech which I have mentioned does not quite tell the story of the significance of the Sunday morning meeting, since friends of Ginling continue in session for an additional hour after the formal hour of speaking is concluded. Those who attend the later meeting are the Ginling representatives in the local clubs scattered throughout the United States, and it is a particularly eager and responsive group.

The invitation which I am asked to extend to you is a recognition of your special distinction as a graduate of Ginling College, and of the qualities which make you particularly congenial to a group of college women. Your acceptance will assure the success of the event, and I hope nothing will prevent a favorable reply from you.

Sincerely yours,

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Miss Chang Tuh-wei
415 East Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor Michigan

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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415 E. Jefferson St.
Ann Arbor, Michigan
May 17, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you very much for your letter assuring me that all extra expenses for my trip to Northampton will be taken care of by Jimmie. But I'm afraid that under the present circumstances that have arisen, I will not be able to have the joy of being at Smith. You see, a fresh couple of papers which I have not calculated upon have been assigned and with these and my five examinations I can not possibly finish in time to be away from Ann Arbor by the 10th of June. I am terribly sorry about it as I have set my heart upon seeing Smith and the east; and doubly sorry for having caused you all this trouble and inconvenience. I do hope that you will understand my dilemma and know how much I have appreciated your asking me.

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I'm most grateful to you for writing to President Lee and asking him about the possibility of a position for me. I shall write to him as soon as I can find the time to do some correspondence.

Thank you again for your trouble.

Sincerely yours
Chang Tuli Wei

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415 E. Jefferson St.,
Ann Arbor,
Michigan.
May 3, 1889.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I just had another letter from Miss Sara Conino urging me to be at Smith College on June 10 and 11. I have in the meantime asked about the possibility of arranging to have some of my examinations early and think that it is highly possible for me to be there with work by the month of June. I should like to know definitely if you still want me to speak before I make the final arrangements with the various professors for the examinations. I shall appreciate it greatly if you could let me know as soon as possible since besides arranging for the examinations, I also have to get a passport through Canada.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Chas. F. Johnson

150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
8 May 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

We wired you this morning as follows:

REPLY TO YOURS OF MAY THIRD DELAYED DURING MY
RETURN JOURNEY TO NEW YORK STOP YOU ARE MUCH
DESIRED FOR JUNE ELEVENTH MEETING AT SMITH STOP
HOPE YOU WILL PROCEED TO CONCLUDE NECESSARY
ARRANGEMENTS AND LET US KNOW AS SOON AS COMPLETED.

Indeed, Miss Comins has been holding the
final announcement of the Commencement meeting in the hope
that you would be able to be present as speaker. I hope
you can make it possible, both because no one would do the
service for Ginling and for Smith better than you, and be-
cause I would so like to have you see our sister college
before you return to China. Do let us know definitely as
soon as possible, but meanwhile, I am telling Miss Comins
of the strengthened hope that you will be available.

Do you really want to go to the trouble
of the passport through Canada? Of course, the New York
Central route is really better, but most of our Chinese
friends, as you know, avoid Canada by taking the Michigan
Central through Ohio, a laborious and annoying recognition
of the trouble one may run into in going through Canada.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Chang Tuh-wei
415 East Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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New York, New York
8 May 1939

CHANG TUH WEI
415 EAST JEFFERSON STREET
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN

REPLY TO YOURS OF MAY THIRD DELAYED DURING DAYS MY RETURN JOURNEY TO
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STOP HOPE YOU WILL PROCEED TO CONCLUDE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND LET
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415 East Jefferson St.
Ann Arbor, Michigan
May 11, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Thank you so much for the wire and letter telling me that you want me to speak at Smith College on June 11. I shall go ahead then with my plans to have the examinations early.

I should like to know about the expenses which will be involved if I take this trip and whether it will be taken care of by the Ginling office. I do not think that I shall be able to pay for this additional expense as I am planning to return to China by way of Europe. I should appreciate it greatly if you would let me know about it.

Could I also ask a favor of you? I heard from a friend that there is an opening in the English Department at Hanchow Christian College functioning at the present time in Shanghai. As I have heard nothing from Dr. Wu and as my father is most anxious that I should be some place near home, I shall be most grateful if you would ask about this opening for me. I have been told that Mr. Bean Lee of the Union Theological Seminary will know about this. As you are acquainted with people in New York, and as you are in close contact with the Christian Colleges in China, I thought that you would be the only person to whom I can appeal for help. Could you find out for me whether the position is still open and whether I shall be qualified to make applications for the job? I shall be willing to teach both composition and literature, preferably the latter. But as I've had some work in creative writing, I shall be only too glad to take some composition courses. Thank you very much for your trouble.

Sincerely yours,

Chang Tuh Wei

Chang Tuh Wei

P.S. Mr. Lee's address is, The Union Theological Seminary,
Broadway and 120th Street, New York City.

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
12 May 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

Without consulting any of our officers, I can promise that Ginling will pay the excess of expense in your travel involved in stopping in Northampton. Was this what you intended to ask? That would mean the difference in expense over the cost of a through ticket from Ann Arbor to New York caused by the stop-over in Northampton. Is this what was in your mind when you wrote? It probably would be best for you to buy your ticket to Springfield, Massachusetts via Albany. From Springfield to Northampton is a very short distance, and you would either take another train or I would meet you by motor. After the Northampton visit, you would go without change direct to New York. I hope that I have answered your question.

Tomorrow morning I will make every effort to secure an early interview with President Baen Lee, and put your question to him. It may be that I can reach him by telephone this evening.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Chang Tuh-wei
415 East Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

14 May 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

I have just succeeded in getting President Lee by telephone. He is definitely interested in learning of your possible availability in Shanghai next year. It seems that there is no certainty of opening in the Department of English - but a possibility. It would depend on whether or not a teacher about to be married will continue.

President Lee would like to have you write him direct before he leaves New York about June 10th. He is going by way of Europe, so you may see him, - but he wishes to know at once about your qualifications. I will send him a letter of recommendation, but you should send him the usual facts about training, age, and experience. Address him at the Union Theological Seminary Dormitory, 600 West 122nd Street.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Chang Teh-wei

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18 May 1939

Miss Chang Tuh-wei 415 East Jefferson Street Ann Arbor Michigan

YOUR ARRIVAL NORTHAMPTON SATURDAY JUNE TENTH AND PRESENCE THERE SUNDAY
JUNE ELEVENTH IMPORTANT TO CHINAS PLACE IN SIGNIFICANT GATHERINGS OF UNIQUE
SMITH COMMENCEMENT PLEASE CONSULT YOUR PROFESSORS TO RECONSIDER WHETHER
NORTHAMPTON VISIT CAN BE RECONCILED WITH COMPLETION YOUR FULL ACADEMIC
RESPONSIBILITIES NEED YOUR REPLY BEFORE MAY TWENTYFOURTH

MRS T D MACMILLAN

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan Ginling College 150 Fifth Avenue New York New York

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415 East Jefferson St.
Ann Arbor, Michigan
May 19, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I was quite distressed when I got your wire urging me to speak for Ginling. It would be a pleasure for me to be doing my part for Ginling if I could possibly arrange it. I have gone over again very carefully estimating my time and whether I shall be able to finish all my work by the tenth. According to my calculations now, I am afraid I shall be unable to do so. I am terribly sorry at my inability to arrange my time so that I could combine work and pleasure trips. At the moment it seems that work has to crowd out everything else.

I sincerely hope that this will not inconvenience you too much.

Sincerely yours,

Chang Tuh Wei

Chang Tuh Wei

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
23 May 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

You have given me additional evidence of the fact that I am a very poor writer of letters and framer of telegrams. It would seem from your message of May 19th that I have omitted from my previous messages the one important matter, which is that the Smith College invitation is far from being in the nature of being an invitation to an event of personal pleasure. The Commencement affairs in Northampton are of an importance which cannot be over-estimated, and we feel that your cooperation in the meeting of Sunday morning, June 11th, would be a service to deepen American devotion to the cause for which China is now fighting. The fact that you might enjoy being at Smith is a pleasant phase of the question, but does not at all color the warmth of the invitation.

When I wired you last week, I did so in order to supply you with a written message on the basis of which you might consult with any of your professors or advisers who are in a position to assist in relieving you of some part of the final burden of academic requirements. We have so deep a respect for the quality of your work, that it occurred to us there might be requirements of written papers or reports which might be entirely removed if it were known that you were needed in Northampton. If you could sit with us for a few minutes in some of our discussions, you would realize how vitally important it is to have proper representation of Chinese manhood and womanhood on occasions such as that we are now discussing. Such members of our Board as Dr. E. C. Lobenstine, and Mrs. James Stewart Cushman are constantly emphasizing the fact that American conviction of the value of helping China is often based on the impression gained from individual citizens of China who are presented at times as the Commencement at Smith. It is quite true that Miss Li Gwan-yuen is in Northampton and it is happily true that she has made a very fine impression there during the past two years. But she has really been heard so many times already that it would help very much to have a fresh personality to present at Commencement time. Aside from yourself, no one is available, and the audience is one which is gathered from the four corners of the earth, representing 17,000 Smith alumnae, and the significance of this year's ceremonies is especially distinguished because they mark the retirement of a really great president of the College.

I am not writing all this in order to trouble you further or seriously

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to question the decision which appeared well nigh made when you wrote me on the 19th. But it is important that you understand the basis on which we have been writing you, in order that the incident may take its due proportions as you think of it now and in the future. It is an invitation from the graduates of the greatest of women's colleges to yourself as an alumna of a sister institution for whose yearly support the Smith alumnae represent the most productive group of contributors, and the one on whom the future support of the College rests most heavily.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Chang Tuh-wei
415 East Jefferson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan

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MISS WU YI-FANG, Ph.D.
*Chairman of the
Board of Founders*
MISS MARGARET E. HODGE

May 24, 1939

Dear Eva:

May the fates yield soon and let us have a speaker for the Ginling meeting! I am writing Miss Li, but I really hope that one of the others can do it, for the sake of letting the people see as many of the Chinese girls as possible. However, I grant that we will be very fortunate to have anyone so charming as Miss Li, and I hope she will be willing.

The posters are in the process of construction at a printer's in Northfield, and are going to be very colorful and effective. We can get them, 50 of them, for \$5.75. They will make the same announcement of speakers and discussion meeting following that the cards would have done.

~~is~~ My idea of subjects for discussion at the 10.30 meeting are as follows:

Work of Club Representatives
Method of approach
Types of meetings
Literature -- preparation and distribution
Finances
Undergraduate activities at Smith for Ginling
Relations with Ginling alumnae in the United States
Educational projects at Ginling

I don't suppose we need to announce this agenda beforehand, and it is certainly subject to revision. But what do you think of it as a starter?

I am enclosing a brief letter to the club representatives, announcing the meeting, which might go out at Miss Moore's convenience.

The committee should meet, too, probably briefly. I wonder if Saturday at lunch would not be a good time, as the Alumnae meeting is in the afternoon. We have to discuss the change in by-laws, and have an annual report, do we not? I am meeting with Mrs. Lyman Friday this week to discuss the by-laws, and we will then submit our plan to Miss Choate as the third member of the committee. My idea is to have 3 new members, making 9 in all to hold office 3 years, and to have the new ones go in this June, and 3 of the old ones resign next June. One new one from near Boston, one from New York, and one from the Chicago area. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Sara Comins

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415 East Jefferson St.
Ann Arbor, Michigan
May 25, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your letter just arrived and I am writing to you instantly to assure you that I am fully aware of the fact that I am expected to do my best for Ginling should I attend the meeting at Smith College. Had I wanted to come on a pleasure trip, I am sure that I would not choose such a time when I have to rush between the worries of studies and the tedious task of making arrangements to leave for a long trip.

It is in fact because I realize the seriousness of your request that I have answered you so promptly as I felt that it would not be fair to the next person to have a much shorter notification. Of course, I had not realized that Miss Li and I were the only available people to attend the meeting. I had thought that as there are around twenty Ginling graduates in this country, that there would be many who could fulfill the place as speaker.

I thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me the telegram with the idea that I might be able to consult my professors and ask to be released from some of my academic work. I am very sorry that I shall not be able to bring myself to make any such request.

As I wrote to you last time, my plans are very indefinite. I cannot definitely say on what date I shall be through as there are so many things to do before I can leave Ann Arbor. There are such unimportant details like packing five or six trunks and suitcases, getting presents to take home to people who have been thoughtful and kind, saying good-bye to people in the city, besides the regular work of fulfilling the academic requirements. Since this is the case, I have not dared to promise to be at Smith by the eleventh of June. The speech itself, short as it is, will take sometime preparing as it is not too easy to speak on a subject which has been spoken of almost yearly. I am sure you will understand that my refusal to speak is due to circumstances over which I have no control, and because for the sake of Ginling I do not wish to do a bad job which will harm rather than promote her interests. I cannot honestly say that I shall be able to finish all my work here in time to leave by the tenth although I cannot be certain that I shall not be able to get through either. But a promise based on such uncertainty I felt

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would be worse than a refusal. I feel sure that you will agree with me on that score.

Sincerely yours,

Chang Tuh Wei

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P. S. Mr. Evans told me that the office paid for the fees involved in obtaining the clergy certificates on the assumption that I shall be taking the trip to speak for Jimmie. Should he object to it, please let him know that I shall be glad to return the money when I come to New York. I did not send it to him because Miss Mosman told me she had paid for it during the Christmas of 1938.

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26 May 1939

Dear Sara:

I am hoping that today's mail or tomorrow's will settle the matter of the speaker for June 11, although it may tantalize us further. If the communications to the Ginling Representatives are to be too much delayed by waiting on this point, would you not be willing to have us say (in regard to the speaker),

It is hoped that either Miss Chang Tuh-wei, Ginling 1934, or Miss Bih Hao-ying, Ginling 1932, can be present as speaker, in addition to the very charming Miss Li Gwan-yuen, who is now concluding two very successful years as graduate student at Smith College.

I wonder whether a slight readjustment in the proposed agenda for the 10:30 discussion may not be helpful, namely, to ask Ruth Chester to give ten snappy minutes, carefully planned, of comprehensive report on the Ginling program in China as it is at present. I believe she would do this well, and she asked me confidentially the other day what you were expecting of her on June 11. One reason that I suggest it is that we found in last year's discussion meeting - as you may remember - that people seemed still thirsty for more news from the field in spite of all they had gotten from Mrs. Thurston and the Chinese girls. Ruth, with her scientific clarity, could perhaps give the discussion hour just what it needs, if you were to put quite carefully before her just how you wished her words to articulate with the work here in America. I would suppose that she could so tell the story as to make the special needs of the moment stand out clearly without detracting from the interest of her narration. You seem to have the committee task clearly in mind, and I have nothing to add to your last paragraph of May 24. Subject to unforeseen personal obligations, I am at your disposal for any hour on the 10th or 11th. My niece's wedding plans are still indefinite; Heaven prevent their having anything to do with Commencement week!

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Sara Comins
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Ashmont Massachusetts

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27 May 1939

Dear Miss Chang:

I appreciate your sympathetic reception of my many effusions on the subject of the meeting of June 11. You are quite right in your attitude toward your work and all of your obligations, personal and professional. You are good to understand, also, just how those of us feel who are so deeply involved as protagonists of China's good name in many fields. One of the minor irritations of the moment here in New York is, of course, the conspicuous position which the Japanese Pavilion has at the World's Fair, and the importance which is being given to daily dance recitals of the Cherry Blossom Ballet, along with complete absence of any Chinese exhibition. There is a small display of Chinese art treasures being maintained in one of the galleries on the Island of Manhattan, for which a small admission fee is being charged for Chinese relief, as a very frail attempt to keep Chinese culture before visitors to this city during the coming weeks. Of course the contrast is not very satisfactory from our standpoint!

It was my fault not to have told you how completely the list of Ginling alumnae have been considered with reference to the meeting of June 11. We know these young women pretty well, and we also know how stern is the light of friendly criticism directed on the speakers at the Smith Commencement meeting. It is an occasion which you could carry off with ease and for which you would be quite adequate, though I agree with you that some thought must always be given to a good speech. Perhaps one of 10 minutes in length needs even more careful thought than one for which half an hour is available. The fact that the list boils down to Li Gwan-yuen and yourself is due to a number of reasons, some of them going rather deeply into professional background as well as personal and intellectual qualities. We shall continue to hope you can be there, and beg of you to think of it as a possibility which need not burden you at all in the days that lie ahead. If, however, you can get on a train in time to arrive in Northampton on the 10th, the waking hours of the journey will be all the time you will need to get your thoughts in order.

My very best wishes for the days that are to come; in the midst of all the demands upon you, you must be careful not to become too weary to enjoy your journey scheduled to begin on June 14.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Chang Tuh-wei
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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

by Chang Tuh-wei
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Before the dawn of the Chinese Republic, when women were in their various stages of oppression and slavery, in their own limited spheres, the leaders among women toiled and labored. In the field of poetry some have left us the sweet sad lyrics which only secluded women could write. Others, forgotten names of the past, printed the names of their sons in the pages of history. There are those who helped their husbands to honor and fame; there are those who in the hours of their nation's need, restored prestige and power to their emperors by beauty and wit. Thus it is we have names handed down the ages which we still honor and respect. There is Li Ching Chao who left us the immortal lines:

The wind has blown the curtain light,
And the maiden in the bower,
Is paler than the palest flower.

There is Ching Chiang, the mother of Po Wen, who is all her son's career guided and corrected him so that his name was honored among men. There is Chiang Ho, the wife of the Emperor Shuan, who humbled herself that her husband might understand and attend to his duties. And there is Shi Shih who by her beauty and wit brought prosperity back to her Emperor. These are but a few of the women who lived and worked bound under the strict rules of the codes for women.

With the dawn of the modern era, with the overflow of western civilization into China, a different life is opened to women. It is not a life of complete freedom; it is not a life of perfect opportunities; but it has opened to women a world whose gates were hitherto locked against them. Whereas formerly they stole education from men in their spare hours, they can now attend schools whose chief aim is to help them. Whereas formerly their influence was limited largely to the home, that influence can now be extended to society and nation. It is a marvelous opportunity, gained without heart-sich struggles. The liberated women has opportunities to mold the family,

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the nation, and the world. And yet, are these opportunities utilized or forfeited?

Let us turn to a few pictures of women in their various positions in life. I have seen the children of educated women left completely in the hands of servants and in manner and moral habits no better than the children of the serving class. I have seen college graduates spending whole days at the Mar Jong table. Their homes are left in the hands of mothers or mothers-in-law; their children in the hands of servants; while they, left without anything to do, seek amusements elsewhere. They smoke, dance, or flirt speaking of equality. If men were entitled to these, why not women? They cease to ask, "Men work, do we?" They have, in fact, become mere ornaments in the home, a pretty piece of pottery, a beautiful picture, a foreign toy to tease men.

There are the women who work in public institutions but whose work consists chiefly of beauty parlour techniques. They do not know how to work; nor are they interested in learning how to master their work. They have been called "flower vases" and because of them men look down upon all women who desire work in public institutions.

There are women who deem themselves leaders of the women movement. They meet to talk about ways to help women, but they meet only to discuss the problems of servants and mothers-in-law. Steeped in comfortable arm-chairs, smoking and sipping tea, they fondle their pet dogs and gossip about neighbors and friends. All suggestions and plans that involved work were voted down. All propositions that would build them an easy monument for others to praise were accepted and applauded. They do not remember the needs of women. They do not see the women whose sweat flowed to wet the rice fields; they do not hear the women who cry because they have not the means to seek financial independence. They shut off from their vision the widows, the factory workers, the beggars on the streets, the hundreds of starving refugees, the beaten

wives in inland homes, the child wives that cry against blinded ears.

I do not mean to imply that all women are like these. Far from it. For I have seen women who through education seek to raise women to a better living. I have seen women who leave their comfortable home to work in country districts. I have seen women who rear children who will one day become useful citizens of China. Nor do I, in giving these pictures of the failures of women, mean to imply that women should be expected to do the same kind of work as men. Such an imposition would be an impossibility. It is not fair to expect women released in less than two generations to think and work as men who have had freedom and authority ever since the solidification of the family unit. Education is a slow process. It is easy enough to cram into the mind a volume of facts but it is difficult to train the mind to think the plan. Circulation comes back slowly to a hand that has been bound for long. So women, who for ages have been bound to customs and rules, can only slowly and gradually recover their partially lost faculties. Besides, even today the training of women is not upon an equal status with men. Boys are taught early that they must support a family when they grow up. Girls are given the idea that their education is for self support in case of need. Boys are taught to look out into the world, girls are encouraged to look inward into the homes. Such training is subtle, barely perceptible to casual observers, but it sinks deeply into the minds of the young. And thus it is that women should not be expected to work as men do, to lead in as many fields, or to make as many contributions.

But realizing the limitations within which women are placed, it is still possible for women to contribute much. Instead of crying that home is dull, women might study the means of improving home conditions, management, sanitation, or the training of children. A home should be a place of comfort and joy; not a luxurious hotel or a dirty inn. Women should realize that children are future citizens of China; not toys of passing moments.

Outside the home women are equally needed. They are more gentle than men, more easily moved to sympathy. It is easy for men to pass a beggar child but women tend to give coppers to the outstretched hand. However, it is not sufficient merely to drop a few coppers into an out-stretched hand. This gentleness, this sympathy, can well be utilized in social work of various kinds. At present, the beggar problem is unsolved. Beggars everywhere in the capital of a nation should quickly be taken care of. Feeding these beggars or helping them with a copper or two is no solution. They must be taught to work and taught to live on the profits of their work. Is this not women's work? Sanitation is another problem. In places where farm-lands dot the open spaces, typhoid is strangely prevalent. The vegetables are fertilized by human refuse and these are kept in open jars. This has caused the death of numberless children on the farms. I have known of a family which had five children and only one is living now. Is it not women's work to promote sanitation?

It would be impossible to list all the work which women can do, for the needs of society are manifold. There are delinquent children who need guidance, there are ignorant women who wait to be taught. The children reared in the smoke of factories cry to them; the women working long hours without sufficient rest implore their help. If women desire to be respected, if women desire to have a place in China, if women desire to be the equal of men, they must, with their opportunities, shoulder their new responsibilities.

CHANG Tuh-wei.