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Adelaide Gundlach
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Miss Adelaide Gundlach
Berea College
Berea, Kentucky

Name (maiden or married) by
which you were known at Ginling Adelaide Gundlach

1915-1922 at Ginling. Work: Secretary, Treasurer after first year, and Registrar

B.A. or B.S. Year 1918 School Oberlin College

M.A. or M.S. Year _____ School _____

Ph.D. Year _____ School _____

Other degrees _____ Year _____ School _____

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Date of Marriage _____ Husband's name _____

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 1923 — Position Registrar

Place Berea College, Berea, Ky.

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

BERGER, Mrs. R. R.

RUEFF, Frau Gese

GAILEY, Miss Helen

VAIL, Miss

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ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

Signed: A. Gundlach

December 1940

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Dear Rebecca	{ Pledge & Inc Relief - 20.00
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This check is in danger of wearing out before it reaches you, as I've carried it back and forth from office to house, waiting for time to write more than a note to go with it.

I'm sending two payments on my special pledge, and also the 25.00 which I try to send each year for funding. I wish it could be more in face of the great need, and also of the great good it could do. Oberlin - Shousie is also calling for funds - all the educational institutions are doing wonderful things, and the last reports from funding which you sent were tremendously thrilling to me. I

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feel that they are doing just right in modifying their program to meet the special need. It is very exciting to me, and I do hope the plans can be carried out.

Have you had any vacation this summer? I did not seem to be able to get away without just dropping too many important things. I did take 10 days off to do things at the house and get a change, though I was kept busy being domestic. I shall try and get away this fall if some plan works out.

This is President Hatcher's last year here, and consequently we keep wondering what the future

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direction of Berea will be with a
new man at the head. We still
have no idea as to who it may be.
Berea, too, could do a lot more
to adapt its program to the
needs of the region here. Perhaps
that will come in time.

Don't fail to let me know
if you are in this vicinity.
Would like so much to see you.

Lots of love,

Adelaide Guendlach

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Dear Rebecca:

May I thus take pen in hand? My handwriting would be less easy to read, that is sure. Your letter did reach me, though I am not surprised if you've given up all hope of hearing again. And I wrote to Minnie about our labor system, though I am afraid there is not much of real value in our system for her under those conditions which must be very different. They must desperately work to make projects pay, whereas Berea can subsidize any one that does not pay. I have wondered if cooperatives would be tried out in this time of great need. It was so impressive to see what the poor fishermen, farmers and miners did for themselves in Nova Scotia. By the way, I wonder if you have seen Bertram Fowler's book "The Lord Helps Those" in which he describes the thing that we saw there in the summer of 1937. I want to send Minnie a copy of the book if books can be sent through to Nanking. Are there any special instructions for mailing? *+ would you mind just dropping me a post card.*

You would have heard from me sooner, except that I have been rather miserable this fall - just feeling run down and yet not finding anything serious wrong. Under those conditions one keeps going by sheer push. Then a few weeks ago I got a streptococcic sore throat. Was sent to the hospital to have sulphanilimide administered, and that knocks the pins out from under for several days. I was in the hospital for less than a week but I have not been able to shake off the cold. The throat cleared up but my head has been bad with sinus infection and I have a cough that hangs on too. However, I've decided to ignore them all and put my mind on the things that have piled up to be done.

Mr. Gordon Ross who teaches Bible here came in to ask if we would consider the daughter of a missionary in Japan, a Mr. George Noss (I think it was George). Do I remember correctly that you had friends in Japan by that name, and could this be the same family? Mr. Ross is not sure which of the daughters they have in mind sending, and whether it is for this year or next year. He was very vague as to the applicant, but sure that we ought to send literature about the college. I will know more definitely when I can have an answer to my letter.

There have been many candidates talked of and interviewed, but as yet we know of no one being very seriously considered as President Hutchins' successor. He has made up his mind to retire at 68 and that will be at the end of this year. This year he shows signs of weakening, I think, and no wonder, when he is in continual anxiety about Frank at Changsha and his wife and baby. The two latter were on Kuling for the summer, and so far as they know are still there. I understand she planted a garden and had her own chickens. She has had medical training so that will help in case of need. But you can imagine how anxious they are at present.

For our annual church supper we had pictures of our various benevolence projects, and among them Mrs. MacMillan sent lovely pictures of Ginling which were displayed to good advantage. For Thanksgiving we decided to take a collection from students and faculty for China Relief. President Hutchins is heading up the committee in Kentucky for the drive being made through the churches, so we were particularly glad to be able to support him here.

I wonder if you have heard - probably not - about Helen Dingman's trouble. She had a bad attack - thrombosis I think they call it - of the heart last spring, *- which of course you know* and has been on a very restricted schedule. She did much resting during the summer, *since* and was beginning to feel quite encouraged about herself this fall. But a few weeks ago she had more severe pain and now has been in Cincinnati for two weeks to be checked up again by the specialist. He reports no bad change in the heart, but says she has this warning of possible trouble and must therefore be even more restricted. She will be back this week-end, when we shall know just what that means. This fall she was permitted to work in the morning and then had to rest all afternoon. But it is hard to try to carry on a big complicated job doing it that way, and I imagine she carried more in her thoughts in the afternoons than she realized. I am so sorry for I know she will be feeling very discouraged - and then she is such a big person and has so much to contribute that it is a terrible loss. *It will be a*

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terrible blow to her if she can't carry some of her work and feel she is being useful. So I do hope she will be able to keep on with a little of it, just for her own mental state.

And now dear, I wonder how you are - and where - by this time. I do hope Jennie continued to improve and that you have been able to get rested up. Wish you could come down here if it would be any help to get away. I have thought all fall I should take the rest of my vacation which I did not take last summer. Now if I can't shake this cold I may try to get to Florida for the Christmas vacation, though I haven't quite figured out how to manage it.

Our reorganization is supposed to be complete this fall, and the skeleton set-up is. But there are many things that have not been adjusted and President Hutchins either won't see them ~~or~~ or does not want to tackle them. He is so busy with the other things that the educational administration gets only scraps of his time. And if ever we needed a strong hand at the helm it is now. It seems as though we're all working time at present, which is bad for our morale.

Well, dear Rebecca, I know this isn't a very cheery letter, but I know you are always interested - even in our troubles I do so hope things are better with you.

Please remember me to Jennie and tell her I was so sorry to hear of her illness - much love to you

Adelaide

From Adelaide ^{Gundlach}

BEREA COLLEGE • BEREA • KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

December 13, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I appreciate the report which you have sent in of the Ginling College gathering in New York. It must have been a very happy time. During that week we had in Berea Miss Wu Suen-i who was here from Tuesday through Friday getting all she could in the way of an insight into the Berea set-up, particularly touching the extension work, the labor program, and our home economics work. She is a most interesting and beautiful person and our students were delighted to meet her. We also introduced her to the Union Church prayer-meeting group and had a social hour afterward. The speaker for the evening happened to be Mr. Loomis who told us about the interesting community experiment that he is heading up at Greenville, South Carolina. Miss Wu was glad to have this contact also. She filled every minute with worthwhile activity and was quite thrilled over all that Berea suggests.

I was delighted to have one of our Ginling girls able to grasp in such a short time so much of the special features of the Berea work and I am thrilled to think that Ginling College is moving forward so rapidly in developing work to meet real life situations. I hope the home economics work that is being introduced will have good support.

Our own work here seems to grow more significant as more and more government and social agencies are getting into the field of community planning and rehabilitation work. Many of our graduates are in fields of agriculture and home economics and at the forefront in the struggle to change conditions. Because of their practical training they are much nearer the place where they can help bring about needed change.

The booklet which you sent earlier, "The Amazing Chinese" was much appreciated. I think it is one of the finest things I have seen in a long time as it brings so much into a small space and tells a very convincing story.

I wonder if I could trouble you to send me the addresses of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Thomson, Miss Narola E. Rivenberg, and Mrs. Benjamin Nangle?

With many thanks and good wishes for the holiday season,

Sincerely yours,

Adelaide Lundahl

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Last night the church voted to continue the 50⁰⁰ grant to J.C.

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Jan. 6, 1943.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

It was good of you to send me the material which you did for our Union Church committee. For the present nothing in the way of an additional pledge has come of it, but the \$50.00 which has been going was voted again for this year for the work at Ginling. I have tried to do what I can at this time, myself, and am enclosing my check for \$30.00 which I trust will help just a little. I am so proud of the part that Ginling College has played, and is still playing in the long-time, constructive program for China .

The letter from Dr. Wu was splendid, and I am happy to have it, with all the news. It seems incredible that they can accomplish so much in spite of the many handicaps. I am sorry Dr. Wu did not feel that she could come at this time.

With all good wishes to you and the work.

Sincerely yours,

Abelaide Fundlach

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BEREA COLLEGE • BEREA • KENTUCKY
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

Feb. 15, 1948

Ginling College Committee,
New York

Dear Friends:

While this personal contribution for the work of Ginling is late, I have been working for the cause here. This fall, we were able to get a special appropriation from our Union Church benevolence fund to be sent to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, as well as keeping up the annual pledge of \$50.00 for Ginling College specifically.

Anything that you can send directly to the pastor of Union Church here, or to the Benevolence Committee chairman will help to keep up the interest of the congregation in the work and needs of Ginling. The question is often raised as to why we should continue that appropriation rather than helping in some new area of need. A presentation of the need, sent in September from your committee direct, will mean more than a reminder from myself or others here who may have a personal interest in the college. *relay and in*

With pride in the work you are doing, and every good wish,

Sincerely,

Adelaide Gundlach

February 20, 1948

Miss Adelaide Gundlach
Berea College
Berea, Ky.

Dear Miss Gundlach:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your generous gift to Ginling College. Your efforts on behalf of the College are greatly appreciated and your loyal support is given at a time when it is more needed than ever before.

I am sure we have you to thank for the extra contribution we received from Berea Church this year. You will rejoice with us in the very large measure of success we have had in our Emergency Campaign. Gifts are still coming in, but we have already received approximately 90 percent of the total amount sought for all of the Christian Colleges. This will see these fine institutions through this year and we are sure that it will not be necessary to curtail a work that is meeting such large needs in China.

We note your suggestion of presenting the need of Ginling specifically to the Union Church in May and September of each year. This we shall be happy to do and will also be grateful to you for any additional work that you can do on behalf of the College.

Again our thanks for your very real help.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

Gwan Dzün-Sien

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GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING CHINA

Gwan Dzün-sien
(undergraduate)

February 4, 1947

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Miss Gwan Dzün^{*}-sien () has successfully completed one semester at Ginling College. She is rated in the upper third of her class, and her academic record for the past semester is well above average. She has already passed the Sophomore Comprehensive Examination in English.

Miss Gwan has proved herself to be friendly with her fellow-students, and has taken an active interest in campus activities. She has shown a fine spirit of co-operation with both faculty and students during the past semester.

Very sincerely yours,

YF#hp

Yi-fang Wu
President, Ginling College

* Ginling College romanization. Also spelled Kwan Tsun-hsien.

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Dr Martha Hackett

1936 - 1940

Dr. Martha Hackett
4939 Pasadena Avenue Terrace
Los Angeles, California

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Name (maiden or married) by which you were known at Ginling Dr. Martha Hackett

1925-1928 at Ginling. Work: Resident physician - teacher - first aid anatomy bacteriology

B.A. or B.S. Year 1907 School Western College for Women - Oxford O.

M.A. or M.S. Year _____ School _____

Ph.D. Year _____ School _____

Other degrees M.D. Year 1913 School Rush Medical College of University of Chicago.

Date of Marriage _____ Husband's name _____

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 1913-23 Position President Hackett Medical College
Place Canton - China

Year(s) ^{short periods during years} 1931-1934 Position Lectures Mt. Holyoke College ^{Medical pathology} ~~Preparatory~~
Place South Hadley Mass.

Year(s) 1934-35 Position Teacher of Bible - Yuma High School
Place Yuma - Peru

Year(s) ^{April} 1929 - 1930 Position Member Amer. School of Prehistoric Research Expedition to Palestine.
Place 12 months in Europe

Year(s) 1928 to 1940 Position 12 months in South America
8 months in Near East
6 months in China 1936
Place _____

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

BERGER, Mrs. R. R.

RUEFF, Frau Gese

GAILEY, Miss Helen

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Los Angeles
Cal.

VAIL, Miss

LAUCKS, Miss Blanche

ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

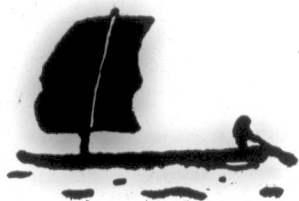
Signed: Martha Hackett

December 1940

Hockett Medical College

Canton - China

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Dear Rebecca:

Your good letter arrived after Christmas as you planned and it was much appreciated. I am interested in Sarah's child and I do hope my advice did not ruin her. There are always so many things to consider in dealing with other people's children.

I wonder what you are going to do this summer. Why don't you visit China? It is great fun going around and seeing one's old friends and students. I had several days in Nanking on my way down. It was cold. The rooms at Shuhing are just the same. The hot water bottles in beds are still a great comfort. There are many real changes at the college - two different services in the dining room at 500. One table eats foreign food and two tables eat Chinese. Mrs. Munster manages the foreign end. The new roads have cut off a large piece of the campus so that 500 is now almost on the road. The new library is lovely. The music hall and chapel are

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Combination is not such a success. A piano [27]
in a practice room can be heard all over the building
which is not exactly satisfactory. Mr. Murphy fell
down on his job and seems to have left the
finishing touches untouched.

Dr. Reeves' house is very attractive (but cold) and has
a lovely location. She seems very happy. I had lunch
with her one day. She looks well in spite of the
extra work she has had during Harriet Whitner's
illness. Harriet is back now and doing her own work.
Dr. Reeves' house is Chinese style while Eva's is
Southern California Spanish bungalow. It is very attractive
has heated floors, which don't heat any too well, in
my point of view and the only flush toilet in the
college. Eva sleeps in her house and keeps an animal
but eats in 500 unless she has company. When she
has guests the animal cooks the meals. Her guest
room was not yet furnished when I was there.
Her sister is coming out to visit her and Eva is
expecting sister to train the animal into the best
English tradition.

I saw quite a little of Dr. Wu. She is working too
hard. She has not learned to delegate some parts of
her work to other people. She seems to feel that she
must do everything herself even to writing many letters
in her hand. - Minnie seems well and showed me

around his pet practice school. ⁴⁻¹¹⁻³⁶ It is a very nice [37] ^{over} building, also the community work they are doing has enlarged and seems to be very useful. Mrs. Austin seems well. Mrs. Calder was not there when I was. My old gang home Trans-Siberia and are planning a motor trip through England this summer.

Nanking has changed so much that nothing looks familiar. There are big buildings - wide streets, traffic lights and traffic police. I felt like a stranger in a strange land.

Canton has also changed, even more than Nanking. In my day there were no wide streets and we traveled only in sedan chairs - now one can go almost anywhere in a motor bus. We must have Progress, I suppose but I miss the old Canton.

To-morrow the Sinking Alumnae Ass. of Canton is giving a luncheon for me. There are fifteen members most of them since our day. Phoebe Chung is here at Hackett. I have seen quite a lot of her. She is treasurer and is doing a good job. Ivy Ho is married and living here. Her husband is in the agricultural department of the government. He is a Nanking U. graduate with some work at Cornell. Last week I went to their home for dinner. They have a four year old son. Ivy teaches several hours ~~per~~ week in the normal (physical education) she is quite a charming woman and Sinking can be proud of her

even if we did have to stretch a point to let her⁸⁴⁷ through. She is public spirited and is making a place for herself here.

A letter came to-day from an English friend to whom I had given Li-chi an introduction. She says Miss Loh is taking Li-chi either to the Pyral or Basle to recover from her operation. Li-chi has not been well. at this distance it is hard to diagnose, but she seems to get on better when Miss Loh is not around. Her first two years in Oxford seem to have gone very well. Elvira, my friend, liked her very much. She also speaks very highly highly of Miss Loh.

To-morrow I am going to an Easter sunrise service of all Christian churches here. F. C. Kos is to speak. Last years several thousand attended and they say it was very inspiring.

My best wishes to you for your birthday and for all the days of the new year.

yours with love
Martha Hackett.

I expect to go home in July and my address will be
4985 North Figueroa St
Los Angeles, Cal.

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Edith Haight

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Miss Edith C. Haight
848 Sixth Street
Charleston, Illinois

Name (maiden or married) by
which you were known at Ginling Edith C. Haight

1933-1937 at Ginling. Work: Dept of Physical Education

B.A. or B.S. Year 1915 School Woman's College, University of North Carolina

M.A. or M.S. Year 1926 School Teachers College, Columbia University

Ph.D. Year _____ School _____

Other degrees Certificate Year 1919 School Dept of Hygiene + P.E., Wellesley College

Year _____ School _____

Date of Marriage _____ Husband's name _____

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) 1915-1917 Position Instr. Dept Physical Education

Place Woman's College, U. of N.C. Greensboro, N.C.

Year(s) 1919-1921 Position Head of Dept of Physical Education

Place R.I. College of Education, Providence, R.I.

Year(s) 1921-1924 Position Assoc. Prof. + Head Dept of Phys. Education

Place Converse College, Spartanburg, S.C.

Year(s) 1924-1926 Position Instr. + Acting Head, Dept Phys. Ed. for Women

Place Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Year(s) 1927-1928 Position Instr. Dept of Phys. Ed. for Girls

Place Lewis + Clarke High School, Spokane, Wash.

1928-1933 Asst Prof. + Head of Dept of Phys Ed. for Women
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

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

1938 - date
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Eastern Ill. State Teachers College, Charleston, Ill.

GAILEY, Miss Helen

VAIL, Miss

LAUCKS, Miss Blanche

ZIMMERMAN, Frau

MA, Mme. Yu-guiun

Signed: Edith C. Haight

December 1940

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Ginling College
Nanking, China
February 14, 1937

Dear Mrs. Thurston:

It is Valentine's Day! I doubt if any one here knows it though for I haven't heard it mentioned except by Mother to me. Mrs. Rhead is in Shanghai on the eve of her program with the Symphony Orchestra. She is to play a Beethoven Sonata solo as well as the Concerto with the orchestra.

I have been thinking much about the problem of the Department here and somehow want you to know what I think. Just before Dr. Wu left for Shanghai during vacation we had a talk on the subject. Afterwards I wrote down the points I wanted to make and gave them to her and I am going to enclose a copy for you. From what Dr. Wu said it seemed that her chief reason for wanting to keep a foreigner in the Department was to have someone who would keep abreast of the current developments in the field. Actually, I do not believe that any foreigner is more eager for the literature in the field or reads it more carefully than Hwang Li-ming. Few foreigners have the international connections in the field which Li-ming made through her trip this summer. In another year Tsui Ya-lan will be coming back fresh from the best training in the field America can give. If there should be any indecision in the matter of whether or not to bring out another foreigner, I do hope your influence will be thrown on the side of not doing so. If it were someone born in China who had a reasonable command of the language so that she could teach the theory courses in Chinese and could read enough to keep up with what the Chinese government is doing in Physical Education, that would be a different matter.

I shall be sorry not to be here when you come back. I wonder if I shall be home before you leave? It begins to look as though my finances might not be able to take me home by way of Europe but I am still hoping so. If I were sure of going home to a position I shouldn't mind going in the hole a little but I don't like to without any prospects. If you hear of any schools wanting someone interested in the teacher training end of Physical Education or someone in the capacity of Dean who would be interested in the personal problems of the girls and in their activities outside of the class rooms, or of anyone wanting anything that you think I could do, will you ask them to give me a chance to apply?

We had such a lovely snow storm four or five days ago. Today is the first time it has shown signs of disappearing. The photographer was wandering over the campus yesterday with his camera. Our hill has been just like fairyland. Today with a sort of subdued sun the view across the valley has been just like an engraving.

It is getting on toward Church time. Please remember me to Miss Calder.

With much love to you both,

Edith.

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STATEMENT ABOUT PHYSICAL EDUCATION AT GINLING BY EDITH HAIGHT.

DEAR Dr. Wu,

This is just a summary of the things I have just said about the future of the department. I am writing them because I want to be sure that all the things I have had on my mind for some time are said.

In regard to Hwang Li-ming, I think the fact that she is married and lives off campus is largely discounted by her very real and deep interest in the department and by her generous and free gift of time spent on the campus in addition to actual teaching hours. Her initiative and thoughtful planning for the department have coordinated its activities, enlarged its scope and placed upon a firm foundation for future growing at the same time that her personality has created a friendly cooperative spirit among co-workers and students. I think she is unusually well equipped to guide the future of the department and will through her own interest and initiative keep abreast of progress in the field of Physical Education. Stimulated by demonstrations she saw in Europe last she is already at work at a new system of gymnastics for China which will be indigenous to China and yet be worked out along the most up-to-date progressions in movement.

I sincerely hope that she will be given free scope and every confidence in carrying forward the department. Furthermore I believe that it would be a distinct handicap to her and therefore a detriment to the department to bring out another foreigner. I fully believe that she is in line with the best thinking in the field of Education (Physical) and is far ahead of the majority of the American Physical Education teachers in this respect. A foreigner just because she is a foreigner gets too much attention and deference paid to her ideas, and they may or may not be good ideas and certainly they are not well considered in the light of the conditions as they exist here, a thing I find true of my own even after three and a half years of trying to understand conditions.

To bring out an older person means that her term of usefulness is limited because she must teach practical work and her vitality and motor skills are on the wane. To bring out a younger person means that her judgements are immature and her susceptibility to the temptation of trying to mold things to her own way of thinking is greater. In either case to a department so well focused and firmly started on a policy of progressive development, she would be more of a liability than an asset.

In adding to the staff I think that someone interested in teaching dancing is needed. If it should seem necessary to invite one of this year's class to return, I think perhaps they would have less difficulty than most in handling classes of their own school mates because I think throughout the college this particular group is looked upon as unusually good in dancing. Where students appreciate another's skill they are more willing to be taught.

As for myself, I feel that unless some unusual and unanticipated circumstance should arise, it is better for me to leave at the end of the school year.

Edith Haight.

Physical Education Department, Ginling
1933-1937.

A statement shared with Mrs. Thurston and sent by her to Miss Griest, March, 1937

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
September 22, 1937

My dear Miss Lindley:

Miss Edith Haight, who has served at Ginling in the Physical Education department, returned from China via Europe last week. You may remember that she is an Episcopalian and was in charge of the women's department of Physical Education at the University of Wyoming before she went to China. She has done a most excellent job at Ginling and the college regrets very much losing her. It is necessary for her to assist in the support of her mother, and she has felt that she must secure a position in America on that account.

Her recommendations, which we received for the appointment at Ginling, indicated that she was a person of real character as far as her mental and spiritual capacity are concerned. She had taught successfully in a number of schools and colleges and the papers indicated that she had always left the department stronger than she had found it. That too was the case at Ginling. She has real capacity and imagination in her field in connection with the development of students.

As you know, it is difficult for Physical Education teachers, if they have reached even a moderate age, to continue in the active sports work. Her present desire is to work into the field of deanships, but at the moment her greatest need is a position. She believes that she could act as dean or registrar or as a director of drama in addition to her most excellent training in her own field of Physical Education.

She is, I believe, planning to call on you and I am sending this letter hoping that you will enjoy meeting her, and that if by any chance you or your board know of any opening in which she could serve, that you will be willing to give her consideration. Her greatest fault, I should say, is her modesty. I fear that her first impression gives no conception of her real ability.

Sincerely yours,

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Ira M. Kline

Bureau of Appointments
School of Education
New York University

Sent in a form
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My dear Mr. Kline:

Miss Edith Haight has served at Ginling College in the department of Physical Education for four years. I was chairman of the Personnel Committee at the time when Miss Haight was appointed to Ginling in 1933. Her papers at that time indicated that she had capacity for developing people and departments, that she organized her work well and did it quietly and ably, and that she left the department in a much stronger position than she found it. That too was true at Ginling.

I have talked with one of the Chinese teachers in the department of Physical Education at Ginling - Miss Ya-lan Ts'ui, who is now studying at Wellesley and who is outstanding there in this field - and she was anxious that Miss Haight return to Ginling, both because of her contribution to the department and because of her ability with students. She said that the girls admired and respected her and that she was able to get from them the very best that they had to give.

I believe that she could ^{also} act as dean or registrar or as a director of drama, in addition to her most excellent training in her own field of Physical Education. I would feel that she could have the capacity for the type of work that a dean does, because of her success with students, and would also have capacity for the type of work that a registrar does because of her own organizing ability and her quiet efficiency.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing a letter of recommendation which was sent to me voluntarily by a member of the staff of the University of Nanking, who knew Miss Haight and her work in China.

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September 24, 1937

My dear Miss Griest:

Miss Edith Haight was for four years, from 1933 to 1937, a member of the faculty of Ginling College in Nanking, China, an institution of higher learning for women organized by American's twenty-two years ago. Miss Haight was the Associate Director of Physical Education and was responsible for performances of the students English dramatic club.

I lived in Nanking for three years during Miss Haight's residence there and know personally of her able and talented service in both of the capacities indicated. I can recommend her unreservedly both personally and professionally.

Miss Haight has herself acted in dramatic performances in Nanking and has demonstrated her own unusual talent on the stage.

Sincerely yours,



W. Reginald Wheeler
 Vice-president, Board of Founders

WRW:GS

Miss Rebecca Griest
 208 South Queen Street
 Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Lee Atwater 9-8463
1165 Fifth Avenue
To Mrs. John Bolser

Sunday, Oct. 3rd, 1937

Dear Miss Griest:-

I have just typed off some answers to your questions but feel that I haven't said half enough but do not know what to add. Please - I'm really not a public speaker although I should like to be helpful!

The days continue rather hectic. Miss Lindley was out when I called but I talked with several people both in the foreign and home departments. They gave me blanks to fill out but had nothing in mind at the moment. I am definitely turning my back on the Indian position and am now trying for a board and room position through the N.Y.U. and T.C. Part-time Employment offices in order not to get too deeply indebted while I go on toward the completion of the work for the Ph.D. I find I have only three more courses to take and the research to do. N.Y.U. is letting me take the "Student Personnel Administration" course with Miss Sturtevant at T.C. for one of the three. Then I am taking a general course in College and University Administration and a Research Seminar in Physical Education at N.Y.U. Have you any problems you want some research done on? I am looking for a good one that won't take too long to complete!

Did you receive mimeograph letters from Minnie and Catharine? If not, I'll send them down. Catharine's is particularly fine in giving a picture of life under fire, I think.

Yesterday I ran into Shih Bac-djen up at T.C. She had flown from Seattle. She said Shen Dju-ying and Li Kwan-yuen and one other whose name I did not know were coming by train. It would be interesting to hear them tell about their experiences getting out of Shanghai. She said yes they had had many experiences but she didn't enlarge upon them as the Y.W.C.A. secretary she was with was waiting for her.

I am returning the luncheon cards in case you will need them for someone at the last minute. I am sorry to miss it but guess I must this time.

While I was in London Eva's family had an air mail letter from her written the latter part of August saying ~~th~~ that if Ginling should not open she would go to Hankow as she thought the London Mission there was short handed. Almost the next day they had a cable saying that she was in Hankow - that was the first week of September.

Some day I'll be dropping in again!

Sincerely,

Edith

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GINLING COLLEGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

1. What preparations for protection against war were being made in Nanking and in other communities that you know?
2. In what ways were the men and the women students preparing to assist their country in time of war?
3. What was the attitude of students and of faculty towards war?
4. What were the efforts of students and of faculty in behalf of reconstruction?
5. What is the student, also the faculty, attitude towards the Central Government?
6. What is the student, and the faculty, attitude towards Communism?
7. What do you think will be the attitude of students towards their own college work in the face of national peril?
8. Are there other items which you think should be mentioned?

N.B. Please answer the above questions on separate paper, and be as specific and definite as you can.

Are you willing to speak on China in your vicinity?
Please indicate the kind of audiences to which you feel you could speak, and the amount of time you could give to this?

Can you suggest the names, and addresses, of any others interested in China who would be effective speakers?

Are you willing to share with us such parts of personal letters that you receive from China as deal with the general situation, or with the specific share in it of Ginling faculty, alumnae, and students?

If you can trust such letters to us, we shall be glad to have the parts indicated copied. If they are too personal for that, will you please copy and send us certain sections, indicating the place, date, and whenever possible, the name of the writer, or at least the writer's connection with Ginling.

Will you please give us the names and addresses of any Ginling students or alumnae who are in America at the present time?

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1. Preparations for Protection against War:

In Nanking:

1) General Propaganda:

- a) Printed leaflets dropped from airplanes urging preparation for the time when China will be forced to fight Japan.
- b) Government emphasis upon health and activity programs as a means to building fighting stamina in the younger generation.
- c) Street corner lectures by school children under the direction of the schools for the sake of disseminating information to illiterates regarding Japan's activities in the North.
- d) Huge imitation bomb erected in a central square as an object lesson of what Japan will do to Nanking.
- e) Posters on billboards emphasizing the inevitability of war.

2) Specific Measures:

- a) Compulsory military training for all college students.

The University closed in May because all Freshmen had to go to camp for intensive training.

Middle school boys were sent to military camps for training last summer.

Ginling Freshmen have spent one afternoon a week for the past two years taking "Military Training" in the form of Nurses' training. Instructors for this course are provided by the Government.

- b) Instruction in what to do in case of air raids. City practice in responding to air raid warning signals.

On the Ginling campus a general plan worked out of what to do and where to go when signals are heard. Practice of this in cooperation with all scheduled city practices in spite of the fact that these sometimes interrupted classes.

2. Students' Preparation to Assist their Country.

- 1) Compulsory Military training (See 1a above.)

- 2) Last spring Ginling students adopted a "meatless day" once a week and agreed to curtail movie going and spending for luxuries in order to send relief funds to the soldiers who were fighting in the north.

- 3) Cooperation in the National New Life Movement.

← Previous to present Peiping offensive

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3. Attitude of Students & Faculty Towards War:
(This answer is based upon impressions not upon any positive statements.)
 - 1) Acceptance of the inevitability of a war between China and Japan.
 - 2) Recognition of the tragedy and waste of war.
 - 3) Bitterness and shame over the accumulation of Japan's affronts.

4. Efforts in behalf of reconstruction.
 - 1) Cooperation in New Life Movement. Several of the Chinese faculty served on Committees active in the City.
 - 2) Growing interest in Social Service and rural work.

5. Attitude toward Central Government.
 - 1) Admiration for and confidence in the Generalissimo. (Again, this is based on impression without substantiating evidence.)

6. Attitude toward Communism.

Can not attempt to answer this for do not remember any discussions on the subject.

7. Student Attitude Toward College work Under War Conditions.

Would hazard the opinion that Ginling students will want to be doing something: That if there is war work, for them to do they would put that first and studies after that. Judging from Freshmen themes most of the students have come to college for the sake of learning how better to "help save China".

Most families will want to keep their daughters with them in dangerous times unless Nanking should seem a safer place than home.

The degree of danger and difficulty in getting to Nanking will be a pertinent factor.

8. Other Items?
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9. I am willing to speak IF and WHEN it can be of help.

I am not a good public speaker except under very specific and special circumstances. College student groups and small town adult groups seem least frightening.

Not much at present for I am registering as a student at both N.Y.U. and T.C. and am hoping to have a "board and room" job on the side.

10. Others Interested in China.

Dr. and Mrs. John K. Norton.
He is Professor of Education at Teachers College.
They spent about nine months in China during the past year, I believe.

11. Ginling Students in America.

Shih Bao-djen
Whittier Hall
Teachers College

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848 Sixth Street
Charleston, Illinois.
Oct. 21st, 1940

Mrs. Eva Macmillan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

Would it be possible for me to have the Giding film to show here in Charleston one Sunday evening in November, preferably Nov. 17th? A missionary group of the Presbyterian Church is devoting the month of November to a study of work in China and has asked me to tell them about Giding. They have a machine which will take a 16 mm. film. I think it would be a help to use it if it is available.

I do not know on what basis you send it out, but I should be grateful if you would inform me.

I appreciated so much the message about Eva's arrival in London sent me from the Giding office.

E. C. H.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,
Edith C. Haight

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848 Fifth Street
Charleston, S.C.

Oct. 27, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

They assure me that the equipment is good and the operator experienced and that they will gladly pay all shipping costs, so may we count on the three reel Kiebling film for Sunday November 17th? It is probable that if some of the college groups hear that I have a Kiebling College film in town, they will want an opportunity to see it. If this proves to be the case, might I hold it over a day or two? I should indeed be glad to have the mimeographed annotations to refresh my memory. Although I was at Kiebling when

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the film was made and present^{ed}
at its first and many subsequent
showings, I have ~~never~~ tried to
present it to a group. I am sure
there are many parts that I
have forgotten about.

Thank you for being willing
to trust me with the film.

Sincerely,

Edith C. Hayler

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848 Fifth Street,
Charleston, S.C.
Nov. 19, 1940

Mrs. F. D. Macmillan,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

The film is on its way back to you and I am enclosing a check to cover the mailing charges from New York here.

The Presbyterian Missionary Society asked me to express their appreciation with mine for the privilege of having the film here. They seemed to enjoy it very much.

Your impression of my last letter quite startled me for it was so different from the feeling which I had of self-distrust about undertaking the responsibility of showing the film. I am sorry I gave a wrong impression.

Thank you again for the use of the film.

Sincerely,

Edith C. Haight

P.S. Please note change of address above.
Recorded E. F.

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848 Fifth St. [17]
Charleston, S.C.
Nov. 9, 1942

Mr. C. A. Evans,
Yenching College,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Does the Yenching Office have in its files any material which would give information about the highlights of Miss Vautrin's years in China including those last heroic years during the fall and occupation of Hankow?

I have been asked to speak to a Church group on December 6th. They knew of Miss Vautrin through their Church Missionary paper and asked for a few words about her work since I had known her personally. I feel that anything I may say of the years during which I knew her should be set in a proper perspective against the

background of her total time in China.^[2]

It would be helpful also to have any material which has been gotten out concerning the Christian Colleges in China since the evacuation from their own campuses, particularly items of interest regarding life on the West China University campus during the past year.

I shall be very grateful for any material that can be sent and shall make sure that it is returned promptly.

Mrs. Thurston spoke of a letter telling something of her experiences in Hankow which the office was sending to former faculty. I should like very much to have a copy.

Thanking you for help and with best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

Edith C. Hargis

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848 Sixth Street [1]
Charleston, S.C.
Dec. 7, 1942

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Mrs. Plumer Mills,
Seuling College,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:-

First let me thank you for the material you send in response to my plea for help. It filled my need exactly and has been gratefully used and filed away for future occasions, should such arise. You said you did not wish its return.

In regard to well-qualified Chinese women who might be interested in teaching Physical Education at Seuling: I am sorry to say that I do not personally know any. However when I visited Wellesley last winter in connection with the research I am doing, there was a Chinese student among the major seminar

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group to which I expressed the
experiment. I don't know her back-
ground or name but recall a brief
conversation with a member of the
department staff regarding difficulties
in placing her in a position in this
country because of racial prejudice.
My impression was that the
department regarded her as a very
capable young woman. I would
suggest that you make inquiry
of Miss Ruth Elliott, Chairman of
the Department of Hygiene and
Physical Education in regard to
her and possibly other Chinese students
of the department who may still
be in this country.
I sincerely hope that it will
not be necessary to send a
westerner, although I should like
to have many know the joy
and inspiration and challenge of
working as a member of Deering's
Physical Education staff. Being
unable to participate in the
practical teaching activities because

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of language handicaps limits materially
the usefulness of the westerner. This
will be increasingly true if students
from the government schools are to
come to Guilting for Physical Education
training, as their English background
will be limited.

I am sorry my contacts seem
to be very limited. If I can be
of any further service, I should
be most happy to have you
call upon me.

Sincerely,

Edith C. Haight

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222 East Boulevard^[17]
Charlotte 3 N. Car.

July 25, 1943
(over)

Dear Dr. Wu:-

Ever since I heard, rather tardily, of your arrival in this country, I have thought of writing you just to say that I am glad you are here and hope that you will have the opportunity to rest a little while you are here. I have been hoping, too, that some of your speaking engagements might bring you within "seeing distance" of me. If that should be the case and if your schedule should permit an interval for relaxation, I should be so happy to have the privilege of having you as a guest.

A letter from Catharine Sutherland written in May, arrived a few days ago. She said that she had written you about bringing a piano string which they need for their best piano. Out account of the uncertainty of arrival she asked that I write you about it as she hoped one of the letters would get through. If possible she wants you to bring back with

you the "A string," 3rd below middle C²⁷.
Florence Kirk came down to Charleston
for a little visit with me after she
had finished her orals in May. She
had also just completed arrangements
for her passport to return to England
as soon as she finished her thesis.
She hopes to leave it completed by
the end of the summer so that she
can start out early in the fall.
Perhaps you might like to turn the
commission for the A string over to her.
Florence looked so well and was
so enthusiastic about her work.
It was a joy to see her again.

Harriet Debitner made a brief
stopover with me this spring, too.
She, also, seemed well and happy.

Their visits made my normal home-
sickness for Hurling more acute. I
can't tell you how I miss being an
active member of the Hurling family!

Mother asks that I give you her
best regards. I am spending the
summer here in Charlotte with
her.

Please do not feel that this letter
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needs any ~~letter~~ **July 25, 1943** reply. ^{A37}
just wanted you to know that I
am thinking of you, to give you
Catherine's message, and to tell
you that if there is anything at all
that I could do for you while you
are here, I'd be so happy to have the
opportunity. I know what a very
busy person you are and how details
pile up.

With the very best of wishes —
and love —

Edith C. Haight

July 29, 1943.

Miss Edith Haight,
222 East Boulevard,
Charlotte, 3,
South Carolina.

My dear Edith:

Thank you so much for your good letter. I am glad to hear from you and wish it were going to be possible for me to see you while I am in this country. However, my schedule for the fall and early winter is pretty well filled, and I seem to have no time for a trip south. As you know, I came as a member of the Chinese Study Group on Post-war Problems, and the work with this group makes it necessary for me to spend some time in Washington. Because of my connection with the Christian colleges and with mission boards, I have been attending a great many conferences, and am scheduled to attend many more in the next few months.

For the month of August I am planning a complete rest away from all my friends and work. I plan to do some reading but no other work.

Catharine Sutherland's letter reached me in good time, and I think her suggestion to have Florence Kirk take the string is a good one. I have recently heard from Chengtu that my leave has been extended until February, so Florence will, I hope, be returning to China even earlier than I.

With all good wishes to you and to your mother, I am

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu.

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EASTERN ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

Djang Ying-feng

WOMEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Jan. 8, 1944.

Dear Dr. Wu:-

This past week I have had a letter from Djang Ying-feng saying that she is planning to come to the United States with her husband who is being sent here by the Sung-Sing Cotton Mills. She wants to take advantage of the opportunity to do further study in the field of physical education and asked me to "apply any University or College which you think suitable for me".

I have written to both Miss Elliott at Wellesley College and to Dr. Nash at New York University to inquire about the possibility of scholarships for her. As soon as I have a little information I shall write Djang Ying-feng. It occurred to me that she might see you when you go through Chungking if you do go that way and that it might relieve her mind to know that her letter reached me and that I shall gladly do all I can for her in making arrangements for her study. You know of course that I would not have you make any effort to deliver this message but that I just wanted you to know the facts in case you should happen to see Djang Ying-feng.

Even though I haven't had the chance of seeing you it has been nice knowing that you were on the same continent and I feel a sense of loss at the thought of your departure. Please take my greetings to those in China whom I knew. I think of them all so much.

I appreciated your Christmas greeting so much.

If my memory is correct your birthday is not far off. Will you accept my best wishes and congratulations?

My love and prayers go back to China with you.

Sincerely,

Edith C. Haight

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Djang Ying-feng

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January 15, 1944

Miss Edith C. Haight
Women's Physical Education
Eastern Illinois State Teachers College
Charleston, Illinois

Dear Edith:

I was very glad to receive your letter of January 8th for it prompted me to write to you. I have wanted to write and to thank you for your Christmas greetings and other letters, but being a very poor correspondent, as you know, that will explain why I have not written before.

In regard to Djang Ying-feng, I am glad for her if she can come to America with her husband to do further study. She is a good student and she should get much benefit from post-graduate work here. However, there is one point that made me question the wisdom of recommending her to Wellesley. I seem to remember that her English was not good and through all these war years she has not any chance to use her English at all. I am afraid she will not be able to tackle the stiff requirement at Wellesley. Another reason is because there are other graduates from Ginling who wish to go to Wellesley and who are better prepared to take up that line of training. One is Djou Chi Hsing. She was that tall girl who has had teaching experience in physical education in the True Light Girls School in Canton and in Yenching University. The other person is Peggy Lin, Mrs. D.Y. Lin's daughter. She graduated from Ginling this last June and has been serving as an assistant in our Department this year. Wellesley has offered her a scholarship before, and she certainly is well qualified to take up the same profession as her mother. If these girls also expect to be here by next Fall, I would rather see these two at Wellesley than Djang Ying-feng. I do not know if she told you in her letter than she has been working in the factory in taking care of a large number of women workers. Since her husband is also in the work of the cotton mills, it seems to me it will be a much better thing for Djang Ying-feng to take up recreational work rather than the strict academic training at Wellesley. She will have much

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Miss Haight

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more chance of carrying out recreational programs for the factory workers than to do regular teaching in any school. If you should agree with my suggestion, could you then consider those schools that may be best places for her to go for the informal type of physical education and recreational work. I have heard that George Williams College in Chicago is particularly good in that type of work. Do you know anything about it?

If I should see Djang Ying-feng in Chungking, I'll be glad to tell her that you are trying your best to help her, and I will also ask her to write to you directly as to what special use she expects to make of her further training.

I am greatly disappointed that I could not get on the plane that left yesterday on the long journey for India, because I am very eager to be back at the College as soon as possible. I shall surely give your message to all your friends. I am very sorry that I have not been able to see you and other friends during this trip in the States.

One question I wish to raise with you is whether there is any possibility for you to consider coming to Ginling again. I know your responsibility in taking care of your mother, and that is why I am asking you instead of inviting you right away. If you should hear of any good candidates, neither American or Chinese girls who may be interesting in coming to Ginling, do please write right to Mrs. Mills. We are in desperate need of securing new staff for the P.E. Department. Ettie wants definitely to come back to America next Fall, and there is little possibility for Hwang Li-ming to come out from Nanking. I shall have a real problem to solve when I get back to Chengtu.

Permit me to take this opportunity to send you my hearty congratulations of the completion of your work for the doctor's degree. You deserve congratulations more than others who are able to give their full attention to the work for the degree. I am sure Catherine and other friends will be very happy to hear of this good news.

With best wishes to you and to your mother,

Sincerely,

Yi-fang Wu

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October 6, 1944

Miss Edith Haight
848 Sixth Street
Charleston, Ill.

Dear Miss Haight:

I have just had a letter from Dr. Wu, dated September 2nd, in which she says, "I would appreciate it if you could send this message to Miss Edith Haight. That is, there is a great need for recent books on modern dancing (Introduction to modern dancing; technique of modern dancing) and other materials in rhythmic work for high schools and colleges. Our department is the only one in China that has given training in this line and we should prepare teaching material in this subject for our own graduates and other P. E. workers to use. Miss Peggy Lin, especially qualified because of her special training in Shanghai and her own interest, would use this, and also Miss Lo Hwei-ling, who is back on our staff this year. She was Edith Haight's student. Both of these girls can do translation work, if we have the books."

I interpret this as a request from Dr. Wu that you give us the names, publishers, and authors of such books, so that I could get them and send them out to Dr. Wu. Any help that you can give us along this line will be greatly appreciated.

I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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EASTERN ILLINOIS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

WOMEN'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Dec. 5, 1944.

Mrs. Plummer Mills,
Ginling College Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:-

I hope you have not despaired entirely of ever getting that list of dance material for Dr. Wu. Now that I have it to send you I am not pleased with it, but I guess that it is the best I can do. The trouble is that there is so little published of the type I feel sure they want; namely, teaching material. A good teacher of Modern Dancing needs a thorough understanding of the mechanics of bodily movement, a good imagination, and an accompanist who can improvise. Out of the background of experience of the class comes an idea. Efforts to express that idea in bodily movement create a rhythmic pattern which the accompanist is quick to pick up and develop. Together the accompanist and class work out a dance form which gives expression to the idea to every one's satisfaction.

Martha Hill is probably as good a teacher of Modern Dance as there is in the educational field in this country, yet the bibliography she sent me (a copy of which I am enclosing) includes only four books which have anything of the kind of material Dr. Wu wants. The arrows on the list are ones which Miss Hill put there to indicate the ones she thought the best to include in the list for you. The stars (*), I added to indicate the ones I think would really be useful. These I have numbered in order of preference although I do not know the one which I have given first place. The fifth star is a book which is useful for use with elementary school children and which I think the old Ginling library had.

The additional list is my addition to Miss Hill's list and includes music and suggested rhythmic activities which I think they would be glad to have.

I am sorry to have been so slow in getting this to you but by the time I had Miss Hill's reply we were in the midst of winding up the fall quarter's work and I let some things slide.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edith C. Haigh

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AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

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On Board S. S.

Marine Lynx
Sept. 18, 1947

Dear Mrs. Hulls:

Just a few lines to tell you how much I appreciated your kindness during my few days in New York. It was nice to see you again. I enjoyed the luncheon with you so much.

We are hoping to have a chance to mail letters at Balboa, since we did not dock at Cristobal but there is so much that is interesting to look at that it is difficult to get them written. We are on Gatun Lake between two sets of canal locks. The lake has many little islands and a lily skyline.

This is not the nicest boat to travel on - but it could be much worse. My cabin mates are very nice - one is a friend of Kathleen Bond's from Macao - Miss Cairns; two Chinese, and four young girls going to China for the first time.

With best wishes and gratitude

Sincerely,
Edith C. Haight

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Haight

Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.
October 21, 1947

Miss Edith Haight
Ginling College
Nanking, China

Dear Miss Haight:

Thank you for your note of September 17th, written from the Marine Lynx. I am sure that your trip was an interesting one, although, as you say, the Lynx is not the nicest boat in the world. I am glad to know that you had pleasant traveling companions and that Kathleen Bond's friend was one of your cabin mates.

I wonder how Ginling looks to you after all these years. I should be most grateful for any account that you care to send me of your impressions and interpretations. I am sure that you are most welcome on the campus and are bringing great relief to the Physical Education Department.

Dr. Wu has written me at some length about the needs of this Department, especially the need for a permanent head. You will recall that I talked with you some about this while you were here. If you have any suggestions about the special type of training that such a person should have, I wish you would let me know. Also if you know anyone who could put us in touch with an applicant for this job, we should be grateful. At present, there is only one person in sight, and I am not at all sure that she will really consider it. She is the Miss Sellers, whose papers I showed you. I am told that physical education people are extremely scarce in America and therefore it is not surprising that we are finding difficulty in getting one to go to China. All of this makes us all the more happy that you can be at Ginling for at least a few months.

It was pleasant to have a little visit with you before you left. My best wishes for a happy sabbatical year.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Via Air Mail
c.c. via 5-cent post

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GREETINGS FROM GINLING COLLEGE, NANKING, CHINA.

These greetings are being written in my room in the faculty dormitory on top of the South Hill. The dormitory is built so that the sun will come pouring in our windows during its entire course across the sky. Since the sunshine is our only source of heat, it is most welcome and carefully hoarded. If we keep our room doors closed, the temperature in our rooms is sometimes as much as ten degrees above that of the corridor.

The view from the windows is always full of interest. In the foreground are the small valley farms with their neat rows of vegetables, still bright green like pieces of jade set into the brown of the winter landscape. The many rounded mounds in the sloping nearer field are Buddhist graves. A farmer with his bamboo carrying pole across his shoulder, a child leading a slow moving water buffalo, a goat boy with his flock, sometimes a funeral procession add life to the picture. In the distance the city wall zigzags across a corner of the picture with the Yangtze river beyond reflecting the light and clouds. At the other side are blue hills with an occasional curved roof silhouetted against the sky.

The Ginling campus is surprisingly the same after its long occupancy by the Japanese. Of course a year's reconstruction has transpired before my arrival, I realize. It is interesting to me the uses that have been made of some of the structures which the Japanese left. For example, the campus policeman and his family are living happily in one of the dugouts. Another of the dugouts near the athletic field is being used for storage of athletic equipment. Four barracks left near the middle school building have been turned into classrooms for the middle school so that former classrooms in the original building could be made into additional dormitory space. Another set of barracks off in one corner of the campus is being used for faculty small family units. The old gateman is very happy in the spacious new gatehouse built by the Japanese and enjoys exhibiting the two barred prison cells in the rear which he is using for storage space. Where before we had a bamboo fence along a lane used by the donkeys with their creaking loads, now there is a sturdy brick fence separating our campus from a busy paved road.

The four student dormitories are overflowing with students. There are four students sharing rooms originally intended for two. About twenty students have no rooms at all but are living on the upstairs porches of the dormitories.

Recently I had the opportunity of visiting the social service center which Ginling maintains in Hsuen Hwa Djen, a rural community about twelve miles from Nanking. I should add that it takes about an hour to travel those twelve miles by car because of the condition of the road. The new building to house the service center was completed only this fall. The nursery school room was most attractive with its small tables and chairs and the clever little doors along the wall which unlatch at the top and let down until each top rests on a small chair making a bed for the chair owner. In addition to the nursery school, there are reading, writing, and sewing classes for older girls and

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women. Soon they will start night classes for the men of the village who have requested them.

The village is one which was much bombed during the war. The people are very poor. As one of the workers expressed it, "if they have the padding for their winter garment they have no cover for the padding, and if they have the covering they have no padding". We visited many of the village homes, that of the carpenter who was making a small rice mill, that of the candy maker who was brewing a kind of taffy which later would be rolled into balls, six or eight at a time, by a dexterous handling of two pieces of curved bamboo; that of the miller who was grinding rice flour; that of the woman who was making shoes for a living but whose little girl was barefoot.

The day that we made this visit happened to be election day, the first in China's history that the people have gone to the poles to vote. We visited the village polling place and were shown the ballots and ballot box. Knowing that most of the villagers could not write we wondered how they accomplished the voting and were shown a table where a man sat to write for those unable to do it for themselves. It was anything but a secret ballot and far from a democratic election since the government had named both candidates who were running, but at least it was a beginning in the right direction for it is the first time that the people all over the country have been encouraged to think that they might have some voice in the government. I suppose the working out of a truly democratic and fair procedure will be very slow.

Since my arrival in Nanking the middle of October there have been several events of particular interest. The annual fall Field Day was a most enjoyable spectacle from the opening grand march of the four hundred forty students all in uniform with their class emblems proudly displayed to the closing ceremony at dusk when the ribbons and banners were awarded and the Ginling banner was folded and returned to the administration representative. The tug of war between the β classes and the final volley ball game were the most exciting events but the racing, jumping, shot putting, etc., were all interesting to watch.

Founders' Day brought many alumnae back to the campus, quite a few of whom were students when I was here before. Ginling's sixty varieties of chrysanthemums made a beautiful welcoming display arranged in front of the entrance to the Central Building. Bishop Corson, former president of Dickinson College, made a most stimulating address at the Founders' Day service on the responsibility of being a citizen in the present day world.

Now Christmas is looming ahead and we are beginning to plan for the season's festivities. The days fly by much too fast. This greeting should have been on its way at least two weeks ago, but it brings good wishes none the less sincere for

YOUR MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Nov. 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Mills:-

Thank you for your letter. I am sorry not to have written you sooner but I have just been too busy absorbing impressions and doing things. However I have been thinking about the problem of the right person for the Physical Education dept here. The need is so great and yet the wrong person would almost be worse than none, I fear. The following are some of the qualifications which seem to me very much needed:

For ANY westerner coming to join the staff regardless of department:

- 1) Ability to live happily in a crowd. Past dormitory experience or one of a large family group is a distinct advantage.
- 2) Flexibility. Being able to watch things being done in different and perhaps less efficient ways than those to which one is accustomed without being irritated.
- 3) Patience. Not only the ability to wait and listen calmly but also the ability to withhold judgment until all facts are clarified.
- 4) Humility. Willingness to ask questions and consider other points of view even when one thinks one knows the answers. Also willingness to "work quietly behind the scenes" rather than taking the limelight which is likely to be thrust upon one.
- 5) Wholesome outlook on life. Someone without inner conflicts or tensions. Someone who enjoys living.
- 6) Good health and a pioneer spirit. One to whom the primitive features of our heating, lighting and plumbing situation will seem an adventure and a challenge rather than an endurance test.
- 7) Sense of values. One to whom the satisfactions that come from the knowledge of making a real contribution, of sharing freely whatever talents one has, of working with others who are leading dedicated lives far outweigh any personal ambitions or inconveniences.

For a westerner for the Physical Education staff:

- 1) One whose training and interest is primarily in the teacher training field.
- 2) One who sees in Physical Education the great opportunity for training character and attitudes, and will emphasize this in her teaching.
- 3) One who will be able to guide Ginling's participation in the government sponsored athletic competitions so that Ginling students and others because of their contacts with

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- them will put the emphasis upon participation for the fun of it without too much regard for who wins or loses - the spirit that it is doing one's best that counts. This is not going to be too easy for in government circles there are evidences that "good physical education" is coming to mean "ability to win athletic competitions".
- 4) Special ability and interest in the dance would be a distinct asset for there is a great eagerness for more dancing. This however is not essential especially with the prospects of Peggy's return.
 - 5) An understanding of the problems of dealing with students whose activity program must be restricted and practical methods of giving modified activity and keeping it interesting for restricted classes would be a help. There seems to be rather a large proportion of students at present on a restricted program. Sie Wen-sih is doing quite well with them but would welcome help.
 - 6) Administrative ability of the kind which is good at grasping the whole picture, seeing the relative importance of details, apportioning jobs and enlisting cooperation in getting them done.
 - 7) And finally - the ability to be objective and "unflattered" by the unmerited deference accorded the one westerner in the department.

I know it is going to be a very difficult job to find ANYONE in Physical Education who will consider coming much less such a paragon as I have indicated. The real need of the department at present is stability, consistency and continuity in planning and development. For someone who wants a chance to mold a department and influence to some extent the trend of physical education in China, this is the place to come. I hope you will find someone who will want to learn the language and make a life mission of it!

I am enclosing a copy of the greetings I am sending out which are just a few of my impressions of the college on this return visit. I am enjoying every minute and wish my furlough could be longer. I am teaching three theory courses, supervising the writing of a thesis, and holding a weekly seminar for the staff members at their request. It is all such fun.

Please tell Mr. Cameron that he is a wonderful packer. If the customs official hadn't stirred things up I don't believe I should have even had to press the clothes that were on top of the cans. The canned fruits and the butter seem to be the most popular items.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Miss Edith C. Haight
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Dear Miss Haight:

Your good letter of November 30th, which reached me some time ago, should have been acknowledged before this.

I appreciate your writing so fully and so carefully about the kind of candidate that we should seek for the physical education work at Ginling. The qualities you suggest are really ones we want in any westerner, as you yourself say, but as you also realize, they are not easily found.

I am particularly grateful for the specific suggestions about the westerner for the physical education staff. At present we have only one person in sight. She is the Miss Sellers that I talked to you about last summer. I showed you her papers and, as I recall, you thought that her training was good. We are trying to get fuller information about her before taking final action.

You say that it might almost be better to send no one at all rather than to send the wrong person. I fully agree with you in this. I would be grateful if you would go a little further, however, and indicate how far we would be safe in compromising the high standard that we would like to meet. In other words, what would be a safe minimum standard, both in training and in other qualities?

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Christmas letter. I enjoy every account that comes from Ginling. Each person adds something new. I particularly enjoyed the freshness of your reaction to Ginling under present conditions.

I wish that you could spend a longer time at Ginling, because I know that you have been able to do so much during the weeks that you have been there. We are grateful for your help. I shall look forward to seeing you when you come back to America. Please include New York in your itinerary.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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