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Miss Caroline J. Porter
100 Morningside Drive
New York New York

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Name (maiden or married) by which you were known at Ginling Caroline J. Porter

19 Spring -1923 at Ginling. Work: All the Bible classes - both Mrs Thurston's and Miss Gabriel's and the Chapel Service.

B.A. or B.S. Year B.A. School Wellesley College

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

Ph.D. Year _____ School _____

Other degrees _____ Year _____ School University of Chicago Graduate Work (no degree)

_____ Year _____ School Y.W.C.A. Training School for Secretaries

Date of Marriage _____ Husband's name Not Married

Work and Travel (other than at Ginling)

Year(s) at present Position Free Lance Writer articles written by request e.g. for India's Bombay Social Reformer; England's Present Age; Hungary, Hungarian Quarterly &c. here in U.S.A. Christian
Place _____

Year(s) _____ Position Science Monitor, A.A.U. Journal, &c, &c, &c. Also Lecturer on International Relations & Tennessee Valley Authority, &c, &c, &c.
Place Columbia University Press; Writer in Editorial Dept. of Columbia Encyclopedia

Year(s) _____ Position Dean of Women
Place Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia

Year(s) _____ Position Institute of International Ed. (in charge of ^{organized} Student Exchanges)
Place N.Y.C.

Year(s) _____ Position Welfare Director of Graduate Students (in charge of Foreign Students)
Place Teachers College, Columbia University

_____ Position: Tennessee Valley Authority, Headquarters, Personnel Div.,
Place: Knoxville, Tenn. organizing activities of employees, health, recreation, social affairs, &c, &c.

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

- BERGER, Mrs. R. R.
- GAILEY, Miss Helen
- LAUCKS, Miss Blanche
- MA, Mme. Yu-guiun
- RUEFF, Frau Gese
- VAIL, Miss
- ZIMMERMAN, Frau

Travel all over Europe in international work: on two special missions of investigation of the Danube area Vienna, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, Belgrade & smaller cities throughout area.

Signed: Caroline J. Porter
December 1940

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Lectured and had classes three times a day 6 days a week at
St. John's University, Shanghai Bible & Etiquette,
the then Boone University - Phonetics - also work in Eng.
Travel all over India visiting former students especially in educational
work. 3500 miles

all over China, Canton to Shanghai - to Hankow, Chungking -

Peking, Tientsin etc, etc, etc, 4500 miles.

lecturing in many places all along the way -
Korea - visiting former students in educational work (lecturing)

Japan - only about 1500 miles, visiting former students in
educational work. (lecturing)

I forget now just how many in each country. But I think, as
I remember it, I lectured in about 90 or more places beside the
three where I actually was "on the staff", taking over certain def-
inite classes, as above.

Travel in Europe included 15 countries, England, France,
Rumania, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Austria, Italy, Greece
Albania, Switzerland, Portugal, Denmark, Germany, Belgium.

Once I went over organizing and administering student exchanges, attending
conferences, like International Federation of Students (Confederation Internationale
des Etudiants); World Fed. of Ed. Assns - etc. Twice on special missions
stopping at Geneva where I attended League of Nations Assn etc, and was
entertained from peasant huts literally to palaces; meeting all classes, races
and conditions of people and making reports on social and economic con-
ditions as I saw them throughout the whole Danube area, from Vienna
to Bucharest, and from Prague, Kassa and Kolozsvar to Brassó,
Belgrade and Zagreb, with special emphasis on small cities and towns,
throughout the area.

I have been to Europe only 6 times altogether, - but
4 of those times I went on international interests; only twice
as a traveler; but both times as an educational experience under
trained guidance of my great-aunt who had lived abroad and
studied there.

Other places where I taught, Philadelphia, Church Training & Deaconess House -
Miss Will School for Girls, Head of Bible Dept. as well as The Western College, Chicago -

MISS C. J. PORTER
100 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE
NEW YORK CITY

Jan. 2, 1941.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Sometime ago I received a questionnaire asking me certain questions because of my connections with The Western College.

I did not answer it because I could not see any possible connection between my three years as Head of Dept. at The Western now 38 years since I left, - and Ginling.

I went to Ginling on leave of absence from Teachers College, Columbia University, and returned to the same position of course.

I was known at Ginling as Miss Caroline J. Porter, and my Chinese name was Ban Carla - (Ban like Lucius Porter's -

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I do not know the addresses of any
of those at the bottom of the questionnaire,
though I knew Miss Tail. I do not remember
the others at least by that name.

I have at last succeeded in finding the
questionnaire and I am so old you see I
do not even get back to the Western College
in giving you my work and travel report,
for I went backward in the list, as my early
assignments were less interesting. I was thankful
to "get a job," and very lucky as well.

I wish I were in a position to con-
tribute generously. As it is, — retired, old, sick,
and with diminishing returns from an income
(saved) to be enough for my old age, I shall be
thankful for every year I can continue to meet earlier
subscriptions. Only hope I shall be able to keep them up
as long as I live — for my heart is there, especially
in China — Very sincerely, Caroline J. Porter

The Foreign Student in America

*When He Brings the Traditions of His Homeland Into Contact With Those of the United States
Anything May Happen, and Some Very Fine Things Have Happened in the Past*

By Caroline J. Porter

FOREIGN STUDENTS IN America can never really be understood unless something of their backgrounds and even of their subsequent achievements enters into the picture. Strangers in a strange land, they must inevitably appear at a disadvantage and must surmount many handicaps—rates of exchange, higher costs of living, new sets of values, an accelerated speed and rush to accomplish goals which often seem to them of little worth, an unfamiliar language, our almost utter lack of appreciation of their standards, loneliness or possible contributions to us—for foreign students are seldom what the Quakers call “forthputting,” even about their centuries-old cultures. Their often inconspicuous lives here really misrepresent them, for they are pioneers of progress, and will be leaders. For them, America is but a brief interlude.

They almost all expect perfection of Americans. Yet they are the first to poke fun at themselves over their disillusionment. How quickly, too, they turn a joke to their own advantage! How keenly they size us up! A Chinese gentleman relates the story of a Chinese lady who, wishing to compliment her hostess, said, “What a lovely hide you have.” She was told that she should never say “hide” except when speaking of animals: she should say “skin.” The next Sunday at church, substituting skin for hide, she sang lustily, “Skin me, O Thou great Jehovah.” “But,” added he, “we Asiatics have learned that as the Occidentals sailed round India and northward into China, we must hide, if we would save our skins.”



WHEN FOREIGN STUDENTS MEET

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We Americans seldom catch their sense of fun or know anything about their home lives. It was a long time before we learned why all the Chinese students treated one slender-faced, older Chinese woman with such respect.

Twice, we later discovered, foreigners had been saved through her efforts, or the efforts of her family. The first time she was only a wee child of two or three years, when, during the Boxer trouble, her mother, though not a Christian, had hidden some missionaries — "foreign devils" — in her rambling, labyrinthine house, and had refused to surrender them. The pursuers set the house on fire, and the mother, who would not carry suspicion and danger to her friends and neighbors even if they had dared to receive or feed her, fled, on her tiny bound feet, out of their blazing home, carrying her two little daughters with her, hiding by day, traveling by night, to her own far-distant mother.

Later, in 1927, she herself, as the oldest Chinese faculty member at college and acting college head, had hidden away the American faculty, and had to face the Chinese who came to loot and to destroy. At one horror-filled moment, a threatening group under her leadership — for she was repeatedly forced to show the soldiers around — had stood within a very few feet of the hiding place — a step or two more, and all would be lost. Calmly she turned — her heart beating wildly — and moved away in another direction.

"See," she said, "you did not look in here," and led the intruders to another room, and then out into the yard. When, confronted by the executioner with his long-bladed knife, she was told to produce the "foreign devils" or take the consequences, she drew herself up proudly and answered, "And you say that to me, a Chinese woman. Well, take my head off if you want to. That's all the good it will do you!" Students, faculty, even the beautiful new buildings themselves, thanks to her leadership and the friendly Chinese who rallied around them, came through even that ordeal. Yet few of her American friends ever knew.

Constantly their acts build for us

attitudes of mind toward their country. "How I would like to know what is behind those eyes," I thought as a young man — a Hungarian, as it proved, with letters of introduction — stood in my doorway.

Armed with more letters, he interested eleven American college and university presidents, who promised to "consider" Hungarians for fellowships. Personally, he recommended candidates for every opening. When, finally, in Paris, the last obstacle was smoothed away and we exultantly held in our hands the steamer reservations for the first group of Hungarian-American fellowship students to come to the States — everything settled, everything closed — he said, "I sometimes wish I had asked for one of those for myself."

"For heaven's sake, Feri, why do you tell me that now? You could have had one just as well as not! Why didn't you tell me sooner?"

Slowly he answered, "Because I wanted the others to have the chance."

My heart sank; but he, too, did come that autumn, though a little late, and there is no "former student" of whom we are more proud — an indefatigable worker, turning out books and articles at a breathless rate, a professor in his chosen line in an American university, an international consultant, yet his students say of him: "Nothing is too much trouble for him if only he can do something to help somebody else" — a beautiful interpreter of his country to us.

Of them all, there are two whose lives are conspicuously shaping the future for their own people and for the whole world — two whose names are known on at least three continents — Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan, a Princeton man, and James Y. C. (or "Jimmie") Yen of China, from Yale. Great, simple men they are — both of them. It is not necessary to tell their stories; everyone knows them.

Kagawa — the son of a Japanese nobleman and a concubine geisha girl, grudgingly admitted into his father's home — had his eyes opened to the vision which has since dominated his life, the needs of the common people. The

work he does daily, despite physical handicaps, would seem incredible for a colossus of strength and energy.

Realizing that "one individual living for individuals" never could change society, Kagawa brought the full force of his idealism and philosophy of social reconstruction to the Co-operative Movement, which had started in Japan about 1900, and which Kagawa believes is God's instrument for a better social order and a world at peace. Already there are about 25,000,000 Japanese members — one third of Japan's whole population — and his message is helping to move Australia, America and Europe toward world-wide co-operation.

"Jimmie Yen," of China, also believes in co-operatives. He is a scholar of an unbroken line of 40 generations of scholars. During the great war, when he had just received a degree from Yale, he was asked by the Y. M. C. A. to go to see what he could do for the Chinese coolies behind the lines in France. Staggered by the very idea of working for coolies (of whom, in the ordinary course of events, a Chinese scholar was scarcely aware, except as they were burden-bearers), he went to what he has since described as the greatest revelation and opportunity of his life.

Yen invented a simple character-vocabulary for these bewildered coolies longing for news, taught them to read and write, and off went their first letters home. When the replies began to come back (written by the professional letter-writers, of course, but direct from home), the whole camp with its thousands of coolies, enrolled in these classes to a man — and a newspaper was prepared for them.

At the end of the war, one of the coolies came to him and said, "What you have done has meant so much to us. Why couldn't you do it for all of us back in China? We know it costs money," — and, rather shamefacedly — "this is not much, but it is every bit I have earned since I left home. It is all I have in the world. Take it, and use it for them."

And Jimmie Yen, the scholar of scholars, realizing, then, that coolies not only could, but wanted to learn, dropped all his scholarly privileges and

took up the challenge. First, several years must be spent with other scholarly friends making a scientific study of the thousand Chinese characters most commonly used in Chinese writings (which has grown into 3000), and then the "Mass Education Movement in China" was undertaken, with the slogan: "Every man and woman and child in China able to read and write in our generation."

Classes were started in succession — at Changsha, Ningpo, Chefoo — a thousand persons at a time in those early classes learned from lantern slides their thousand characters. Side by side sat great ladies, little children, coolies, those who had never had a "chance" before, studied their lessons together and received their diplomas. And the work went on — more classes, more characters, more books — steadily.

Then Jimmie Yen returned to "the States," this time to plead with the Chinese students to come back home and write books in this simple language, about their specialties — crops, trees, sericulture, health clinics, baby and child welfare, sanitation, bee culture, chicken raising, cattle. Home, now, in the heart of a rural hsien (or county), with his rapidly growing corps of helpers, he lives among the simple folk, his neighbors, and has been building up an intelligent, enlightened, co-operative community, to which other people, further away, flock, as they see the amazing betterment of life in that group.

Other groups have been formed under other leaders, and, in spite of wars, hardships and forced withdrawals into other areas out of reach of the fighting, they are transforming China from within, in what is undoubtedly one of the greatest educational movements of all time. No longer the secluded scholar but the Christian servant of all, working out in a masterly and scholarly manner a better way of life for his people.

Many foreign students will be coming to America this autumn. How many Jimmie Yens will there be? How many Kagawas? And how many of them will be our friends?

Jack

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
88 PARK STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

June 13, 1943.

Associated Boards of Chinese Colleges.

Dear Friends:

The last time I spoke on
China - recently - I took Dr. Kuo
Eu-Lai's recent report on her work in
Szechuan as a "basis for" new
educational methods" topic. But
also! Let the report circulate, and
it never come back!

I am writing to ask if I
may have another copy, for I am

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quite often called ~~upon~~ rather suddenly
to "speak on China," and I think the
pictures of Szechuan and the work there
are so different from what we generally
see that they arouse more than usual
interest.

You see I knew her when she
was at Clark - and that gives me
the double interest - my connection with
the College as instructor in Bible so long
ago and so short a time, and personal
interest in Dr. Liu, Phoebe Hoh, Gwendolyn
Lee, Dr. Wu, Ruth Chester & others. So

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
88 PARK STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

I never can refuse an invitation "to talk on China," and I love, as I often say, to introduce some of my Chinese friends to fresh groups.

So, - if I may have another copy of Dr. Lin's report to pass round, while I talk about her and her work I shall be very grateful. I was deeply touched by Phoebe Hoh's letter this winter or rather last Fall, and by a message from Gwun, and from Mrs. Thurston and Dr. Hu (by some one else, of course). Mrs. New To, I love dearly. And my

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Audiences are always deeply
heroic work of our Quaker girls. I am
so thankful you give me the privilege
of hearing about them and their work
from time to time.

If Dr. Xu should speak in or
near Boston would you be good enough
to let me know — that is, if I could
be admitted to the group to which she
speaks.

Very sincerely,

Caroline J. Porter.

June 15, 1943

Miss Caroline J. Porter
Box 2084
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Miss Porter:

Enclosed we are sending you three copies of "Calls From Szechwan's Wilderness". I am delighted that you have found it so interesting and useful in your talks on China. We are happy to have the story of this work told as often as possible. We are always glad to supply any material that we have on the Colleges and will be glad to send you extra copies if you need them.

Dr. Wu's program is not yet made, but we are hoping that in the fall she will be free to do a certain amount of speaking. Undoubtedly she will be near Boston some time during her stay in America. We will keep you posted on any meetings that she may have in your vicinity.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Three booklets

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TEACHERS COLLEGE COUNTRY CLUB
OSSINING - ON - HUDSON
NEW YORK

June 18, 1936.

My dear Rebecca Grist:

I have been meaning for days to write to you. Dr. Wu made such a deep impression on all of us that I wished she could have spoken to more audiences at that time. What a testimony to a Christ-filled life! As she talked, I thought, "The lives of Chinese women leaders ought to be written up, and not lost." Then I realized how much too busy they, in the thick of things, are to take time to write up even their own stories. And

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I felt some one ought to do it. Then I thought of some of the women. - Dr. Wu, herself, of course; some of your graduates; Dr. Stone; Mrs. H. H. K'ung; Madame Chiang Kai Shek; Dr. Carol Chen and oh! so many others, and I was tempted to wonder if I could do it myself! (You know how I love China!) Would some one like Dr. Wu have time to direct such a study? Would there be any one to help "place" such articles in magazines "back home" - and later they could be bound and put in a book - perhaps

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TEACHERS COLLEGE COUNTRY CLUB
OSSINING - ON - HUDSON
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a dozen of them. What would you think of it? Do you think Dr. Wu would feel it a good thing to do?

For such a thing as that, I might consider going into my principal enough to get there and live there during the writing - if the articles or book could bring in some returns, say enough to cover the difference between living here and the cost of travel and living over there. I might dare take such a "risk," if you who are interested in Girdling would feel it worth while! It has been extremely difficult to have my income drop off to

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such an extent that I do not quite
dare to start off at once on such a mission!
entirely at my own initiative. Now, I
feel I need advice from some of you who
know better than I. It is a thing I would
love to do as an expression of my appre-
ciation of those splendid lives!

I shall be interested to know
if any one is thinking of doing it,
and what you think of the idea?

It was lovely to see you the other day.

Always affectionately

Caroline J. Porter.

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
88 PARK STREET
PORTLAND 3, MAINE

Sept. 16, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

Thank you very much for
your letters re Dr. Wm. and the suggestion
that I get in touch with Mrs. Thurston.

I saw Mrs. Thurston in Boston yesterday;
but before that I had gotten in touch with
Smith, Wellesley Mt Holyoke College talks here,
following some correspondence with Mrs. Thurston,
and with several others, including Maine Council
of Federal Churches, And, in talking with Mrs
Thurston, we made out a fairly heavy schedule
for her for five days on her way to Auburn
in November. But more immediately pressing,

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is Smith's question: Do you suppose it would
be considered worth while to have Dr. Hu herself
come to Portland for a joint, public open meeting
arranged by Smith as their annual open meeting,
to raise a scholarship? It would include all
the (known) ^{women} college graduates, ^{in Portland,} ~~of women colleges~~
and any interested people men or women -
would be given widest kind of publicity and
we believe would be worth Dr. Hu's effort -
(What ever the Smith group handles, it does
extremely well. I can say this because I am a
newcomer from N.Y.C. and am not a Smith
graduate. I am Malesky, Chicago, Columbia. +
was on the staff at Columbia (Teacher College), of the
Institute of International Education NYC, and

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
88 PARK STREET
PORTLAND 3, MAINE

Member for a long time of the Foreign Student Com.
of Riverside Church, and as such I am delighted
to bear this testimony to the Soviet Group here!

I have known of several large, successful
well-organized meetings, ^{Smithsonian} which created wide
interest in international affairs, and, as this
Pres. Miss Margaret Cheney says, "Smithfield
Dr. Wu and Gindling are our very own and
special interest." If it can be managed on
your end, I believe such a meeting would be
thoroughly worth while in every way, and
I think Dr. Wu would feel that effort had
not been in vain. Miss Cheney, I know, has

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Already written you, or means to do so at once, and
will talk details with you. She seemed to
think your last letter has indicated that this
coming trip to Boston was pretty full, but that
as Dr. You may stay longer than at first
planned, there may be a chance in October?
perhaps. The Club is so keen to keep up on
Girling that they are even willing to give up
about anything in order to be free for any
date you can arrange!

Mrs. Thurston has had my name
put on the Boston lists, so I shall hear Dr.
You Sept 28, even if Smith feels that no

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MISS C. J. PORTER
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outsider should come to the Soviet luncheon.
That may be a wise decision in which I shall
be the first to concur, because I know how many
people might otherwise feel they had almost
a right to be included! It is true I was ^{only} a
short time member of the ^{kindling} Faculty & always a
friend and small contributor, — but many
gave generously, and you need their support.

However that may be, I shall feel it was
right whichever way it is decided. I am the
more inclined to stay away even if invited!
to protect the idea (because quite frankly &
not to be quoted. I know of a Soviet Alumnus

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Who wants to invite a missionary returning from China, — and I am wondering if that would be wise, since it is a meeting for Smith and for Dr. Wu!)

So, thank you. I believe your letter & mine will bear fruit. Some of the Swiss "girls" may even be able to get to Boston, though many of them are tied here in one way or another.

I am not writing Dr. Wu simply because I want to save any drain on her time or energy. But will you please let her know how constantly she is in my thoughts and prayers especially these days, and that my love and prayers follow her, her Faculty, her contacts, her "Girls" steadily, all the time, and that I am looking

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
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forward to seeing her Sept 28 — and perhaps
on Sept. 29 as well! But I won't be greedy!

Very sincerely,

Cordelia Porter.

The United China Relief N.Y.C. wrote that they
had taken the liberty of ^{suggesting} putting my name on the
list for Speakers Bureau, and accordingly yester-
day I had ~~an~~ a second letter — this one
from the Bureau — evidently wanting to know
more about my qualifications. People who have
lately heard me "speak on China" are really
enthusiastic about the way I speak China.

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real and vivid. — ^{even though I was actually}
there so long ago. To me as Mrs Thurston
says her choice is the "center of my universe"
and since 1904, I have kept contact as close
as possible with hundreds of people and every
so many phases of life over there. even
during this war.

Can you spare time to tell me what
dates and meetings are planned in Boston
for Bp. Y. Y. Tau — whose wife is a deaf-mute,
and for Dr. James Y. Y. Yen. whose work I have known
almost from the beginning. I had heard him each time
he has been in U.S.A. But, of course, know of his recent
experiences only through reports and letters. Their
brother-in-law, Prof Henry C. Chow ^{is one of my most beloved former}
students.

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MISS C. J. PORTER
THE SHERWOOD
88 PARK STREET
PORTLAND 3, MAINE

Is Helen Loomis still sending out China
Information - do you happen to know. Has not
received any kind of notice since 1942. - or
1941?

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September 24, 1943

Miss Caroline J. Porter
The Sherwood
88 Park Street
Portland 3, Me.

Dear Miss Porter:

I have just reluctantly written to Mrs. Karl K. Soule to say that it is going to be impossible for Dr. Wu to make a trip to Portland. As you know, Dr. Wu is in this country under the auspices of the Chinese Government and naturally has large responsibilities for the program that they had in mind when they brought her over here.

She has just come back from Washington and tells me that this program is going to take up a great deal of her time for her remaining weeks in America. She therefore does not feel that she can commit herself for any more speaking engagements than those she already has. As you can see, this means that she will not be able to get to Portland.

I quite agree with you about the efficiency of Smith women. They certainly are able and energetic, and stand loyally behind Ginling. It is therefore with the greatest regret that I have to say to any Smith Club that it is impossible for Dr. Wu to accept an invitation to speak to them.

I am sorry that I cannot give you any information about dates or meetings planned at Boston either for Bishop Tsu, Ssu or Dr. James Yen. I imagine that you could get this information from U.C.R.

Helen Loomis is not connected with the group that used to send out China information. I believe that that organization is no longer functioning in just exactly that way; certainly no bulletins from it have been going out recently. Helen Loomis herself is still in New York doing some administrative work in one of the hospitals.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Aug. 25, 1947.

Yenching College, N. Y. Office
New York City

Dear Friends:

I am writing to let you know that I am very much interested in the two daughters of my former beloved Chinese student, Dr. Henry Chou, of Teacher College, Chouki and his widow your own Yenching Ruth Chou, and am writing to ask if you can tell me how to reach Margot while she is in New London and before she returns to Oberlin.

2. I have written to my own college.

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Yenching's sister, Melleley, re Dorothy Chou
whose father and Mother have

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known and loved so long re the possibility of
getting her admitted at Wellesley and on a
Scholarship basis in Sept 1948. and I was
glad to do this as among all the thousands
of Chinese students whom it has been my
privilege to know. Her feet brot Henry and
Ruth were among the most outstanding and
beloved. And I shall be very glad if I can
help you in any recommendations or suggestions
you may make in regard to further work,
or possible sources, for I earnestly hope Dorothy
may be brought to this country for her education.

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I am no longer able to contribute much,
but my long continued work for foreign students
and China especially should count in any
recommendations. and I gladly put it at your
disposal.

Very truly

Catharine J. Porter.

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*Dear Miss Porter - I am sorry to hear
that you are not getting any more
of the kind of work that you
like to do. I am sure you will
find something else to do that
will be just as interesting and
challenging. I hope you will
write soon.*

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Sept. 1, 1947

Yenching College - N.Y. Office
150 Fifth Ave.
N.Y.C.

Dear Friends:

I do not know exactly to whom
this letter should be addressed, because it is
re Dorothy Lehou, daughter of Dr. Henry Lehou
and his wife Ruth, both of whom have been
connected with Yenching.

I have written (because Mrs. Lehou
would like to have Dorothy admitted to an
American college in Fall 1948 and asks
also would it be possible to secure fellow-
ship funds) to Wellesley College and
received word from Dean Richman, Adviser

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* Foreign students there that they are "of course, interested" and for Dorothy to fill out their list of "requirements" and also their list of expenses not covered by their fellowships, — "travel, vacation expenses, books, recreation" etc.

Is there any fund Yenching maintains for such students in the U.S.A. — or when coming to U.S.A. And would Yenching be interested in helping Dorothy?

Would Dorothy's father very well indeed when Isaac in charge of Foreign Students at Teachers College, Columbia University, where

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He got his Ph.D. And I have known Dorothy's
Mother also, for many years. Of all the thousands
of Chinese students I have known I feel they
are among the most outstanding in every
good way. — in loyalty, ability, responsibility,
in the contribution they have made (as students
and faculty; as Chinese citizens and visitors
in U.S.A.); toward better understanding between
our two countries, and to the life of the
communities, — Chinese, American and world —
of which they have been a part. And I shall
expect much from their children (and
because of their family's connections and

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interests.)

Should be very happy to help in any way I could to see Dorothy get to U.S.A. and would be very grateful for anything your office could do or suggest. Personally I am no longer able to do much financially. Will you let me know what Yenching office feels about the matter — in view of the fact that one daughter, Margot, is already in this country? as a memorial to her father. I believe his brave stand, his torture at the hands of the Japanese, ^{his death,} and his wife's courageous and purposeful life entitle Dorothy also to your

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favorable consideration. And if Dorothy's own
record, in spite of war conditions, justifies it.
I should feel investment in her life and
scholarship would be worth while.

Very sincerely,

Garrison J. Porter

formerly in charge of Foreign Students

Teacher College, Columbia Univ.

and Head of Student Bureau

Institute of International Education.

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September 3, 1947

Miss Caroline Porter
135 South Huntington Avenue
Boston 30, Mass.

Dear Miss Porter:

This will acknowledge your three recent letters sent to the Yenching and Ginling offices.

In reply to your question about Grace Chen, daughter of Bishop Robin Chen, may I say that we have had no definite word about her arrival in the United States. She is due some time very soon, according to the Episcopal Board headquarters. They gave me the following address for her father, and suggested that mail sent there would certainly reach Miss Grace Chen:

Bishop Robin Chen
132 Bethlehem Pike
Chestnut Hill, Pa.

I know that Miss Chen would appreciate receiving a welcome letter from you at the steamer, but I cannot tell you what steamer she is on nor when it is due to arrive.

Mr. Corbett has already written you in response to your request about Margot Chou. We have had no information about her movements, and did not even know that she was in New London. I have nothing to add to Mr. Corbett's letter of August 29th.

We are very much interested in your hopes and plans for Dorothy Chou. I am sure that she is the kind of student that would benefit most from a period of study in the United States, and I hope very much that at some time in the future this can be arranged for her. I am not sure from your letter whether or not Miss Chou has completed her work at Yenching or whether you are suggesting that she do her undergraduate work at Wellesley College. I am sorry to say that at present we have no special

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Miss Caroline Porter

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September 5, 1947

Yenching fund for such students in the United States. However, since you are not suggesting that Miss Chou arrive before next summer, there is still time to make inquiry about possible ways and means for her. Be assured that we will be happy to do anything we can to help her.

We greatly appreciate your interest in these Chinese students and all of the good work you have done on their behalf in the past. I hope you will continue to keep in touch with us about them or any others that you are interested in.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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135 So. Huntington Ave
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Sept. 6, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I should have followed my first thought, and written all three letters to you. I am very grateful for all the replies, especially your last one, with an address for Grace Cohen which will surely reach her. I have already written her in your care, as you know, but intend to use your Chestnut Hill address for her. Her Father is Chaplain of our China Chapter of the Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross, and several members want to make her feel our welcome. I think I shall also try to Mr. Pettis in California which is nearest and

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Very actively interested in Chinese arrivals.

Dorothy Lehou is finishing her last year in High School and would like to come to U.S.A. for her college work. As I think I told you, the Chairman of the Fellowship Committee and for Foreign Students Committee (or Dean) Miss Carol Rochon wrote a most cordial reply enclosing a list of credentials for Dorothy to fill out and return and seemed most interested: but says Wellesley already has assigned several of their Foreign Scholarships (which include room, board and tuition) for 1948-9. So I urged Dorothy to fill out and return as promptly as possible.

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It is a great pleasure to know that you feel Dorothy is one of the students who would make good use (here and later in China) of the opportunities she will have. Her father was one of the outstanding Chinese students I have known and loved, and I have known so many of her ^{mother's} family so long, and love them so dearly that I hope it can be arranged, though the time is short, relatively speaking.

I have written also to Dr. Chia Meng who I believe was a contemporary here of Henry Chen - As he was Dean at Yenching and as Rust, his widow, is on the Faculty, I hope Yenching's Sister Alley may be able to see their way clear to give Dorothy a full

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scholarship; and that Dr. Chih Meng may be able to put her on his list so that the supplementary expenses may be covered. It seems wonderful to think that the children of our early Chinese students are now on their way here! Indeed I shall always be deeply interested in Chinese students in America. I wish I were not old and poor, so that I could do more to show my interest.

One of our companions asks to what college is Grace Chen going? I think her father said to Philadelphia; but have already written to try to find out.

Please thank Mr. Corbett for his letter of Aug 29.

Very sincerely yours.

Caroline J. Porter

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