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Kansas City, Mo.

Seen by E. B. M.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan

I referred to the Department the extension of Dr. Vera D. Reeves' term of service at once on receipt of your letter. It was granted and I asked to have the Department write New York.

The Conference closed with fine spirit but with many problems still unsolved. They will be worked out I am sure.

We leave to-night and I hope to be at home the last of next week.

Most sincerely
Vera M. McConnell

May 12, 1939.

March 6, 1942

Dr. Cora Reeves
~~c/o Mrs. Gough~~ 855 W 36th St
~~375 North Avenue~~
Los Angeles, California

Dear Dr. Reeves:

You may be surprised to learn that I have undertaken the work of the woman secretary in the office of the China Colleges. I am still feeling very new at the job, and am leaning heavily on all my friends.

We are very short of news about the work being done in China and are most eager for anything that we can get. Miss Kirk suggests that you could give us information about a piece of work being done near Chengtu in connection with the Sociology Department of Ginling. She referred to the school for six to ten-year-olds, children of the streets, and said that it was a definite Ginling project, where the Christian Association helps to raise the budget for hiring one full time teacher. She also referred to another project initiated by West China Christian University in which Ginling shares, that is training boys who live in a home for beggars.

Miss Kirk said that you could give us much information about projects that your girls had carried through, especially on such subjects as they use for their theses, as bean cheese and other subjects of particular interest. I would be most grateful if you could find the time to writeuup for us these or any other stories of interest about the work done by Ginling in Chengtu.

Thanking you for any help that you can give us, I am,

Sincerely yours

CSM:EB

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Executive Secretary

855 W. 37th St., Los Angeles, Calif.
March 22nd 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills,-

There is more to be added from the recent letter from Dr. Wu but since I've had nothing coming direct since October except what has come from their general letters I'm not trying the impossible. You may be sure I'd be glad to be of service, but these bits prove how inadequate what I may try to send is apt to be because of lack of of style; and when you know that this bit which should have been done in a few hours has taken days my lack of ability for this sort of work becomes more evident.

I'm glad to know that you are in our office and hope you

will find it a pleasanter place to work than it was formerly.

I wrote asking for the Giling poultry movie but have not heard whether it is available. Are there any Giling slides in the office? I had some made when I was home on one furlough. I may have taken them back to Nanking or there may have been some duplicates left here.

Have you in the office a collection of slides or photographs taken in Chengtu?

With appreciation

Cora D Reeve

Doctor up the material I'm sending, cut, add, as you see fit

From a Letter from Dr. Cora Reeves
Written March 22, 1942

It Happened at Ginling in Autumn, 1941

During late August there was a lull over our College campus, for summer projects were at an end and the real influx of staff and students, new and old, had not begun. There had been fewer applications for freshman standing than had been expected for the records of previous years and the administration had a feeling of uncertainty. But gradually the summer quiet of the dormitory changed as girls began to arrive with their bundles of bedding (wan lans), and baskets with a netting of string over the top to prevent the contents from falling off when the coolie carried them on his carrying pole and also to prevent the chance of someone else being attracted to the wash basin, soap dish, ink block, shoes, or tea pot - the inevitable contents of the basket. Then books and paper and often, in addition to a suitcase, some clothes in a rectangular package, done up in a square of cloth, made up the students baggage. Safe arrival is an event.

By the 10th of September, the girls who had remained in the dormitory for the summer found themselves moving to their new rooms, cleaning and tidying up, and quite agog, for each room would have one Freshman to look after, and "What kind of a girl will come to my room?" an old student asked, but added, "I'll try my best to help the new girl when she comes."

The next few days brought arrivals to fill all the dormitory student rooms, and also the lower floor of the house built by West China Union University Woman's College for our extra faculty. The question as to who would be willing to be a part of this new housing unit wax settled when some of the student leaders volunteered, though it involved a somewhat longer walk home from classes.

The Freshman Week Program, planned to help new students to get acquainted with the College, its methods, its ideals, its students and faculty, its scattered departments, and the provisions made for their health and happiness, gave chances for upper class students to do a large part of the work of assisting new students to orient themselves. It also allowed for making the thorough physical examinations and voice tests of new students, so that there would be less interruption of regular work when College lessons began.

The senior who was president of the all College organization (the Hou Sheng Tuan) writes thus about the Senior Retreat. "Our main topic was 'What is the right attitude toward Knowledge, Society, Profession, Family, Religion, for a College woman who wants a victorious life.' For each part we had one or two good lecturers and an interesting discussion. Our lecturers were:

1. Knowledge	Dr. Fenn and Dr. Liu, President of Cheeloo University
2. Society	Dr. Wu and Frank Price
3. Profession	Dr. Sewell
4. Family	Mrs. Roy and Dr. Lewis Smythe
5. Religion	Andrew Roy and Dr. Luther Shao

Each was a specialist on the subject assigned and they did give us grand ideas about their topics. We had our supper together at the Dye House on the second evening. After that, the closing meeting was led by Dr. Chester (Aunt Ruth). I very much regretted that I had to miss that because I had to hurry away right after supper to give a talk to the entering class about our student organization and activities as one part of their Freshman Week program. Just imagine, if all these 23 grand seniors are trying to find a victorious life, what you will hear about Ginling and China."

Among the miracles of Ginling College days in West China, one needs record the news item in a letter of October 29th from Miss Hoh. "Thirty of the young servants, I mean workers, in departments on the campus signed up and wrote a letter to me wanting me to help to run classes for them as I did last summer. They promised to be responsible for attendance and to be on time. They will buy their own books and supply of paper, etc. They want to have Sunday Service and Saturday Social Programs. Some can read and we have organized a reading club. I have been lending them religious books. We have discussions about things they want to ask about after reading. Now this book-lending, I told Dr. Wu, I may turn over to the students to do. I will tell them how. God, our Father, works, not I."

This does not seem so strange here in America, but when we went from Nanking to Szechuan, Ginling students were called "Foreigners". In fact, they sometimes met the prejudice which expressed itself by "Foreign Devil". It's all but beyond belief that this prejudice is so far gone in four years. Further, who would have thought that in so short a time, they would be willing to be responsible for attendance or think that being on time for their class important. Many of them had come from the farms where they had no timepieces. They were quite unaccustomed to the striking of the campus clock, as well as to the notion of being punctual.

The one College department which has been developed new, while we are so long a time guests, has been Home Economics. In a basement room, with a five-gallon kerosene can lined with clay for a stove; for cooking utensils, a small iron "gu", i.e. a curved griddle or shallow pot, a brass tea kettle, an earthern-ware sauce pan, and, as a concession to foreign influence, a kerosene can made into a tin oven, and a pan or two for baking bread - and the equipment for cooking class is told. A senior, who graduates this coming June, writes of her anticipated work when she starts a Home Economics Department next September in a high school, her Alma Mater. She writes, "I hope you can get some pamphlets or books about 'Home Economics". I've tried very hard to get some old magazines to make a scrapbook, but I did not get a single copy. I think it is unfair to teach a class with only a few notebooks. This course is growing. I cannot stay behind telling the same old stories when others are adding new materials for interest."

Thus, they of the recent student body continue to dream the dreams of their predecessors, even in a crowded dormitory, without books, or even adequate diet.

This fall, when the West China Society of Border Research held its first meeting, the program was made up of three studies made last summer in one section of a near-lying "Tribes Country". Two Ginling alumnae appeared on the program, one reporting on the geography of the region, and the other on the plant life. They are among the first Chinese women to report pieces of research to this Society. The teaching of Ecology will be better with local studies to serve as material to be used, and Ecology is a requirement of the government for students who major in Botany.

How science and service together function I may tell you that last school year, as I was teaching a class in Ecology, the alumna who reported on plant life was with me and we noticed a rather neatly dressed woman seated on a stone at the foot of the stairs we were using to reach the top of the city wall. There were many blow-flies about the woman and we wondered why. When we had finished our Saturday morning lesson on the wall, this alumna stayed behind to question the woman. She got this story. The woman had no children. Her husband did not like her. One day, in a rage, she had tripped over a stone and after that, could not walk or control the functions of the body below the waist. The husband left home and a few days before our field trip brought us to the foot of the stairs, the family had carried her out of their house and set her on that stone. Our alumna went to the government Public Health Center to ask them to do something for this woman. They had no means of helping her. No Social Service Department of a college was ready to take up

the case. The neighbors across the street brought the woman food. Neither on Sunday, nor on Monday, was help found, but on Tuesday the Christian Hospital in the city, using their Good Samaritan Fund, was able to receive her. Maggots were infesting the bed sores, which had developed. The observation about the flies furnished the data which led to her rescue. The Good Samaritan attitude of the one with scientific training led her to keep at the case until a solution for meeting the woman's needs was found.

3822 Sheffield Ave, Chicago
Aug. 6, 1942

Mr McBrier, Treas. The China Colleges

Dear Sir. -

Please find enclosed check for $125.00 for Ginling College I've sent a note to Miss Priest as to a small part. Please send a receipt for $115.00 for China Relief for this check and for $106.00 for check of $115 of May 2nd

Yours very truly

Cora D Reeves

Dep. 8/17/42 Ginling

August 14, 1942

Miss Cora D. Reeves
3822 Sheffield Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Reeves:

Wrote Miss Priest 8/14/42

I wish to acknowledge with appreciation your letter of August 6th, enclosing your check for $125.00. We are enclosing herewith our receipt for $115.00 of your check which we are crediting toward the Ginling College current budget. The balance of $10.00 is being deposited in the Ginling College field account to be drawn by Miss Priest and used as you have directed in your letter to her. We are writing Miss Priest that this amount is available.

Your letter of May 2nd, which reads as follows: "Please find enclosed my check for $115.00 which you will please forward to Ginling College in Chengtu, Sze. I am writing Miss Priest concerning this money", was interpreted to mean that the entire sum was to go direct to Miss Priest for special use. We therefore deposited your check in the Ginling field account and immediately wrote Miss Priest to draw the money and that you had written direct to her concerning its use.

Because of the circumstances outlined above and the fact that the books for 1941-42 have been officially closed we are unable to credit any of your May gift to the current needs of Ginling and are therefore unable to issue a receipt for $106.00 as you have requested.

We are extremely sorry that we misinterpreted your letter, but are sure that your gift will be applied toward the most urgent needs by Miss Priest.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

over

Sept. 11, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills.

When I was visiting in Ypsilanti I had a very good audience and the Y.W.C.A. there or Student Association may decide to have what they raise this year for Student Movement sent to Ginling. Will you therefore please send to Miss Acheson all possible literature. Her address is

Starkweather Hall
State Normal School
Ypsilanti, Mich.

Since Methodist, Baptist, probably Presbyterian and Christian churches have their student secretaries all at work in this central building it is very economical of our materials

9/11/42

I've come on here to be with a delightful old friend and am not certain just how long she will want me for her company. Her husband was Resident Regent for thirty or forty years so Mrs Beal knows most of the people here both Town and gown. I have not yet seen Harriet Whitmer but mean to see her soon

With much appreciation
Cora D. Reeves

343 So. Fifth Ave
Ann Arbor
Mich

September 14, 1942

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
c/o Mrs. J. E. Beal
343 South Fifth Avenue
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Reeves:

I was glad to have your letter of September 11th and to know something of your plans for the immediate future. I am sure that life with your friend in Ann Arbor will be delightful, and I am equally sure that you will make it rewarding for those around you.

I am sending to Miss Acheson, as you requested, literature about Ginling. It is good news that the Student Association is interested in the work of the College and may make their gift this year to Ginling.

We shall always be glad to know of your activities and hope that you will keep us posted on any change of address.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

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104 So. Ingalls St. Ann Arbor Mich
Dec 29, 1942

My dear Mrs. Mills-

Since I knew that a sum to Dr. Wu for personal use would not apply on income tax I did not suggest a receipt for the sum, so that is alright.

I have been working quite steadily on making bean curd and doing a very little on how to produce a dish which Americans would like. I think I have one to offer and am thinking of using the name "Pinking Vegetable Loaf" for its name - would you of the office here approve? While Ford in a booklet of recipes of soja bean juice from Dearborn proposes grinding and soaking and pressing out the bean milk and then precipitating with vinegar. I rather believe the taste is better done as our Chinese friends do it with gypsum i.e. hydrated plaster of paris which can be secured at any corner drug store and shaken up in water.

As to the ~~the~~ loaf - I've taken 4 small medium sized onions cut them thin, fried them, and chopped in the frying pan with bacon fat, until a good brown.

4 sticks of celery, ½ green pepper, cabbage to about equal the amount of the celery, 4 slices of dry bread, these run through meat grinder are chopped in chopping bowl, add this mixture to the onions, stir in a table-spoon of relish, two table spoons of soja sauce, 1 table spoon A sauce, half tea spoon of ginger. Add bean curd well mixed, in about ½ lb. put into baking dish well greased and bake in hot oven 350-400 for 15 minutes.

The relish can be chowchow, mustard pickle or any well seasoned rather peppery chopped pickle. The loaf will please most people better eaten with chili sauce or Worcestershire. The reason our folks have not taken to this practically complete protein is because they have expected to enjoy its flavor and it has next to none.

If I get the chance to publish, or to sell to General Foods or other provision firms, or to send to the government shall I present it as Jinling Vegetable Loaf? I'd much appreciate a 'yes' or 'no' wire from the New York Office.

I'm not sure whether people would think we were in business, therefore did not need their support or whether it would be another bit of publicity to help folks remember us as we try to improve diet during meat shortage. Science News Letter, Oct 3 '42 has an article on Victory Meals but seems to regret that soja bean protein is not available generally.

And this, while farmers I know have thousands of bushels, with wishes for your flour to have strength lied supplies for the tasks it brings. Very sincerely, Dora S. Keers

December 30, 1942

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
104 South Revena Blvd.
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Thank you for your letter of December 27th, telling us definitely how you want the gift of $90.00 used. It will be sent out to Dr. Wu for her use, as you request.

I am most interested in your experiments with bean curd. The dish you suggest sounds very appetizing and should be a real contribution to our meals in these days of meat substitutes. If I can get the bean curd, I shall try it. I am afraid I won't be able to make my own bean curd, as I spend most of my time at the office and confine myself to the simplest and quickest fodd preparation possible.

I have talked over your suggestion of a name for the loaf with the people here in the office, and we have this counter-suggestion to make. Call the loaf the "Soya Vegetable Loaf" and advertise it by telling how a member of the Ginling science faculty developed the formula and how scientifically it has been produced. A meat substitute with a college background! I suggest this as I think the mention of the soya bean in the name of the loaf would mean more in America than the name Ginling. Soyas are being sold and used in various ways and most people are at least familiar with the name, and that would probably be an asset in launching the loaf. Ginling is not a name that is so widely known and might require more explanation in order to be understood. Wherever it is known, it stands for higher education in China, and it might, therefore, be better to use it only in that connection. To advertise the product as made from a formula worked out by a member of the Ginling faculty would seem to me to keep the connotation of the name and, at the same time, establish the connection with China and the college.

I hope that this suggestion will meet with your approval.

With every best wish for success with your experiments, I am

Cordially yours,

CSM:ef

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

104 So Revena Blvd
Ann Arbor Mich
May 19, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills

Probably you have more good publicity than you know how to use but these bits from Miss Hoh's letter I thought should be in your hands for use if you want it, so here it is

Very truly
Dora D Reeves

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Some of the Activities at Ginling, Spring of 1943
Copied from Phoebe Hoh's letter of Mar. 13-16, '43.

The Sociology Department has to have practice group work so I am to organize the groups -

1. Adult men
2. Adult women
3. Young girls
4. Young boys
5. Children below school age

These the students will use in their practical work. Besides group activities, we teach reading, writing, arithmetic. For health we are connected with the new hospital Public Health Department. A nurse is to vaccinate our children soon. Dr. Lung, Miss Wei, Miss Tzu and Wang Yin had a meeting this morning for arranging a definite program with the Health Department and Social Center activities. They should co-ordinate, the need of which I thought of when we started Jenchow Rural work. Just now it comes to real action. I think Dr. Lung is clear-headed. Miss Wang is new here. I guarantee to do the lower level of work and let her head. I do not need a position or title if it is only possible for me to work where they need me. I am praying God to lead Miss Tsu Yahtzu on her way to come here. I hope they do not mind letting me work under them. I am anxious to see that social service ~~or~~ education in Ginling: that This extension work from the department ~~may~~ be set to working smoothly and systematically doing most effective work for China. A Miss Wang who had normal training is to help me with half-day school from 8 to 12. 30 little kids in the back room - 20 second year in the front room which will be turned into a reading room in the afternoon. Twenty girls and boys of the third grade study in the upstairs room which is our office. Besides the reading room for neighborhood men and women, we run two clubs for boys and girls. At night we run four classes for outside adults other than our servants. We are short at least two rooms. For the light for each single room we have to pay one hundred dollars. The rent for the Center increased from $24.00 to $80.00 and now from $80.00 to $200.00 per mo. We charge the half day school children $5.00 for their books. We have to have a lot of school supplies. Children above six who have to work part of the day at home, older girls who work as cooks in homes, hired by some families can't come except at night. They are so eager to come that I can't refuse them.

There are three different Sunday Schools running in our little gymnasium - (1) for faculty children at 9 A.M., (2) for street children at 1 P.M., (3) for servants at 8 P.M. A West China Union University boy has consented to help with the Sunday School for street children. We expect seventy will come. The gym is well used! Don't you say so?

Measles have been bad; we know of the death of eight. The health officer has ordered the Chinese nurse to vaccinate our children in the school.

I am now one of the advisers of the Five Colleges Christian Students Association. They had a very good spring retreat at Hwa Ying Girls' Middle School, which is now in Pen Sheen. Li Tze Dzen is the principal.

During China New Year we ran a big exhibition in the East Gate Park. In two big halls we illustrated four subjects:

1. Children's food
2. Children's clothing
3. Children's play things
4. Children's reading materials

I was in charge of the reading supplies. We gathered nearly 1000 copies of non-textbook materials. Most of them we can't buy now. More than 15,000 persons came to enjoy a look during the three days when we celebrated the signing of the new treaty between China and America and China and England. Our major theme is that in celebrating the new treaty we shall do our best to produce ideal citizens to establish a New China and let pass by no chance to strengthen the inward life spiritually.

Today is March 16th, Miss Spicer just sent in the Sunday School textbook, herself, which is gotten out from the Theological Seminary Library. It is by Frank Price.

Again an air raid warning with people scattering with loads on their backs and leading their children by the hand."

The above exerpts come as you see from Phoebe Hoh's letter to me. She is one of the first group of girls to whom I was appointed adviser, so she reports some of her doings more personally than if we had not begun our friendship so long ago. Her letter lets us see the store building down the road from the main gate of the W.C.U.U. campus, which is Ginling's Social Center. She so often spoke as we passed by the building two years ago of how too bad it seemed to her to have it used only part time, evidently that is changed now.

C.D.R.

104 S. Revena Blvd
Ann Arbor Mich
April 9th, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills -

Do you know whether our president will arrive on the east coast or the west? If she comes in on the east coast I do not suppose she will get to Ann Arbor before the last of May. Do you suppose she would like to go to the Michigan Biological Station at Douglas Lake where she did her graduate work or some place in that area see no one, hear little and eat and sleep. What are you planning for a months rest for her? A month's rest or more is the most important single item in her program. When is the meeting of the Ginling Committee?

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I do not need to write you that nothing in my program is as important as being some use to Ji fang

Very truly
Cora D. Reeves

April 12, 1943

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
104 South Revena Boulevard
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Reeves:

I am sure that you are just as exited as the rest of us about Dr. Wu's coming to America. I don't know exactly when she will arrive, and I don't know where she will land. We have had two cables, one from Dr. Wu herself, before she left, and one from Elsie, after she had started. Elsie gave the information that she was coming by air and expected to arrive about the middle of April. Your guess is as good as mine about which part of the country that would put her in. Personally I rather expect her to touch the east coast, possibly Florida first.

We have the additional information, through Mrs. New and Chinese connections, that Dr. Wu is coming with a group on a Government mission. Until we hear more about this, or in fact until Dr. Wu herself arrives, we will not know what plans can be made for her time here. Everyone agrees that a good rest, at least a month, is of primary importance, and I am sure that all will try to see that she gets this. The cable said that she would be present at the Associated Boards meetings on May 3rd and 4th, and the Ginling Founders, May 7th. Aside from these dates, we are making no definite plans until we see her.

Your suggestion of the Michigan Biological Station at Douglas Lake, or someplace in that area, sounds most attractive, and the plan you outline of seeing no one, hearing little, eating and sleeping, sounds ideal for a rest. However, I am afraid we cannot make any plans at all until we see her. My present role is one of telling people that I cannot promise that she will be present at any meeting or address any group.

I wonder if you are planning to be in New York any time this spring. How happy we would be to see you. With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

CSM:ef

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

May 24, 1943

Dr. Cora Reeves
104 South Revena Boulevard
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Thank you for the excerpts from Phoebe Hoh's letter. Indeed we do not have more good publicity material than we know how to use, and we are always most grateful for anything concerning the college. I hope you will continue to share with us news as you receive it. Miss Hoh's account of activities at Ginling is most interesting, and I am sure we will want to use it in our publicity.

Dr. Wu is now in Washington, making final plans for her program while in America. She is hoping to get to Ann Arbor early in June, but does not know yet how long she will be able to stay. We'll keep you posted on her plans.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

June 18, 1943

Dr. Cora Reeves
104 South Revean Blvd.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

When Dr. Wu was in the office yesterday afternoon, we discussed the application for lenses for microscopes in Chengtu, and Dr. Wu says that this application which you are sending is the first one, so your "first application" stands. We, of course, will have to find out something about return passage for either Dr. Wu or Florence Kirk before we can fill in the "latest possible delivery date".

Dr. Wu was not sure whether it would be necessary or advisable to have the Chinese Embassy sign and seal the application to the War Production Board. She herself is willing of course to sign as applicant, and we will decide whether it would be g good plan to approach the Embassy or not.

Dr. Wu says she does not have the exact figures for the enrollments, but of course she knows more about it than anyone else, so we will use the figures that she gives us.

Dr. Wu is writing to you herself about the check which you enclosed. She is returning the check to you, as she says that you should not think of meeting the expense of lenses yourself.

I will try to get this all attended to and off as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:EF

November 24, 1943.

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
Good Samaritan Hospital
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Dr. Reeves,

We learned through a letter that Dr. Plopper wrote Dr. Wu that you are in a hospital in Lexington, and that you have had a serious operation. I assure you that we are all most anxious for more news, and more of the details. Dr. Plopper said that you were getting along very well when he wrote, and that you did not have any great pain. I hope this has continued to be true, and that by now you are really well on the road to a complete recovery.

We are much concerned for you and think of you constantly. Do let us know if there is anything you need, or any way in which we can be of service to you.

I hate to think of your spending Thanksgiving in a hospital, but I hope that the day will be a ha py one for you even so, and that you will find that you have much to be thankful for.

With every best wish,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

20 Prospect St., Berea, Ky
Dec. 26th, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills

This is a rather tardy response to your kind letter while I was getting well. I so much appreciated it but found lying flat on my back a rather difficult position in which to write more than a note or two to such as Miss Grist and Dr. Wu. I trusted you would be kept informed of my rapid recovery. Now to-day I feel more like doing things than before the operation. It's been very delightful to be here among Miss Gundbach's friends who have adopted me into their circle. Christmas has had added charm in their hospitable midst.

I have no idea what I may have for the activity of 1944 but am quite sure in the Kingdom of Goodwill I may have a bit to do.

This wishes for you much joy and in imagination I share your daily delights

Very truly Cora D Reeves

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20 Prospect St., Berea, Ky
March 6th 1944

Dear Mr. Evans

This check was paid me for some work I was doing for La Choy concerning the use of chinese bean milk and bean curd. I'd like it used in Pinlingo Social Education but am willing for the folks in Chengtu to use it as they please. The personal check for five dollars I guess must go into the social education for I'm going to tell the women who gave it what it's doing.

Very truly
Cora D Peerce

Current Budget for Soc. Dept

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Mr. C. A. Evans Treas.
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave. New York City
New York City

N.Y.C.

March 9, 1944

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
20 Prospect Street
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending our receipts for the two checks that have just reached us. We do not need to tell you how gratefully these contributions are received, nor how much they will mean to the College in these days of inflation. We have put them into the budget for the College, marked for the Sociology Department, as I suppose that this is the channel through which most of Ginling's social education is done.

You will be interested to know that Ginling has had a very generous gift from the Association of Universalist Women for the rural work that has been started at Chung Ho Chang. The Jenshow station was not found practical because of the distance from Chengtu and the difficulties of transportation. Ginling therefore has withdrawn from Jenchow, but has opened a rural station at this market town only six or eight miles from Chengtu. Miss Tsu Yu-dji is in charge of the work. The Universalist Women are pledging $3,000 a year for the support of this station, and of course Dr. Wu was highly delighted that the work could be carried on when she had feared that it would have to be closed for lack of funds.

I hope you are completely recovered and feeling better than before your operation. Let us know what your plans are, as we are always interested in what you are doing.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosures: Two receipts

Black Mountain N.C.
Sept. 21, 1944

Dear Mrs. Mills

Friday I went over to see Harriet Whitmer. She is teaching in Montreat Junior College and High School. It's a gorgeous region. We are only about five miles apart. During the summer I was at Mountain Lake Biological Station in July and in August at the Ashram at Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds. My shack will be just across the road from the lake on these grounds.

Where is Edith Haight? And where is Wu Moi now? Has Florence Kirk gone on from Calcutta?

Very truly
Cora D Reeves

September 28, 1944

Dr. Cora Reeves
Black Mountain
North Carolina

Dear Dr. Reeves:

I had just finished the enclosed letter to you when yours of September 21st arrived. I had had a card from Harriet Whitmer, telling about her position in Montreat. I am very happy indeed to know that she is there as I think she will enjoy it. As you say, it is a gorgeous region and she will have wonderful people to work with.

You will be interested to know that Stella Graves has just arrived in New York and is making her plans to study here for a few months this fall and winter. She seems very well and is most enthusiastic about the two months that she has had in America since coming home with Louise Hammond.

Edith Haight's present address is 848 Sixth Street, Charleston, Illinois. Wu Mao-i has completed her doctorate and can now be reached at 8 Ellsworth Avenue, Cambridge, Mass. After October 10th, her plans are indefinite and she does not know whether she will still be in Cambridge or not. She is planning to go back to Ginling as soon as we can get passage for her. Unfortunately, we have not been able to make much progress yet.

I have had no further word about Florence Kirk. She had reached Bombay late in July and I hope that she is now in Chengtu, though I think it is strange that we have not heard if she has really gotten there.

You speak of your shack at Black Mountain, Does that mean that you are going to be there winter and summer, or where will we find you during the winter months. I am mailing this to Black Mountain as that is the address on your last letter.

All best wishes,

Cordially yours,

September 28, 1944

Dr. Cora Reeves
20 Prospect Street
Berea, Ky.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

I am sure that you will be happy to know that your biology students are establishing a scholarship in your honor. Perhaps Dr. Wu has already written you about this, but I am quoting a paragraph from a recent letter from her.

"The Biology graduates have decided to establish a scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Reeves' 70th birthday in August. Practically Ch.$20,000 has been collected and $10,000 has already been invested. A scholarship will be offered to a Biology student beginning this fall."

I think this is a very beautiful way to express their appreciation for all that you have done for them and I know that you, too, are happy to have such assistance offered to a girl at Ginling. We have not had any word yet about the girl who has the scholarship, but I hope Dr. Wu will write us something more about her later.

I hope you are well and enjoying life in that beautiful part of the country.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Black Mountain, N.C.
Sept. 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans

Please find enclosed a check for $72.00 which I had left in China. It is rather capital than income so will not reduce income tax. I'd like it spent for the biology department unless there is very urgent need elsewhere.

Very truly
Cora D. Reeves

Current Budget
(for biology dept.)

October 9, 1944

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
R.R.1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your last generous check to Ginling. I fear that you are more generous to Ginling than you are to yourself. I seem to be constantly writing you to say "Thank you" for another gift.

Of course I know the College and its needs are very close to your heart and I do not need to tell you how much they appreciate all your generosity. They are attempting to express their appreciation in raising a scholarship in your honor, as I wrote you a few days ago.

I note that you would like to have your latest gift put at the disposal of the Biology Department if possible.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosure: Receipt

current budget

Dec 30 1944
20 Prospect St
Berea, Ky

Dear Mr. Evans

Please find enclosed my check for $142.50 for Girling College. Since this term Nov. to Mar. I'm teaching I can spare this quarters retirement allowance to the college

Very truly

Cora D. Reeves

January 10, 1945

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
20 Prospect Street
Berea, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending a receipt for your generous contribution to Ginling. To say that we appreciate your loyalty and devotion and generosity is a totally inadequate statement for your life and service has meant more to the College than can be expressed.

I am really afraid that in sending this most recent gift you are more liberal than you should be, but you know the need that it meets, and the appreciation with which it is received.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosure: Receipt

Black Mountain, N.C.
April 5th, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills, -

A note tells me that Dr. Wu is appointed to San Francisco meeting. Of course that does not say that she will be there, so I am sending the enclosed to you to be forwarded.

You will please note my address. Sunday I was with Carrie Whitmer when she received a lot of China mail which even yet she not gotten. I hope you will see that all possible mailing clerks have this address. There is only one rural route.

out from this P.O. so there is little need for watching that R.R. is added to the address though it may satisfy my correspondent's fear that I've forgotten an essential part. I expect to be with Miss Mossman Sunday but will not be away the week.

It's amazing to note what differences are made in a single day in the size of leaves and number of flowers out.

Have I written you to enquire whether you think a quite superior modern house on a very lovely site would be of use to the staff or students from Ginling who are to be here in future years? Trains from N.Y. or Washington go through Black Mountain

on the way to Asheville which is only about eighteen miles away. Very truly Cora Stevens.

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April 14, 1945

Dr. Cora Reeves
R.R. 1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

We were glad to get your note of April 5th with the enclosure for Dr. Wu. I am holding the letter here as I have received no information about her plans and I do not know where she is at the moment. We heard that she had left Chungking on the 4th of April and are therefore expecting to hear at any moment that she is in this country. As soon as I have an address for her, I will forward your letter.

I am glad to be corrected about your address. The last that we had heard from you was written from the Berea address in December, and we naturally supposed that you were still there. I will see that until further notice all communications are addressed to Black Mountain. I hope that the material that we have sent you recently to Berea has been forwarded to you.

In your letter you say, "Have I written you to inquire whether you think a quite superior modern house on a very lovely site would be of use to the staff or students from Ginling who are to be here in future years?" This is the first reference that you have made to this house. Will you please give me a little more information about it. It sounds very attractive and it may be that it would solve problems for some of our staff or students. Before I can talk to any of them about it, however, I natrually would have to know more about the details, such as, who owns the house, under what conditions - financial and otherwise,- would it be available for our faculty or students, and for what lengths of time?

I am glad that you have had a visit with Harriet and Miss Mossman, and I know it meant much to all of you. Have you, by any chance, seen Mrs. New? She is in Chapel Hill, but has been doing a

certain amount of traveling in the State of North Carolina. I envy you all being in that beautiful part of the world during these spring months. I have spent a certain amount of time in the Asheville-Black Mountain area and know how beautiful it is.

I hope that you are well and enjoying your life there.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Black Mountain N.C.
May 6, 1945

Dear Mrs. Mills,-

A little piece of land with a superb view is in my name. It's across from Laurel Lake on the Y.M.C.A. Blue Ridge Conference Grounds. So far a road is under construction to the low hilltop which is open and has a wonderful sweep of view of Blue Ridge, Black Mountain, and Craggy Ranges. The house is in the dream stage but you may get plans when I've dreamed enough. The finding a builder and laborers is a problem especially the latter. Of course there is no lumber on the market but in time there may be. I'd like to fuild stone which is mostly on the place and glass bricks which do not seem to be available. Its more fun to plan what I, myself, really want if I think I'm also preparing for chinese and American colleagues who may rest under my roof tree. How can we celebrate as Victory our mass murders?

Again with all good wishes

Cora D. Reeves

Black Mountain N.C.
May 21, 1945

Dear Mr. Evans

Please find enclosed my check for One hundred fifty dollars. Of course it is for Guiling College.

Very truly
Cora D Reeves

May 28, 1945

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
R.R. 1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your most recent contribution to Ginling. I do not need to tell you of the needs of the College or of the appreciation with which all gifts are received, but I hope you will not regard me as impertinent when I say that I think you are too generous for your own good. I know that Ginling is in your heart and that all that you can do for the College is joy to you, but I say again that I think you are far too generous.

Your dream cottage in the Blue Ridge Mountain region sounds ideal to me. I am sure that Ginling faculty in this country on furlough and Ginling students here would find such a retreat a great blessing. You say that you would find it more fun to plan what you want for yourself if you thought that these Chinese and American colleagues would rest under your roof tree. I know that when the cottage is built, there will be many who would count it the greatest privilege to share it with you. I wonder how long it will be before building restrictions are lifted and it is possible to get your dreams into some more concrete form.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosure: Receipt

July 25, 1945

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
R.R. 1
Black Mountain, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Reeves:

The enclosed copy of a letter which I have just written to Ruth Chester will give you the detailed information about Dr. Wu's stay in the hospital. She has continued to make most excellent grogress and is about ready to go home, In fact, the surgeon has dismissed her, and the only thing that is keeping her now is the completion of tests which the doctor is making because of her kidney condition. I think that Dr. Wu will probably go home by Friday of this week at the latest.

She has asked me to give you this information as she knew that you would be interested, and to say that she greatly appreciates the letters you have written her, and she will answer them when she is a little stronger.

I feel very thankful indeed that this operation is behind Dr. Wu and that she is making such excellent progress toward complete recovery. Dr. Guion says that her kidney condition is not serious, which of course is good news. I think we can all rest our hearts and rejoice that she could have this medical attention while she is here in America.

I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef
Enclosure: Copy of letter to Miss Chester

January 26, 1946

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
R.R. 1
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

We are trying to assemble detailed information on the amount of scientific equipment that the universities were able to salvage. Can you tell me about the number and type of microscopes that Ginling has in West China and also do you know how many Nanking was able to take west with them? Such information will be exceedingly valuable to us and I shall be grateful if you can give it to me.

I hope you had a pleasant trip back to Black Mountain and that you are comfortably and happily established in your new house. I wonder what progress your German friend from South America has made on her plans to come to the United States.

It was good to see you in New York. I hope you will come to see us again sometime soon.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Montreat College
Montreat, N.C.

Feb 2 1946

My dear Mrs Mills

Giling had eight student microscopes and one binocular, a fine large scope which Eva Spicer had carried up by hand from Nanking in Chengtu.

As to U. of N. - Both their Zoology and their Botany Departments had their microscopes with them. I'm not the exact number. I'm not sure. If you have any record as to the number taking 1st year course you can tell about the number they have. I'm not sure as to the number the Plant Pathology have.

I was glad for the message from Dr. Wu in Shanghai.

Yours truly
Cora D. Reeves

I'm living in Assembly Inn and eating at the student cafeteria and teaching as many hours per week as during the time in F.?

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February 9, 1946

Dr. Cora Reeves
Montreat College
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Thank you for your letter of February 2nd, giving me the information about microscopes at Ginling and the University of Nanking. As I wrote you, we need this information as we are drawing up lists for the re-equipping of the Colleges.

I hope that you are enjoying your teaching and are not finding the rather strenuous schedule that you outline too much for you. I know you enjoy being with the young people, but don't work yourself too hard.

I had a letter from Harriet, written in Baltimore just before she sailed. I am sure that she was very happy to get started and I know what a comfort she will be to Dr. Wu and the Ginling faculty. I know, too, that her presence in Nanking will make the campus a far more livable place for use in the fall.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

7/9/46

Montreat College
Montreat, N.C.

wrote to Miss Reeves 2/18/46 returning check for correction

Dear Mr. Evans,-

Please find enclosed check for $152.00 for Ginling College.

Since I am teaching in Miss Whitmer stead that means that I have a little more for G.C. Can you now send direct to Miss Hollows in Shanghai money for Ginling in Nanking since Miss Whitmer is one of the Methodists in Central China Conference?

Very truly

Cora D Reeves

February 18, 1946

Miss Cora D. Reeves
Montreat College
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Miss Reeves:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of February 9th enclosing check for Ginling College. I am sure you meant this for $152.00, but the Bank will accept it only on the basis of the written amount which is $102.00.

Will you not kindly make the proper correction and return the check in the enclosed stamped envelope.

For a time we could send money into Shanghai, but suddenly this transfer was cut off entirely. T. V. Soong was in Shanghai a couple of weeks ago and we are expecting a change in the situation almost anytime. We have been transferring money to North China by cable informing the people that there is a certain amount available which will be remitted as soon as funds can be transferred. We shall be glad to be of any assistance possible.

With added thanks, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Reeves, Dr. Cora

January 2, 1947

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
Montreat College
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your latest generous gift to Ginling College. What can I say to you that I have not already said? I feel you are far too generous to the College for your own good, but you know how deeply they appreciate your devotion and your great giving.

You will rejoice with us that Dr. Liu is making steady progress. She was well enough to go out to my apartment for Christmas dinner. I saw her the next day and found that it had not been too tiring for her and that she had really benefited by the little excursion. She is still in the hospital, but has a nurse for only a small part of the day now. We hope to make arrangements for her in a convalescent home within the next few days.

I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosure: Receipt

Reeves

Montreat College
Montreat N.C.
April 23, 1947

Dear Mrs. Mills:-

A letter from Dr. Wu suggests my writing a letter of recommendation for Wu Mei-ling which I here with enclose. The G.C. Faculty Executive Committee have recommended her.

There are some questions I'd like answered if you have time. Did Mrs. Fem go back with Bill, if not where is she? Where are the Roys?

What amount of new books have been sent for the Biology Dept of G.C.? Do books go in duty free. Does it make any difference if they are old i.e. used.

Since I do not know to whom to address my letter of recommendation I'm leaving it for you to do.

Very truly
Cora D Reeves

April 30, 1947

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
Montreat College
Montreat, N. C.

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Your letter of recommendation for Miss Wu Mei-lin has been turned over to the Scholarship Committee that will consider all of these applications for refresher scholarships. Dr. Wu had written me that the Faculty Executive Committee was proposing Miss Wu Mei-lin for one of the refresher scholarships and said that we would hear from you about her. The New York Committee is at present gathering all of these recommendations and will act upon them as soon as everything is in.

I have just had a letter from the College, ordering books for various departments, among them the Biology Department. I enclose the list of books requested. This order is being placed immediately. I also enclose a list of books purchased for this Department last May. These are the only two orders that we have filled for the Biology Department.

I have been told that a recent Government regulation imposes duty on books, but I have also heard that the College has had very little difficulty with customs, most of the things going in duty-free. Dr. Wu has never said anything definite about this. I cannot tell you whether there is any difference between new books and old books when it comes to duty.

Frances Fenn did not go back to China with Bill. She and the girls are now at 44 Alexander St., Princeton, N. J. Bill expects to return for a regular furlough. At the end of that period, I think the whole family expects to go back to China together. Bill's recent trips to America have been regarded as business trips, not taking the place of regular furlough. Andy and Margaret Roy are also in Princeton, their address being the same as Mrs. Fenn's. I think they plan to return to China in the fall.

I hope all goes well with you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: 2 book lists

Reeves, Dr Con

Black Mountain
N.C.
July 11, 1948

Dear Mr. Evans -

A check for $280.00 accompanies this letter. $200.00 is for the college. $80.00 goes to Dr. Wm I am suggesting some ways of using part but leaving it in her hands.

Very truly
Cora D. Reeves

12/15/48. Note to miss cloud that $80 of this $280 check is for Dr Wm's personal use.

July 23, 1948

Dr. Cora D. Reeves
Black Mountain
North Carolina

Dear Dr. Reeves:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for your very generous contribution to Ginling. The receipt is made for $200.00 since you designated $80.00 as a gift for Dr. Wu and we do not send receipts for personal gifts.

You are far too generous to Ginling, but I do not need to tell you that your gifts come at a time of exceptional need and are appreciated accordingly. I am sure that you will be hearing from Dr. Wu directly.

You will be interested to know that Dr. Wu is attending the Amsterdam Conference, leaving the College about the middle of August and returning by the middle of September. I am very happy indeed that she can be at that important gathering as she will mean a great deal to those present and will have much to contribute to the discussions. I wish it were possible for her to come by here on her way home, but I am afraid this is not in her plans.

With all best wishes,

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

CSM:ef

Enclosure: Receipt