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NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND BIBLICAL LITERATURE

March 26, 1935

Miss Florence G. Tyler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Tyler:

Although I have an important scheduled engagement on the 13 of May, I shall try and arrange to meet with the Ginling Committee in New York if I can possibly change this previous date. Will you let me know the exact time and place of the Ginling meeting?

My memories of Ginling are all delightful ones: including a very beautiful Easter service in the gardens of the old school with the moon gates. The new buildings were just going up when I was there last. In 1938 I hope to visit China again.

Any service I may be able to render the college will be gladly offered. Twelve years on the faculty of a college in Turkey and visits to many such schools in India, China and Japan give me the conviction that they render a great and much needed service.

Cordially yours,  
*S. Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . . . New York, N. Y.

September 10, 1935

Professor S. Ralph Harlow  
Pierce Hall, Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Harlow:

I have been planning to write to you in some detail after having a talk with Miss Li Dzi-djen. She is presumably spending September in freedom from formal obligations and when I last saw her in Vermont we promised ourselves an hour together sometime this month. Meanwhile, it may be that you have heard directly and suitably from Miss Li, who is definitely in your debt because of the guidance which you gave her in the Spring.

As I saw Miss Li at Wellesley in June, heard from her and from Dean Platt in July, and saw her again at Aloha in August, there was no doubt in my mind that the summer was proving to contain some of the rewards you had hoped. I was especially impressed with the quality of the experience at the Gulick camp, where I had the unexpected pleasure of witnessing two days' events at the end of the season, and where I found beauties of an unusual sort, particularly in the music.

Another matter of interest to you has been dealt with in letters in this morning's mail from President Wu at Ginling. We had asked her opinion in regard to connecting the undergraduate gifts at Smith with the English Department at Ginling. She asks that this money continue to be given without designation, unless we are convinced of the wisdom of changing its object. She has, of course, the problem of dealing with a budget composed largely of designated gifts, and finds it of special value to receive as much as possible without limitation. This request from President Wu will strike a sympathetic cord in your heart, and I shall be glad to know just how I can best help you and your undergraduates to present Ginling most effectively this Autumn. We have a considerable amount of interesting recent news which I shall be glad to put into any form you direct: brief paragraphs, or one or two longer stories, such as that of the Dance Drama.

I am glad to feel that you and Mrs. Harlow will be coming back to Prospect Heights greatly refreshed by your weeks in the Southern highlands.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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November 16, 1935

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

Dear Miss Hodge;

I have tried to keep Mrs. Macmillan informed as to how matters stood here, and she has doubtless passed on my letters to you. But here is a summary to date.

Miss Kirk's letter is enclosed. I have written her that till I hear from her we shall take it for granted that she is not in need of funds. Possibly you will want to pass on her letter to Mrs. Roy. Have you any comments to make on Miss Kirk's plans for the winter and for next summer?

The S.C.A.C.W. tells me that they will plan to put on the Ginling College film at an early day and I have offered to speak at that time. I have talked to the Community Chest chairman, to President Neilson and to the S.C.A.C.W. as to the need of our keeping up our support of Ginling. I have also talked to all three members of the committee which controls special funds from which a special gift to Ginling might be made at this time. Mrs. Scales is the chairman of this committee, and I suggested to Mrs. Macmillan that it would not be unwise for her to write a note to Mrs. Scales telling her that the Founders were in hopes that she would respond to my suggestion that a special gift be made at this time from that fund.

If you have any suggestions to make, or any plan in which I might be of help, do not hesitate to let me know. I do hope that this committee will see its way clear to making a special gift of one hundred dollars at this time. That was my suggestion.

Cordially yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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ASSOCIATED  
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PROMOTION

November 18, 1935

My dear Mrs. Scales:

You may be aware that the Ginling Board of Founders has for some months hoped for a special gift from S.C.A.C.W. funds. This hope was born of information which came to us last spring that the S.C.A.C.W. had at interest a somewhat substantial amount of money. The budget situation at Ginling this year is in so acute a condition that we hesitate to put into words the exact truth about it. Knowing so well your interest in our sister college, I do not need to press this point farther. I am writing to you today as to one so closely in touch with the student groups at Smith College that you may be able to secure favorable action on this matter of a special gift.

There is another small matter which is delaying my dispatch of the special appeal for a memorial to Professor Wood. This is the printing of a letterhead which will carry the covering letter for the appeal. For this purpose I am working with Miss Hodge on a rephrasing of the Ginling letterhead, and I raise the question of whether we are correct in stating that the S.C.A.C.W. is the right designation for Smith cooperation in Ginling. Smith College gifts come, of course, from faculty members, from alumnae groups, from certain individual alumnae, and, most important of all, from the college chest in Northampton. Is this college chest under the supervision of the S.C.A.C.W.? It has been Miss Hodge's impression that it was, and mine that it is a student committee not a part of the S.C.A.C.W. Would it be correct to state under "Groups Cooperating", that the Smith College cooperation comes from "Faculty, Undergraduates, and Alumnae of Smith College". The granting of the absolute charter has given us an opportunity to reorganize the Board of Founders, and to rephrase many things including this matter of cooperation. I shall be very grateful if you will give me your judgment, by return mail if possible. We are especially eager to have the communications in the hands of Professor Wood's old students before Thanksgiving.

With deep appreciation of all that you are constantly doing to help us, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Laura Lord Scales, Warden  
Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

November 20, 1935

ASSOCIATED  
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PROMOTION

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I sent you yesterday the hurried note about the letter-head but I did not have the time to write about the possible contribution to the Ginling budget of which you wrote.

The special funds which are in the hands of the Advisory Board of the S.C.A.C.W. are **not** controlled by the students but are subject to the vote of a faculty committee who actually are, as I understand it, an incorporated group. These funds, the Alice Duryea Fund and the Alice Jackson Fund, are very small. Actually it is a rare year when from the two funds we can give away as much as \$150. I have talked with Virginia Corwin, who is the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, and this is the situation at present:

Normally that committee does not meet before February. There is a possibility that she may call a special meeting in December. If that special meeting is called, we can in December (if not then, in February) raise this question of a special gift to Ginling. Actually, it has been our practice for some years to vote gifts only once a year in June. Both Miss Corwin and I are inclined to feel that it is unwise for us to depart from that habit, for at that time we can have gathered together the various appeals that may be made to us, and it seems fairer than to take now this request, now that request, along the way.

I have talked with Mr. Harlow and told him frankly that I personally do not at the present moment feel inclined to think that the very small amount that we have to give from these S.C.A.C.W. funds should go to Ginling, for the reason that through the undergraduate chest, which is not now connected with the S.C.A., and through the alumnae, a very large proportion of our Smith College giving already goes to Ginling. I wonder whether it might seem a little narrow-minded to other worthy interests if we, so to speak, put all our eggs into one basket. You will, I know, understand that it is through no lack of interest in Ginling that I say this, and I would even have a somewhat different point of view if the funds which we have to vote were not so pitifully small for the things one would wish to aid. Miss Corwin will bring up Ginling's request at the next meeting of the Advisory Board and I do not know that the others will feel as I do about responding to your appeal. The members of the Advisory Committee are: Miss Virginia Corwin, Mr. A.T. Jones, Miss Leona Gabel, Miss Florence Lyon, Miss Dorothy Fosdick, Mr. Burns Chalmers.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

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May 14, 1936

Miss Florence G. Tyler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tyler:

I regret that duties here make it impossible for me to get down to New York for the meeting tomorrow. Is there any chance of my seeing Dr. Wu during her stay in America?

Mrs. Harlow and I hope to make a visit to Ginling at the time of my sabbatical which comes in 1938. It is necessary for us to make our plans well in advance, for in case we are unable to visit China we plan to spend the entire year in the Near East and Europe. We feel that if we could have a few months in China at Ginling teaching, it would enable us to render much greater service to the college in the future.

In case Dr. Wu is to make even a brief stay in Northampton Mrs. Harlow and I would want very much to have her as our guest for at least part of that visit. My last visit at Ginling was back in 1922.

Very sincerely yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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Acad. - May 19, 1936 -

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NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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1936  
May 14, ~~1935~~

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

Dear Miss Griest;

I have been out of town doing some speaking, hence this delay in answering your recent letters.

The summer conference at which I wish the Ginling film might be shown is the Northfield Girls Conference. To this conference come some four hundred girls from the wealthy preparatory and finishing schools of the East. The Masters School at Dobbs Ferry send 40 or 50 girls to this conference, and other schools of that type send large delegations. I am to be at the conference and speak twice as well as lead a Round Table group. I would be very glad to say something in connection with the showing of the film. The person to reach in connection with this conference is Miss Henrietta Thompson, The Northfield League, New York City. You can find the address in a New York City telephone book. I take it for granted that the film will be shown at the National Council meetings of the Congregational church to be held in South Hadley at Mt. Holyoke College late in June, at about the same time or a little earlier than the Northfield Girls Conference.

Then it might be well to ask Miss Katherine Duffield, of the National Council of the Student Y.W.C.A., whose address is 600 Lexington Avenue, New York City, whether the film could be shown at some of the student conferences, especially at Silver Bay. There will be over 300 students from the Eastern women's colleges at the Silver Bay conference. Miss Duffield could suggest other conferences where the film might be shown.

My suggestion about Scripps-Pomona was to the effect that Scripps is a new college with wealthy girls. Pomona, which is also in the same town used to contribute to the International College in Turkey. This college has ceased to exist. If someone on the Pacific coast could make a contact with these two colleges we might hope to secure some help from them for Ginling. Dr. Edmunds, the president of Pomona was for many years a missionary in China at Canton Christian College.

Very cordially yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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Scripps and Pomona are in Claremont Cal. The president of Scripps is a former classmate of mine, Ernest Jacquith.

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Ans. 15 July 1936  
16 July 1936

Sat. June 27  
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Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

This is just a few lines to tell you that I am very happy indeed to hear of the splendid way Mrs. Macmillan spoke for Girding at Smith, then Miss Crossman's not going turned out to be a blessing to Girding.

In answer to your question about the \$2000 held in Smith as a special fund for Girding, I would suggest not to rush through the plan made by Miss Priest, that is, to secure it as a revolving fund at the College to tide over the summer months. My reasons are that as the building is going on for the Faculty House, Miss Priest may be able to shift some of that to meet the immediate need; because the payments in construction are made by installments. So I agree with you that we should try to have the thing carefully considered and approved by the

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 people in Shanghai are afraid  
 that the silver may drop  
 again with the serious financial  
 difficulty of our Government, such  
 as the decrease in the Customs  
 because of smuggling. So, it  
 seems to me we better not get  
 the American money changed <sup>into silver</sup> ~~yet~~  
 when actually it may not be  
 of much help this summer.

I understand perfectly  
 your wish that I stay in the  
 States for a few weeks in the  
 fall, but I can't have any  
 opinion now until I get the  
 cables, which must come  
 any time now. As I wrote  
 you before, I'll cable the message  
 to you immediately.

Oliver Spicer is coming to  
 take me over the week-end. Kindly  
 excuse such poor handwriting. Sincerely,  
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OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

June 29, 1936  
ASSOCIATED  
BOARDS  
PROMOTION

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have read the letters which you sent from the Ginling group and their desire to have immediately the two thousand dollars which is here earmarked for Ginling. Apparently there are one or two things which we had not made clear. The two thousand dollars was set aside by the Smith College Association for Christian Work at the time when the promise was made to Ginling that the Christian Association would contribute two thousand dollars a year toward the salary of an English professor, with the understanding that one year's notice would be given should the support be withdrawn. The money is, therefore, not something which can be put by any one into a general Ginling fund as things stand at present. Even though our student Community Chest took over from the S.C.A.C.W. the paying of the salary of an English professor, the assumption is that that reserve fund should be held against the emergency that the Community Chest may not function. Actually this deposit in the bank is not controlled by Mr. Hyde or any of us officers of the college; it is actually, as I understand it, in the hands of the Student Christian Association as the successors of those who made the original pledge.

I am sure that none of this would hold water legally, but at any rate it is an honest situation from the point of view of all of us at Smith to make sure that Ginling is not let down in its English Department.

If you wish that money this year, it seems to me that this is the only way in which it could be handled: early in October we might call a meeting of the student President and Treasurer of the S.C.A.C.W., Mr. Hyde, possibly one or more of the faculty advisory committee of the S.C.A.C.W., and, if you thought wise, of either Mr. Harlow or some other member of the Ginling committee. If Ginling wished to sign a release to the Smith College Association for Christian Work of its pledge in connection with the English professor, this group to be assembled next October might recommend to the Christian Association to vote the money immediately to Ginling, and I do not doubt that the Christian Association would then be ready to do so. You will see that as it is, there is no one here who has the legal right to touch that money during the summer. At least this is the way we all understand it.

I shall not be in the office after the seventh of July for perhaps six weeks, but I shall be back long before there is any chance, as Mr. Hyde and I see it, of taking up this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Ginling College Committee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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SMITH COLLEGE  
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October 26, 1936

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I had hoped I might have a chance to speak with you when you were here, about this question of the fund in our savings bank which was put aside for Ginling. In the spring you wrote as if you would like to have the question brought up in the fall as to whether that total fund could be handed over to Ginling. You will remember that I wrote you that the handing out of that fund would be dependent on a vote of the S.C.A.C.W. cabinet. Do you still want to have that question raised? Of course there is a very definite understanding on the part of Ginling which we should have to ask for if we were to consider turning over the sum. You will remember that the amount has been kept in the bank since originally the Christian Association agreed to pay \$2,000 to Ginling yearly and to give a year's notice if it wished to discontinue such payment. The \$2,000 has been held as a safeguard on that promise. Later the student Community Chest committee took over from the Christian Association the payment of the yearly sum to Ginling and also raised the amount, although I think the amount pledged for a possible intervening year was not raised. If this money were to be withdrawn from the bank and given to Ginling, we should have to have a written release from Ginling both for the Christian Association and for the Community Chest committee from the guarantee of a year's notice should we wish to stop making the annual payment.

*from \$2000*

Perhaps you had a chance to talk with Dr. Wu about this in the short time that she was in this country. I will await your word before taking the matter up at all.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
Ginling College Committee  
150 Fifth Avenue  
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April 10th, 1937

Miss Florence G. Tyler,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tyler:

You have me on the spot with your questions. Frankly I do not know the answers. Nor did I suspect that I was supposed to keep all this on tap.

I have written to all these young women and offered them advice from time to time and read their letters. I have sent on to Miss Hodge such information as seemed essential when any question was raised. Recently I had a talk with Miss Hoffsommer in Philadelphia and Mrs. Harlow and I have invited her to visit us in Northampton, which she hopes to do later in the spring.

I secured from Miss Hodge a statement of the amount allowed for study while on furlough and sent this word to all three of these young women. I had supposed that Miss Kirk was back at Ginling by this time, having spent a summer of study in England. Why she did not draw the full \$200 allowed her I do not know as she did not inform me that she would not need all of this sum.

In case you need the information you ask in your letter I shall be glad to secure it if you will give me the addresses of Miss Kirk and Miss Mossman. I have that of Miss Hoffsommer.

Cordially yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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P.S. Please let me know exactly what information you wish me to secure in case you need these facts.

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MISS M. E. HODGE

May 7th, 1937

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,  
Board of Founders of Ginling College,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Hodge:

This is a matter of great importance to me and I trust that you will be able to secure a few minutes with the Associated Boards to raise the question at the meetings next week. Due to the fact that I have four important classes on Tuesday, and that our term ends in another week, I am unable to get down to New York before Wednesday, when I am giving three cuts, in order to attend the Ginling meeting.

You may remember my talking with you about the offer of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Although it is their rule not to make any public statement of an appointment till within a few months of the sailing of the visiting professor, they have been willing that I raise the question with the Associated Boards as to my visitation to China in the fall of 1938.

Naturally I would be glad to visit the Christian colleges of our Associated Boards. On my visit to China in 1922 I lectured in about twenty colleges including Ginling, Canton, Foochow, Peking, Nanking, Swatow and other places.

Mrs. Harlow and I plan to sail in the summer of 1938, about a year hence, for China. We would like to spend at least two or three months in China, one of those months at Ginling. If we could secure an invitation to the conference that fall we would include that in our schedule. Dr. Wu urged me to be at that conference, which, as I remember, is to be held at Hangchow the fall of 1938.

What I need is a statement from some of the colleges as to whether they would welcome such a visit. The Carnegie group will appoint me as a visiting professor and pay our travel. They will write directly to the institutions I name. They prefer to have us spend a few days at the institutions we visit talking with groups and giving lectures in the realm of international friendship and peace. That is a field in which I have been interested for many years. Mrs. Harlow and I have been in Geneva many times and I was director of the International Student Union there one summer. At Smith I have a course in this field and have attended many conferences in Europe. I went to China as a delegate to the World's Student Christian Federation Conference at Peking in 1922.

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Can you find out from the representatives of the other colleges how many of the Boards are willing to write to their Chinese leaders informing them of this possible visit and letting me know to whom the Carnegie people ought to write?

I am making plans to spend some weeks in India and the Near East on this trip. But I have many contacts in those lands and will make my own plans. In many of the colleges in China I have friends, especially at Ginling, Fukien University at Foochow, at Canton Christian College (I do not recall its present name), and at Peking and Nanking Universities.

You may use the enclosed letter, but please be very careful to keep it and let me have it on Wednesday at our meeting.

If you can let me have some reply to this general question on Wednesday I shall greatly appreciate your cooperation. It might be that I could render some service in this investigation into the problem of the secularization of our Christian colleges in China while I am there. As you know we went through that process in our colleges in Turkey some years ago, and I was a member of the faculty of two colleges there for ten years and know how difficult that problem is for a missionary institution.

Very cordially yours,

S. Ralph Harlow  
S. Ralph Harlow

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CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

Nicholas Murray Butler  
Director

Henry S. Haskell  
Assistant to the Director

Division of  
Intercourse and Education  
405 West 117th Street  
New York City

May 4, 1937

Professor S. Ralph Harlow  
Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

My dear Professor Harlow:

I have your letter of yesterday. As you know, it takes a long time to carry on correspondence with the Orient and the Near East. For this reason, it is desirable that we send our formal letters to the institutions to which you are to be accredited as far in advance as possible. We are quite willing to have you determine the institutions to which these letters are to be sent and shall be glad to have you send us as soon as you have made out your definite itinerary the name of each institution with the full address of the officer to whom it would be appropriate for us to write and the approximate period of your stay at each. We can then put the machinery into motion. I understand from your letter that the tentative itinerary about which we corresponded some time ago will be considerably changed when it is completed.

I am glad to know that your department has granted you leave of absence.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Henry S. Haskell

Assistant to the Director

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May 7, 1937

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow  
Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

My dear Dr. Harlow:

I am enclosing a copy of the docket for the Ginling meeting together with the covering letter which requires reading.

In addition to that I am asking you to note Item 17 Faculty and under that Faculty questions, C, the question which has been raised on the field about Miss Florence Kirk's study. There seems to be a bit of feeling that Ginling should not be paying study grants to enable faculty to travel. Now some of us feel rather strongly that in the case of an English teacher there is no graduate work which would be any more valuable than travel in England through the haunts and surroundings in which English literature was made. The atmosphere and background which can be obtained through such travel are of inestimable value in the teaching of English. I think that should be recorded in some way in our minutes. I am suggesting that you be prepared to open up this subject and any other questions you have relating to study grants, and then perhaps be prepared with a brief recommendation that for English teachers travel in England for background and atmosphere is equal to ~~graduate~~ graduate study, or any way you would like to word it. I do think this should be understood and I cannot understand how it should raise any question on the field. I myself had a long talk with Miss Kirk, and, having done the thing which she contemplated, was able to give her a great many suggestions concerning it.

Very sincerely yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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*S. Ralph Harlow*

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MISS M. E. HODGE

May 31, 1937

My dear Miss Hodge:

In early May I wrote to Dr. Garside and to you in regard to my proposed trip to the Far East the fall of 1938. The Carnegie people would like to send out letters soon. In my letter I asked for names of heads of institutions to whom letters should go.

Thus far I have had no reply from Dr. Garside nor any other word save the one you gave me in New York. Meanwhile I have made out my own list and sent it to the Carnegie committee. In case the Associated Boards do wish me to include their colleges on my visit I would like some word from them as to whom they wish me to contact. On my own list I have already included some of these institutions, such as Ginling, Fukien, Lignan and Shanghai.

Cordially yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*

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

P.S. In my letter to you of May 7th I stated more fully the objective of this trip.

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June 3, 1937

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JUN 11 1937  
MISS M. E. HODGE

Professor S. Ralph Harlow  
Smith College  
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Harlow:

Miss Hodge's secretary has quoted to me from your letter to Miss Hodge dated May 31st. You remind us that we have failed to write to you as we should have done before this, telling you of the actions taken by the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. Due to the pressure of work growing out of the Annual Meeting and my absence from the office for a few days our correspondence has gotten sadly behind.

At the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards the following action was taken:-

- "VOTED that the Associated Boards is glad to recognize the great value to our Colleges of a possible visit to each one of them during 1938-39 by Professor S. Ralph Harlow, Professor in the Department of Religion and Biblical Literature at Smith College;
- "(2) that the Associated Boards asks the Executive Committee, in cooperation with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, to communicate with each one of the twelve colleges giving the facts of Professor Harlow's proposed visit to China, with an indication of the nature of the services he is prepared to render; and
- "(3) that the Chairman and Secretary serve in clearing the replies from the Colleges in conference with Professor Harlow on matters of primary importance to the program of Christian higher education in China."

I would like to get off to the Presidents of each of our Colleges in the China mail closing next Monday, June 7th, more detailed information as to the plans for your trip to China, and some suggestion as to the dates when you might be able to visit the various Colleges. As indicated in the action quoted above, each one of our twelve Colleges would be very happy to have a visit from you while you are in China. If this is asking too much of you, please indicate about how many you would be able to visit while you are in the Far East.

Would it be in order and helpful for our office to send some communication to the Carnegie Committee in regard to this matter? If so, I would be grateful if you would give some indication as to what we should say, and to whom we should write.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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SMITH COLLEGE

NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION AND BIBLICAL LITERATURE

August 24, 1937

Dear Miss Griest:

Thank you for the news which I have shared with others at Smith. What terrible days these are - what days to prove anew to our hearts and minds that the world needs Christ's way of life.

China is on all our hearts. Perhaps one lesson out of this terrible tragedy will be a close-up picture of what modern war is like, and so awaken a deeper determination to avoid it. But a society built upon the economic foundations on which ours is reared invites war.

If a meeting of the Board of Founders or the Executive Committee is important at this time I will make every possible effort to come to New York. I am to be there anyway on September 18 and Oct 16 and 18. If you plan one could you keep those dates in mind?

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph Harlow

Miss Rebecca Griest,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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September 30, 1937

My dear Miss Greist:

I regret exceedingly that it is impossible for me to get away from duties here for that dinner to Dr. Hsu. But I was very glad that it was possible for me to induce President Neilson to go down in time for the dinner. I have suggested that he try and get Dr. Hsu here at Smith.

Let me add that I am in complete agreement with the other matter of which you wrote me last week. I would be in favor of a more drastic stand taken by our Associated Boards in the form of a dignified but forthright protest to the Japanese Government against the bombing of non-combatants and against the invasion of a non-aggressor nation. I would have this protest presented to the Japanese embassy at Washington.

Cordially yours,

*Ralph Harlow*

I would be careful to express friendliness for the Japanese people in this protest.

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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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April 8, 1938

Dear Miss Griest:

I had a good talk with Miss Li yesterday and it is my judgment that she would like to go to Pendle Hill this summer and also to the Westminster Choir School Conference at Northfield. This seems to me an excellent combination and would seem to fit in with her own ideas.

These have been hard days for her, as they have for anyone who loves China. I hope that as soon as China opens up, and outsiders would no longer be in the way, that Mrs. Harlow and I can go out to Ginling for an entire college year. I have that in mind.

Cordially yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*

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

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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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March 23, 1938

Dear Miss Greist:

I have been down in Pennsylvania for several days lecturing at Pennsylvania State College. College is closed for vacation and I have been unable to get in touch with Miss Li. As soon as college reopens I shall talk with her and find out what she would like to do this summer. Probably she has already written to you by this time. She seems to be having a good year here at Smith and we have enjoyed having her at the house and taking her out to several suppers at the Chinese restaurant. It must be very hard to be happy with China in such distress.

Tomorrow I leave town for two weeks and will write you as soon as I have a chance to talk with Miss Li.

Can you suggest any special colleges in India under your Board which Mrs. Harlow and I might find especially worth-while visiting and where we might find a welcome? We are scheduled to visit Isabella Thoburn College.. We shall be in India from Nov 16 to Feb 5, 1939.

Cordially yours,

S. Ralph Harlow

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York  
15 June 1938

Dear Mrs. Scales:

This letter of mine is addressed to you, because it has to be addressed to someone, and you have joined in our previous discussions of the Ginling programs on the Smith Commencement calendar. Moreover, we think of you as being our most valuable next-of-kin on the Smith campus, constantly having at heart the plans we make for support of our sister college. This letter will, however, reach you at a very busy season, and there is no reason why you should not now put it at the bottom of that pile of correspondence on your desk, to be read through after Commencement is over. We shall not be taking up within the next ten days any radical future change in the setting of the Ginling meeting during the Commencement days.

I had the good fortune this last Sunday, June 12, of being one of two hundred people who gathered at Oberlin for the Shansi Breakfast. It was an occasion deeply moving to me, and certainly so to many others of the two hundred. It was only — I was told — by very careful management that the attendance was kept down to the number I have mentioned. The setting is the generous lawn at the rear of one of the Oberlin College residences.

The breakfast was served in cafeteria fashion, the menu consisting of tomato juice, tiny sausages and scrambled eggs, rolls and coffee. It was done well and expeditiously. There appeared to be about twenty students helping. Breakfast and program took just an hour and a quarter. The hour set was eight o'clock, and I was very much impressed by the fact that the two hundred people gathered well before the hour. This is partly due, of course, to the fact that a great many come with the hope of seeing friends from abroad whom they have not seen for a long time, men and women who have served in Shansi, and a generous sprinkling of missionaries on furlough.

I am well aware of the differences between the Oberlin-Shansi relationship and the Smith-Ginling cooperation. On the other hand, I feel that we have at our command sources of real inspiration, which will grow richer and richer as the years pass, and such an early morning gathering as the one at Oberlin may sometime seem to be one which is adapted also to our needs at Smith. There is no way of my overstating the impressiveness of the experience I had last Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mrs. Robert L. Scales  
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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

June 27, 1938

My dear Miss Griest:

You will receive or have received a check for \$100 from Mr. Kraushaar. This was voted by the Advisory Committee of the Smith College Association for Christian Work for emergency use at this time by Ginling College. My understanding of that is that it may be used to aid needy Ginling students or that it may be used by Ginling in its relief work as is most satisfactory to your committee or to Dr. Wu and the people there. I am glad to think that this sum will perhaps seem larger in its usefulness there than it does here. At any rate it is an expression of interest and appreciation on the part of our committee, at this unhappy time in Ginling's history.

It was pleasant to see you again and I hope you have learned the way to Smith so that we may see you next year.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

Miss Rebecca W. Griest  
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New York, N. Y.

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Room 903,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, New York.  
June 28, 1938.

My dear Mrs. Scales:

I was most surprised when I received for Ginling on Saturday morning the check for \$100.00 from the Trustees of the Smith College Association for Christian Work. Smith has been so very generous this year that this seemed an overflowing of the cup of their interest in and kindness to Ginling.

Mr. Kraushaar's note said, "This money may be used in whatever way is most desirable for the advancement of the work of Ginling." It seemed to us here that this money could well go to needed scholarships or to the much needed work Miss Vautrin will continue to do in 1938-39 for women and girls on the Ginling campus. As we assume this is a gift not likely to be repeated we thought that possibly it should be assigned to the refugee work on the campus for which we hope there will be no need to seek again for funds in 1939-40. Need for money for this work is very pressing. Scholarship needs will long be with us I fear.

From your letter this morning it appears satisfactory to assign it to either of the two things we discussed here on Saturday. If you feel that the scholarship need is a bit more preferable to the group at Smith, it can be re-assigned to that. The receipt has been made out for "Refugee Work on the Ginling Campus", but could easily be changed on the books.

I enjoyed so much the few hours at Smith. I put away in my memory pictures to recall when I am old or sick, and your beautiful alumnae house is now in that gallery. How good it was to have Ginling have the privilege of holding the meeting on the day after its dedication.

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales,  
Warden, Smith College,  
Northampton, Massachusetts.

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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

July 2, 1938

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have used the time that you so kindly allowed me in your letter before replying to it. Even now I really have very little to say. I have talked with Florence Snow about your interest in a gathering like the Oberlin-Shansi breakfast. Just now none of us is in the state of brains or tranquility that makes it seem wise to try to make plans for next Commencement. In the fall we shall begin to do this and then will take up again the matter of your letter.

I might perhaps tell you now that two things impress Florence and me. One is the trials of this climate in connection with outdoor food ; and second, the doubtful wisdom of having two days running-- that is, Saturday noon and again Sunday morning--a picky type of meal. However, we will discuss the whole plan for the Sunday morning meeting, for now that we have the Alumnae House obviously some changes can be made. Wasn't that a splendid meeting this year? I think I never remember a bigger one.

I hope you are going to have a nice holiday this summer. I am about to start on mine.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
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SMITH COLLEGE  
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OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

February 13, 1940

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am sorry that there has been any momentary crossing of wires between Mrs. Cotton, your central office and myself. However, as any correspondence between Mrs. Cotton and myself was dealing mostly with question marks, I think that our way now is quite clear.

I should assume with you that if we can have a talk from Mrs. Thomson some time in the spring that that is our best plan in terms of another speaker, at least a speaker to Assembly. We should, of course, like very much to have Miss Gao visit our campus for a few days so that she may take back with her some knowledge of her sister college. She could probably arrange to come here almost at her convenience at any time up to June first. (Our spring vacation is from March 20 to April 4.) It may be that a small group like the Cabinet or some other small group might like to have an informal discussion or talk with her. That would probably be very simple to plan whenever Miss Gao comes.

Would you like to have me communicate directly with Mrs. Thomson about coming here for some Wednesday Assembly, when we get our plans for all spring assemblies straightened out, or shall I work entirely through your office? Of course, Mrs. Thomson will have a form of introduction to us, through her two daughters, that will be very pleasant.

Mr. Neilson suggested to me that we might copy Oberlin and have at some time a full page of the "Weekly" given over to Ginling news as Oberlin did to Shansi at the time when it had a sister college day. I have talked a little with the "Weekly" editor and she likes the idea, especially if we can time the appearance of a "Weekly" page with some such thing as a speaker here. Probably we should turn to you for last-minute news and perhaps a picture or two when the time comes. This and a talk from Mrs. Thomson in the same week would go well together.

This week we are in the midst of a new drive for our Community Chest, which did not come up to scratch in the fall, together with a drive for some help for the International Student Service, so at the moment I cannot see beyond this week for making plans. Hence, I realize that I sound rather vague. I do hope, however, that we can have a visit from Miss Gao and from Mrs. Thomson before the year is out.

Sincerely yours

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
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New York City

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Harlow House

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To the Ginling Alumnae in America:

There has come to us the pleasant necessity of getting in immediate touch with the Ginling alumnae in America, in order to put a question to them and secure their replies.

Our good friends, Professor and Mrs. Ralph Harlow of Smith College, have offered to the Ginling alumnae their home in Northampton, Massachusetts, for the summer - that is, from about June twentieth until mid-September. Mr. and Mrs. Harlow are to be away for the entire summer. The only expense attached to this privilege will be a total cost of about \$10 for electricity and water. The house will comfortably accommodate five girls in single rooms, or seven girls, if two of the rooms are used as double bedrooms. It is delightfully located on land fifteen minutes' walk from the center of Northampton and Smith College, and high enough to be cool. It is within walking distance of lovely woodland, and within a ten minute bus ride of a fine swimming pool and more extensive woods. All furnishings would be left for the use of the Ginling group. Excellent grocery stores are within walking distance.

You will appreciate what a splendid offer of friendly hospitality this is. The only immediate requirement is that we must make our definite reply to the Harlows within the next three weeks. If Ginling cannot use the house, other friends will be promised it for the summer. Whether or not you are interested, will you not return the enclosed sheet soon?

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan  
for the Founders

Alumnae to whom this inquiry is being mailed

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SMITH COLLEGE  
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February 24, 1940

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I saw Mrs. Thomson when she was here at the Alumnae Council and I have talked with her about coming here for Assembly. She is very nice about saying that she will come either this spring or next fall. I have talked with one or two others here and we are inclined to think that it may be more helpful to have her next fall when we again start on our annual Community Chest drive than it would be this spring when things are dying down in terms of a drive. So, unless you disapprove, I think that we probably will leave the matter at that and try to arrange for some date in the fall for Mrs. Thomson.

You know, I presume, that we have completed the money for the regular Community Chest, which possibly means that you have already received our second installment for Ginling, and that we have also raised a handsome sum for the International Student Service. We are all feeling more self-respecting and much happier.

Probably, Mary Storm will go off as Community Chest chairman some time in the spring and a new organization will be set up. May I, for the time being, leave unanswered your question about Ginling material for the "Weekly", as well as for the Community Chest committee? We are planning a reorganization of the chest group and I think that I can write you more intelligently later. That full page for the "Weekly", about which I wrote you, will not be wanted this winter term. Thank you always for your help.

Sincerely yours

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

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7 March 1940

Dear Mr. Harlow:

In our correspondence with Ginling Alumnae on the subject of your house for the summer, we have already discovered two girls who are definitely interested, one who is to register in the Smith College School of Social Work and the other is a physicist who would be using the library, and has already secured permission for this courtesy from Miss Dunham and Miss Analew. We are now sending out reminders to the other girls who may be interested, and Miss Hodge will hope to write to you rather definitely before long.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EBM:ds

Professor S. Ralph Harlow  
307 Prospect Heights  
Northampton Massachusetts

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SMITH COLLEGE  
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May 21, 1940

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

We shall be very glad to celebrate Ginling's twenty-fifth anniversary along with the rest of you next fall.

As soon as we can hear from you which date in November is being chosen, we will try to set apart the nearest Wednesday for a Ginling Assembly and, unless you have other designs on her, would it not be a good time for us to have Mrs. Thompson here for the speaker on that day?

I think that we could plan to have the "Weekly" carry its big Ginling page, about which you and I have talked, at that time and possibly we could have somewhere on exhibition various pictures or memorabilia from Ginling. Probably that would about coincide with the beginning of our Community Chest drive, and that would work out well. With Sue Lobenstine acting in the joint capacity of Ginling representative on the S. C. A. Cabinet and on the Community Chest Board, I have the hope that we are better set up this coming year for an interest in Ginling than we have been for sometime.

There may be other suggestions which Florence Snow and I can work out when we know a little bit more about the actual time. The only risk on dates that I can see in early November is as to whether naturally our Assembly following election day on Tuesday should be a national or political one.

Thank you for writing me.

Sincerely yours

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W. L. Scales, Warden

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*ack. 4/7/40. Will send to Mr. Evans financial*

*statement.*

*Vautrin has landed, tired. None of us has seen her yet.*

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NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
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MISS M. E. HODGE

May 31, 1940

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

Dear Miss Hodge;

*copied & sent to Mr. Evans 6/7/40*

My expenses to the Ginling meeting in New York was \$7.00. If you will send this amount to me out of the fund for such expenses I will return it with something added toward the fund for Minnie Vautrin. Meanwhile I am sending out letters to various people from whom I hope you will get something for this fund.

We are also making a collection of books here for Ginling and these will be ready for Mrs. Macmillan when she is next in Northampton.

I have a dear friend whose daughter has just died. The daughter was a beloved student of mine, a young woman of great faith and courage. It has been a sad but triumphant experience for those of us who loved her. Her funeral service is to be tomorrow which was to have been her wedding day. She has some very lovely clothing which her mother would like to share with others. I think that she was about the same size as Miss Vautrin. Can you let me have an address to which this mother could send some of this clothing for Miss Vautrin, much of it will be new. I will

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write Miss Vautrin and tell her something of the girl to whom this belonged. It will give significance to it all and Rosemary would rejoice that anything of hers could be put to so high a service.

It is hard to wake up these days in such a world, and to continue to sing, "This is my Father's world", requires great faith and a long look ahead - at least long for us poor mortals. Minnie Vautrin should have a real and needed message for America today.

Cordially yours,

*Ralph Harlow*  
S. Ralph Harlow

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June 4, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan;

As I am to be away for some days at the New England Student Conference I did want to get off a line to you. I have asked that books for Ginling be left at the Chalmers home. Also I have asked for good victrola records. If any are turned in I shall see that these are waiting for you at the Chalmers or at your mothers. I also asked for two portable victrolas. Whether anything will come of these requests remains to be seen. I have learned to be not too optimistic where college students leaving for home are concerned.

Also I have sent out to numerous friends of China a special letter asking for help for Minnie Vautrin. I hope that some checks will come in.

Cordially,

Ralph Halow

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,  
New York City.

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3900 East Pine Street,  
Seattle, Washington

July 1, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan;

Your letter was forwarded to me here at Seattle where we are spending two weeks with our son and his wife, and I am giving some lectures at the University.

Marion and I had a long visit with our old friends Dr. and Mrs. Walter Hiltner. I knew her as Frederica Mead and knew him back in college days and later met both of them in China. Minnie Vautrin was in their home on her way east and Dr. Hiltner's report of her condition worries me. Mrs. Hiltner feels sure that she will make a good come-back, but Dr. Hiltner gives no such assurance. I hope and pray that she may fully recover. Last week I sent Miss Hodge \$60 more for Miss Vautrin. Marion and I are also meeting a Smith group here and I am telling them something about Smith and Ginling.

Do give our affectionate greetings to your dear mother. We have come to have a very real love for her. And always count us among your friends. What you say goes very much to my heart.

Ralph Harlow

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October 7, 1942

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills,  
Ginling College Rooms,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I shall be glad to serve on the Committee on Personnel and Educational Advice, and will make an effort to come to New York for committee meetings when they are on a day that I can get away.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are almost impossible for me to be away from the college but the end of the week is easier and as a rule I can make it.

Last night Madame Chu Shih gave an excellent talk here to a large audience in John M. Greene Hall. She paid high tribute to Ginling, of which she is a graduate. The news report makes no mention of this part of her talk, though she stressed the relationship between Ginling and Smith. Reporters are so dumb at times. This was of local significance, but he did not grasp it.

Cordially yours,

S. Ralph Harlow

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SMITH COLLEGE  
NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

September 3, 1943

My dear Mrs. Mills:

It is very good news to hear that Doctor Wu will try to give us a good visit in October. On Wednesday morning, the 13th, we do have our Student Assembly at 8:30 in the morning. We should, therefore, be glad if Doctor Wu could reach here on the 12th, then we shall be glad to have her stay as long as possible, certainly until Monday, the 18th. When she arrives on the 12th, we shall plan to have her go immediately to our college guest room in Ellen Emerson House, unless I write you to the contrary later. The weekend of the 15th is our Trustee meeting weekend.

The Assembly is a required Assembly of the whole student body to which some faculty also come. We use the occasion for the chance to keep the student body together and informed on all sorts of college matters through the President, the Dean, or one of the faculty, and to give them some outside speaker who for one reason or another would bring something of interest to the whole college. The Assemblies on October 13th and 20th are planned as part of the drive which the students put on for the Student Service Fund, and I need not tell you that Ginling is one of the main causes for which they work. Our students know the background of Ginling fairly well and they know about the long trek to Changtu. It seems to me that the thing that would be the most interesting to them would be a picture of the daily life of the students at Ginling, the conditions under which they do their studying and laboratory work, and perhaps a little about their summer work in rural districts. I mean this as a suggestion of the kind of picture of Ginling which would be of value to them rather than to set a hard and fast outline.

We will be in communication again, of course, and I won't go now into details about Doctor Wu's actual arrival. We will plan to leave her mornings free so that she can go to the Day School, the Library, or see people in offices as she may wish, and in the late afternoons or evenings perhaps we can arrange for some small groups of students or faculty to have a chance to talk with her.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W. L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W.L. Scales, Warden

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SMITH COLLEGE  
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OFFICE OF THE WARDEN

October 29, 1943

My dear Doctor Wu:

I do not forget that you asked me if I could get for you the per capita cost for each student of ours.

I talked with the Treasurer and find that he has not made up the figures since the year 1940 - 41. For that year our total income from each student was \$1,238.17, and our total expense for each student was \$1,219.61. This means that in that year we had a margin of \$18.56. However, that margin includes an allowance from a variety of sources. Actually students themselves paid that year 85 52/100<sup>per cent</sup> of their total cost. I hope that this gives you the information which is helpful to you.

We have, besides Invested Funds, a contribution each year from the Alumnae Office as well as some incidental income from scholarships, etc., which raises our total income for each girl.

It was certainly a delight to have you here and I hope that you did not go away worn out. At any rate, you must have realized that Smith College counts itself your home in this country and hopes that you will always come here and feel at home on our campus. For me personally it was a great pleasure to see you.

Sincerely yours,

*Laura W.L. Scales*

Mrs. Laura W.L. Scales, Warden

Dr. Yi-fang Wu  
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Ginling College  
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April 25th, 1944

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills,  
Board of Founders,  
Ginling College,  
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I wish to submit my resignation as a member of the Board of Founders of Ginling College and beg that some other member of the Smith faculty be elected to take my place. It is my opinion that Professor Burns Chalmers would be a good selection. As chaplain he is in close contact with the Smith Christian Association and all the religious activities of the campus.

Mrs. Harlow and I have been accepted as members of a Reconstruction Unit which plans to leave for Greece as soon as that unhappy country is freed of its enemies. We expect to be gone for at least a year, and I feel that some other person can better represent Smith College on this important Board of Founders.

My interest in Ginling goes back over many years, and Mrs. Harlow and I hope that we may yet return to China for another visit to Ginling. Meanwhile our interest in China and our prayers that God's richest blessings may rest upon ~~the Christian~~ the Christian leadership of that great people will continue warm and steadfast.

I regret that I have been able to render so little service to the cause of Ginling in these recent years and hope that the time may come when I can be of some service to the college.

Let me add that the friendships with the the men and women of the Board have been of spiritual significance in my life and these friendly contacts will, I hope, continue through the years.

Very sincerely yours,

*S. Ralph Harlow*

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April 26, 1944

Dr. S. Ralph Harlow  
Smith College  
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Dr. Harlow:

I am sure that I express the feeling of the Ginling Board of Founders when I say that we are sorry indeed to receive your resignation and hope very much that you will consent to serve at least until you start to Greece. We trust your judgment and rely so heavily on your counsel that we are most reluctant to have you withdraw from our group until it becomes absolutely necessary.

However, I can understand that you would feel better not to have this responsibility when you are not in America, and so when the time comes to appoint your successor, the Ginling Board will welcome Mr. Burns Chalmers if he is the choice of the S.C.A.C.W. to fill this position. I am sure that you understand that this appointment is made by the Smith constituency, primarily the S.C.A.C.W., I believe, not by the Ginling Board of Founders.

I am very much interested in your plan to work in Greece and hope that you and Mrs. Harlow will find it a satisfying experience.

With grateful appreciation for your interest and support of Ginling given so generously during these past years, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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