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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE PRESBYTERIAN BOARD
Re
Catharine E. Sutherland

Born: October 30, 1893

Went to China: September 1918

Returned to America: July 1923

Resigned from Presbyterian Board: July 1925

After returning from furlough studied for a year or two,
then taught in Kentucky for a year
Appointed to Ginling: September 1926

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3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

June 30, 1926. ¹⁷₃₂₆
Recd. M. E. B. 7/4/26

Miss Elizabeth Bender,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, New York.

My dear Miss Bender,

I have been in
correspondence with Miss Mabel
Howell about Gmelin, and
since deciding to accept the
Committee's invitation to go out
this fall, she advises me to write
to you about further particulars.

May I say that with this
possibility in mind, I made
reservation early in the spring

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on the "President Adams", leaving
San Francisco August 12th. I made
this particular reservation (cabin
208, with Miss Mahel Hall of
the Presbyrian Board), in order
to be with some friends who are
going on that boat. If it is possible,
I should like to reclaim that reserva-
-tion.

I have been hoping for some
time to hear from Miss Graybill
something about the music work
at Gering. Mrs. Thurston wrote
early in the spring saying that
she (Miss Graybill) would write to
me. But I have had no word so far.

[3] Can you tell me where Miss Graybill is, so that I may get in touch with her, if possible?

Also, may I trouble you for Miss Contrim's address. She is in this country now, is she not?

I shall very much appreciate any help you can give me about getting ready, altho', having been in China before, I know some of the more general "do's & don'ts" that are helpful to those first going out.

Very sincerely yours,
Catherine P. Sutherland.

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3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

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June 30, 1926
Recd. M. E. B. 7/14/26

Miss Mabel K. Howell,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Howell,

Your telegram
and letter have both arrived, & I
am sorry to have caused you
so much trouble. I shall try to
go, & shall plan to leave my
original sailing date, so as to be
there on time. I am writing, as
you suggest, to Miss Bender,
who will no doubt tell me

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all that I need to know further.

I am interested to learn that one of the new singing people lives so near me, at Urbana, Illinois. I shall surely try to get in touch with her.

Thanking you very much again, and hoping that I may be able to do so some time in person, I am

Very sincerely yours,
Catharine E. Sutherland.

JUN 30 1926

July 8th, 1926

Miss Catherine Sutherland
3615 Botanical Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

You have no idea how happy I have been since receiving your letter of June 30th saying that you would go to China. I am glad you have written to Miss Bender. She will be so glad to make all further plans with you. I am delighted that you are going to be able to go because you have already been to China and know China and have rendered such a splendid service there. It will help a great deal in your work in Ginling.

I had not realized that you were so near to Urbana, Ill., and might come in touch with Miss Barber. I sincerely trust that you will be able to do so.

I am turning over all of the correspondence with reference to the Ginling faculty to Miss Mabelle McVeigh. I have been conducting the candidate correspondence for six months. I have accepted the Professorship of Foreign Missions in Scarritt College for Christian Workers, and beginning immediately will give the rest of my time to the work of the College.

I am grateful for the opportunity of coming in touch with you through correspondence, and I shall follow you through China with my prayers.

Yours very sincerely,

H:A

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Smiling etc.

JUL 17 1926⁵²⁷

Since no reply has come, I am taking the liberty of sending this note, thinking that my first note may not have arrived, & because the time left is now so short.

In my first letter I asked if you would also be kind enough to give me Miss Vautrin's address. I understood thru Mrs. Thurston that she was to be in this country.

In my other letter I also

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said that I had engaged
passage some time ago on
the Pres. Adams, leaving
San Francisco, August 14th.
If possible, I should like to
keep this same passage, because
it gets me to China in good time,
& because several of my friends
are on the same boat.

Thanking you in advance
for this help, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Catharine P. Sutherland.

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July 21, 1926

Mrs. Chas. K. Roys
Anderson Towers
Woodmont, Conn.

Dear Mrs. Roys:

You may know that Catharine Sutherland has decided to go to Ginling and will sail in August. Miss Hodge writes, "I had hoped that she would go on a more permanent basis than one year and wish pressure could be brought to bear on her to that effect. She seems to have opened her heart about personal matters to Mrs. Roys more than to anyone else and I wonder if she would be willing to write to Miss Sutherland about it. I will be glad to ask her if you approve."

In order to save time I am referring this to you instead of asking Miss Hodge to do it, feeling that she would approve of my doing so. I know that these are busy days for you and I shall understand if you say that you cannot do it. However, we should be glad to have you write to Miss Sutherland along the line that Miss Hodge has indicated if you can find time to do so. May I ask you to drop me a line letting me know whether you can do this or not? I want to take up the matter of contract with Miss Sutherland as soon as possible. She is booked to sail from San Francisco August 14th.

With all good wishes for you during these busy days and for the days to come,

Very sincerely yours,

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620 Lambuth Building
Nashville, Tennessee
April 3rd, 1926

Miss Catherine E. Sutherland
Hindman Settlement School
Hindman, Knott County, Ky.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

For some little time I have been handling the correspondence for Ginling College, and during that time through Miss Margaret Hodge and Miss Elizabeth Bender have become acquainted with your qualifications as a possible teacher of music in our Music Department at Ginling. Miss Hodge has spoken to me a number of times regarding you, and I have been keeping you on my list as an available and desirable candidate.

I wrote recently to the Ginling College Executive Committee to find out if they were going to be able financially to send a teacher of music this year. The reply has come through Miss Hodge that it does not seem financially possible. At the same time, there is a very, very great need at Ginling. I really don't see how we can get along this next year unless someone can go to fill the vacancy there. I am writing to you to ask if it would be possible for you to go, could you go as a self-supporting worker and meet this need. As you know, Miss Grabill has built up a splendid department, and it would be so distressing to have no one to carry on the work for this coming year while she is on furlough. I wish you would let me know whether such a thing would be possible. You seem to be our only hope to meet this great need in our present financial condition. I shall be most grateful to have a letter from you telling me whether it is possible.

Yours very sincerely,

H:A (Mabel K. Howell)

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May 6, 1926.

Miss Mabel K. Howell
620 Lambuth Bldg.
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Howell: Your letter has come asking whether I would be able to go to Guilford as a self supporting worker. I had not thought of going in that way, personally am not able to do so I know how hard the raising of funds is and should

be glad to say yes at once, if I could.

But I will say confidentially that it is possible that some of my family could pay at least the traveling expense, should they become interested in doing so. I am at present away from home, but expect to meet my family the end of this month, & it would be easier for us to talk the matter over than to write about it. I could probably let you know definitely by the end of the month. In the meantime, if you find anyone else who can go, please send them along, for my mother is not as well as she should be & I would in some ways welcome the chance to stay.

In haste,

Very sincerely yours,
Catherine E. Sutherland.

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In haste,

Very sincerely yours,
Catherine E. Sutherland.

May 18, 1926.

Miss Catherine E. Sutherland,
Hindman Settlement School,
Hindman, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Sutherland:

Your letter of May 6th has reached me this morning. I am here in Memphis attending the meeting of our General Conference. My Secretary forwarded the letter to me, and I am writing at once because I am so concerned about our music work at Ginling College. I am grateful to you for stating definitely what the possibility would be of your going to China. It is asking a good deal to suggest that you go, if possible, at your own expense. Certainly only the deepest need would lead us to make such a suggestion. It was because I was so concerned about the situation that I had the audacity to write you.

I am still trusting that there may be some way. I am grateful that you are to be with your family and will have the opportunity of talking it over with them. If they could meet the travel, it would certainly be a great help, and would give us hope that we could take care of the other expenses.

I shall just leave it with you after you have had a chance to be at home and see your mother and find out actual conditions. Is it asking too much that you write me when you have had this opportunity? I can easily see how you would not want to write under the circumstances. Just remember that we want you if it is possible for you to go.

Yours sincerely,

H:B (Mabel K. Howell)

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By Special Delivery

June 2, 1926.

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BACK

3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

Miss Mabel K. Howell,
706 Church Street
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Howell,

I was just on
the point of writing to you when
your letter came.

A problem has come up that
has made it difficult for me to
write. My mother is not well -
that is, she is in a bad way ner-
-vously, & I am wondering just
what my mother ought to be.

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A new house which ~~has been~~ ^{JUN 2 1926^[2]}
the process of building for some
time is to be completed about Sept. 1st,
& I somehow feel that I must
see her ^(in fact, the doctor told me I had better try to do so) thru the moving, or perhaps
have much to regret later. Wouldn't
be at all feasible for me to go
2 months later than the original
date? Or do you think there is
any chance of there being someone
else who could go instead of myself?
If so, I should be very glad,
since I realize home conditions,
and should trust that I might
be able to go out another year.

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As to the other matter, my family think that they may be able to meet the traveling expenses. This means the travel for one way only, does it not? I may say in passing that my father is very appreciative of precise statements, & it will be very satisfactory if we can have this all clearly understood from the beginning.

I will write to Mrs. Thurston as soon as I hear from you; or perhaps you would prefer sending this on to her in order to save time.

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JUN 2 1926 [47]

I very much dislike irregularities of this sort, & wish I might not have to write in this way. I hope it is very clear that I should prefer (1st) - that, if possible, some one else be sent in my place.

2nd) that, if some one does not "turn up", I may postpone my sailing till October.

Trusting that it may all work out for the best, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Catharine E. Sutherland

P.S. I am not sure whether my family would care to transfer my traveling expenses to someone else, but believe that in all probability it could be done that way.

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Miss Howell

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MISS M. E. HODGE

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706 CHURCH ST. P.O. BOX 510

NASHVILLE, TENN.

June 7th, 1926

DEPARTMENT OF WOMAN'S WORK
MABEL K. HOWELL, SECRETARY
ORIENTAL FIELDS

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
Miss Elizabeth Bønder ✓
Miss Mabelle McVeigh

My dear Friends:

I am sending you a copy of a letter received from Miss Catherine Sutherland. Miss Hodge will be able to give you the facts in Miss Sutherland's case. It was suggested to me through Miss Hodge that I approach Miss Sutherland with reference to the possibility of her going to Ginling to take Miss Grabill's place for one year at her own expense. Miss Sutherland's reply was that she was very interested and would take the matter up with her family. This letter that has come is the one written after arriving home and after talking the matter over with her family. I should be glad to have your judgment as to the content of this letter so that I shall know how to answer Miss Sutherland.

Yours very sincerely,

Mabel K Howell

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3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

June 29, 1926 ⁽¹⁷⁾
Back

Miss Mabel K. Howell, Send Reuben
Nashville, Tennessee.

My dear Miss Howell,

Some days
ago I sent a special delivery
letter in reply to your letter, &
also telling you of a new
problem which has arisen in
regard to my going out in August.
I am wondering if the letter
may have failed to reach you
or whether your reply may perhaps

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have failed to reach me.

I am still very earnestly hoping that someone might turn up to go out in my place this year. But my family & I realize the need enough to feel that if that person can simply not be found, I had better try to go & do the best I can at the job. In case of this latter materializing, it may be that I can arrange to leave on time instead of later, but I am not willing now to say definitely in regard to that.

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In case you did not receive
my other letter, parts of this
may seem ambiguous, & I will
answer at once on hearing
from you, if that be the case.

I am most sorry to cause
you any further trouble.

Very sincerely yours,

Catharine E. Sutherland.

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June 22, 1926.

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland,
3815 Botanical Ave.,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

I received this morning your letter of June 20th. I am at a loss to know what became of the special delivery letter. I sent all of your communications on to the New York committee, and there is a possibility that this letter went with them, but I am in doubt.

Since writing you last I have had within the last two days letters from the Candidate Committee in New York. They met last Wednesday for a full consideration of the pending applications, including yours. Miss Bender writes, "The Committee favors Miss Sutherland as a candidate for the reason that she has been in China and has been proven." I wired Miss Bender in reply last night to cable Mrs. Thurston from New York regarding you. I am sure that a cable reply will come and we can let you know in a very short time. There is a Miss Shotwell whose papers have been before the Committee for the Department of Music. As I have said, the Committee favors you. I do sincerely trust, therefore, that in the event the cablegram comes from Mrs. Thurston saying that they want you, you will plan to go in time, if possible, to begin the work when the college opens. It would mean so much if you could get there in time instead of later. Am I right in thinking that if the cablegram comes from Mrs. Thurston saying that she desires you, that we can count upon you to go to begin work at the beginning of the term? I am eager to hear from you by the time the message arrives.

I feel certain there were some points in your last letter which I seem to have missed altogether that should have been before me in writing to you at this time, and I regret it exceedingly. I do trust that this letter is in accord with your own thought and desire, and that it is really a possible thing for you to go. I do appreciate the attitude of your family in being willing to spare you for this important work.

Yours sincerely,

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3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

June 25, 1926

Committee waiting
waiting cable. Thank you -

Miss Mary K. Howell,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Miss Howell,

Your letter is
here, & I much appreciate the
confidence which the Gmelin
committee has in me.

I wish very much that I
could talk with you instead
of write. For it interests me to
know that Miss Shottwell
is a candidate, & I am

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wondering whether she would ^{over}
not be just the right person
to send, releasing me until
some later time for the reasons
of which I spoke before. It
would be so much more
agreeable to me, & would
mean, I feel sure, a strengthening
rather than a weakening of my
desire to return to China, if it is
best for me to do so, for I
really want to go back very
much. But let me stay
with my mother, if it can at
all be arranged, & by another

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year, I may be able to find another opening of a similar sort.

It is true that my family are willing to make generous sacrifices & they have always done so, but I wonder whether it is really necessary just now, since Miss Shotwell is at hand. I had hardly dared hope that there would be an available person, but since there is, I can't seem to conscientiously write in any way but this.

JUN 25 1926 [47]

I have faith to believe that
will all work out for the best,
& shall of course be anxiously
waiting to hear what can be
done.

Very sincerely yours,
Catherine E. Sutherland.

P.P. It occurs to me that
some members of the committee
who know me & a certain lack
of confidence which I have at
times shown may feel that that
is my difficulty just now. But
I believe that my real problem
is quite a different one just
now.

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OVER

June 29th, 1926

Miss Catharine Sutherland
3815 Botanical Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

I have wired you this morning the content of the cable message that has come from Mrs. Thurston. I think you that from the very beginning you have been Mrs. Thurston's choice for the work in Ginling. Miss Bender cabled Mrs. Thurston to again ascertain Mrs. Thurston's thought. She feels that because of your knowledge of China and of Chinese as well as because of your tried success on the mission field that you are the only one that she wants.

I do trust, my dear Miss Sutherland, you will realize that in this choice on the part of Mrs. Thurston as well as on the part of the Candidate Committee of Ginling that this is God's very definite call to you at this particular time. From the bottom of my heart I believe it is, and I am trusting and praying that your own loved ones will see it as the others do. We all want you for Ginling and we want you there this fall. I am sure Mrs. Thurston will wait for the later date if the earlier sailing is not possible, but I am trusting that you will be able to go when the others go in time for the fall term. I do hope that you will immediately write to Miss Elizabeth Bender, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. and to me giving your definite decision to accept this work.

We have a wonderful new body of workers going out to Ginling this summer--Miss Margaret Andrews, 1412 Eleventh St., Modesto, California, who is going as the head of the Physical Education Department; Miss Harriet Cogswell, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts, for the English Department, and Miss Minnette Barber, 1110 West Oregon Street, Urbana, Illinois, also for the English Department. There is a fine woman, Miss Margaret Shields who is probably going for the Physics Department. You will see what a fine re-inforcement these are and know how much they will mean to the College.

Again may I express the joy that is in my heart over your being at Ginling this coming year. I shall eagerly await a

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letter from you. I think you should however, write to Miss
Bender immediately because she will be the one who will make
all further plans with you.

Yours very sincerely,

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3815 Botanical Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri.

Miss Mabel K. Howell
Lambuth Building
Nashville, Tennessee.

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A problem has come up that has made it difficult for me to write. My Mother is not well--that is, she is in a bad way nervously, and I am wondering just what my move ought to be. A new house which has been in the process of building for some time is to be completed about Sept. 1st, and I somehow feel that I must see her through the moving (in fact, the doctor told me I had better try to do so) or perhaps have much to regret later. Would it be at all feasible for me to go two months later than the original date? Or do you think there is any chance of there being someone else who could instead of myself? If so, I should be very glad, since I realize home conditions, and should trust that I might be able to go out another year.

As to the other matter, my family think that they may be able to meet the traveling expenses. This means the travel for one way only, does it not? I may say in passing that my father is very appreciative of precise statements, and it will be very satisfactory if we can have this all clearly understood from the beginning.

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Trusting that it may all work out for the best, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Catherine E. Sutherland.

P.S. I am not sure whether my family would care to transfer my traveling expenses to someone else, but believe that in all probability it could be done that way.

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July 12, 1926

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
3815 Botanical Avenue
Saint Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

I was very glad to receive your letter of June 30th giving your decision to go to Ginling for the coming year and to sail in time to be at the college when it opens. I will cable Mrs. Thurston to this effect as I wrote her that you would probably not arrive until November since I had heard of the possibility of your not being able to sail until October.

I am quite sure that it will be possible for you to hold the steamer reservations that you have made and quite understand that you want to do so in order to travel with friends. Transportation for our Ginling workers is taken care of by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Russell Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, this city, one of the Treasurers of the Presbyterian Board, and Treasurer for Ginling College Committee, is the one with whom we correspond. I would suggest that you write directly to Mr. Carter, telling him what plans you have made and what you wish to do. I feel sure that he will find it possible to accede to your wishes. You do not say through what office your reservations have been made, but I do not think that matters. Mr. Carter will doubtless send you the total amount of money needed, out of which you will pay for your steamer ticket, holding the balance for the railroad trip and incidental expenses according to the instructions which he will give you. He also attends to the securing of passports, so I will ask you to write him concerning this important matter.

I do not know that there is anything further that I need to speak to you about except to say that in a short time I will send you the contract which we will ask you to sign. In the meantime, I shall be glad if you will send me information as to your whereabouts until the time of sailing. It will be convenient for me to know so that I may be able to reach you promptly in case of need.

Ginling is to be congratulated on securing your services, and I can assure you that you will find a big opportunity and much work in the college. You have the advantage of most new appointees in that you have had experience in China and know the general conditions to which you go. Please be assured of the pleasure and satisfaction that our Committee has in your appointment to the college.

Sincerely yours,

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July 22, 1926

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
3015 Botanical Avenue
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Miss Sutherland:

I hope that all arrangements regarding your sailing, passport, etc. are being properly attended to and that they will be completed in good time.

I am sorry not to be able to send you at this time the contract which we will ask you to sign. I am not quite clear as to some provisions that are to be made and am waiting to hear from Mrs. Roys. I think you understand, however, that your salary is to be paid by the college.

I shall be glad if you will let me know when you leave St. Louis for the Coast, also please let me have your address in San Francisco so that if it is necessary for me to communicate with you there I can send mail to the hotel where you are staying. It will probably reach you more promptly than if sent in care of the steamer.

Very sincerely yours,

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Please return

Woodmont, Conn.
Read, M. E. B. 7/4/26 July 22, 1926.

Dear Miss Bolder: your letter
of July 21, concerning Miss
Sutherland's term of service
at Gushing has just come.

I should gladly write
her, although I am within
two days of leaving, and
am literally buried under
the accumulation of last things
to be done, but I have
seen none of Miss S.'s letters
we have ever written
or talked with her about
Gushing Service.

Two or three years ago
we had a conference about
another position in China.
I am therefore wholly in
the dark as to her reasons
for wanting a one year
term; nor do I know
the arrangements entered
into by Gin. Com. I
couldn't write intelligently.

I may be of service to
Gen. Com. by ~~staying~~ with
Miss S. in Hankow;
but I feel the term of
Service really ought to be
settled here.

Thank you heartily
for your good wishes.
This trip is in reality
for me a pilgrimage
to places made sacred
by my husband's rich
life of service and of an
I'm thankful that our
daughter is going with
me.

Sincerely,
Mabel M. Rags.

Will you be interested in
our itinerary?

JUL 22 1926

THE DR. C. O. SAHLER SANITARIUM
KINGSTON-ON-HUDSON
NEW YORK

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My dear Mrs. Bender:

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. Yawger has recommended the Sahler Sanitarium so highly to you, and shall be delighted to have you with us for as long time as you may care to remain.

Every one who comes here has perfect freedom of choice in the matter of taking or not taking treatments; and if you wish simply to come here and rest you certainly have the privilege to do so.

Under separate cover we take pleasure in mailing you our illustrated booklet, which describes in general terms our principles and methods of treatment, but does not go into details as to the treatment of individual cases.

Referring to the booklet I wish to invite your attention to the fact that the metaphysical and the physical departments are separate and distinct, and if metaphysical treatments are not desired the patient is not obliged to take them, and vice versa.

We have added a great deal of equipment to our physiotherapeutic department since this booklet was printed, and are now in position to administer any kind of treatment that may be needed or desired; such as, massage, various forms of baths, electricity, Radiant Light, the Alpine Sun Lamp and Chromotherapy treatments. Diet is adjusted to suit the individual need of the patient, and those in need of "Rest Cure" and "Milk Cure" will find ample accommodation and service.

Enclosed please find our rate card giving prices and charges.

The air in this part of the country is clear and invigorating, the water pure and the scenery beautiful, making the Sahler's an ideal place to come for rest and recuperation. The house is homelike with a congenial and harmonious atmosphere.

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Miss Sutherland - July 31, 1926

Miss Howell quotes - "My family think that they may be able to meet my travel expenses. This means the travel for one way only, does it not?"

I understand that the committee would approve of the arrangement as you understand it. And of course the college expects to pay your salary.

~~No contract~~

Appreciate your willingness to help out, and should be glad to have you remain longer at the college ^{at the end of the year} if it should seem mutually desirable

THE LAKE GENEVA ENCAMPMENT OF
The Young Men's Christian
Association College

P. O. COLLEGE CAMP, WIS.,

July 31, 1926.

Miss Elizabeth Bender,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Switzerland

My dear Miss Bender,

Thank you for
your letter of July 22nd. I
think that arrangements are
~~being~~ made as regards passports
etc. so that I shall have
everything settled in due time
before sailing.

My address will be the
above until Saturday, Aug. 7th,
when I shall start west.

At San Francisco I shall stay

at the Stewart Hotel, and
will probably arrive there
Friday, the 13th, the day before
sailing.

Very sincerely yours,
Catharine E. Sutherland.

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Please return

THE LAKE GENEVA ENCAMPMENT OF
The Young Men's Christian
Association College

P. O. COLLEGE CAMP, WIS.,

Aug. 3, 1926.

Miss Elizabeth Bender
Chambersburg, Pa.

Sutherland

My dear Miss Bender,

Your letter about
the traveling expenses has just
come. From one or two later
letters, I had presumed
that the committee had
found funds sufficient to
pay the needed amount, and
I wrote the same to
Mr. Russell Carter, when he
wrote asking about it.

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But if I misunderstood the
Committee's meaning, I am
ready to pay the traveling expenses
as I said earlier.

I may say frankly
that my family (who are
helping me pay this) would
rather give this amount as a
direct contribution to the Grading
fund, & relieve me of any
personal responsibility for it.

In a letter from Miss Dauterive
recently she spoke of the
financial need of the college
& wondered whether we could
find friends who ^{would} contribute to
the need. Would it be alright
to send the amount of my

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P. O. COLLEGE CAMP, WIS.

traveling expenses to this
fund? of course if this is
going to make complications,
I will send it in any way
you say, but my father
from the first has disliked
the idea of someone being
sent out in what he calls
an "unbusinesslike way."

I realize that people differ
greatly in their views in such
matters so that you that you
can probably have no one

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definite rule of procedure.

I shall leave here
Sat. the 7th, & may be gone

before your answer can
reach me. If so perhaps the
best way would be to write
a letter to my father.

Mr. G. W. Sutherland* He
will be at the above address a
week or so longer. If it is not
convenient to arrange it as I
suggested, I can assure you
that it will be paid thru
whatever channels you think best.

Very sincerely yours,
Catharine E. Sutherland.

*
Mr. Sutherland's home address -
3815 Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

GEO. W. SUTHERLAND
3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

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ack 9/4/26
MISS M. E. HODGE

August 30th, 1926

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Chairman Ginling College Committee,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City
New York.

Dear Miss Hodge:

Replying to your communication of August 12th, which would have been answered sooner but for the fact that I was out of the city for several weeks and on my return home had a good many other matters to engage my attention; when the matter of our daughter's going to Ginling College came up, she had correspondence with some of the members of your Committee in regard to the matter and at that time someone wrote asking her if she could arrange to help finance her trip over. She asked me what I thought about it, and when in reply to my inquiry she indicated she was quite interested in going if the way was clear, I stated that I would help her in carrying out her plan if it was necessary that it be done that way.

I might be perfectly frank in saying to you that I also said to her at the time that I could not quite understand why if Ginling College needed such service as she could render they should not be in a position to take care of the financing of her trip over in the regular way that that sort of thing is being done all the time by them and by our Board. She wrote to some member of your committee indicating what I had said about the matter and we heard no more regarding it.

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GEO. W. SUTHERLAND
3815 BOTANICAL AVE.
SAINT LOUIS

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Then when the time approached for her to complete her preparations for the trip, she wrote to the New York office regarding their plans for her, etc., and they sent her an order on the Dollar Line Steamship Company in San Francisco for her ticket, also sent her a check for \$50.00 deposit that she had made when she secured her reservation some months ago. In addition to that, they sent her a check for \$200 to cover railroad fare from Saint Louis to San Francisco and other traveling expenses.

When that was done, she was apparently in doubt as to just what the plan of your committee was in regard to her expenses and I think wrote to someone to find out, indicating that if it still was the plan that we were to cover said expenses for her that we were, of course, willing to do as we agreed.

As the matter now stands, the Ginling College Committee have covered all of her expense. If that is not as it should have been, then if you will so advise me, or have Mr. Carter do so, I will arrange to cover said expense; and in doing so, would prefer to make it as a special contribution to the Ginling College Committee.

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The reference you make in the third paragraph of your letter about those who go for a shorter term would indicate that you were having in mind that our daughter was going out for only a year. Her mother and I, we are sure, would be very glad indeed if that was the situation, but we rather thought from what we knew of her plans that she was going out with the understanding that if she was able to render the service that was desired, she would continue on for a three or five year period. I simply mention this to let you know that we rather concluded that from the beginning if she went over in all probability she would stay at least three years, and therefore we thought that she was going out on what you would call a regular period.

Please let me hear from you or have Mr. Carter write indicating just what your wishes are in the matter and we will be glad to arrange accordingly.

With kindest regards, in which Mrs. Sutherland joins me, I remain

Yours truly,

G. W. Sutherland

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September 11th, 1926.

Mr. George W. Sutherland,
3815 Botanical Avenue,
Saint Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

Miss Hodge has just passed on to me your good letter of August 30th, asking me to make reply to it. Of course, I did not have the early correspondence with your daughter, but did know from information passed on to me that the Candidate Committee understood that your daughter would be able to finance her trip to the field.

I do not wonder at all that you raise the question as to why--"If Ginling College needed such service as she could render they should not be in a position to take care of the financing of her trip over in the regular way that that sort of thing is being done all the time by them and by our Board." The financial situation is this, as I, of course, know from working on the budgets of the College. Now that they have gone into their new plant and have a greatly increased enrollment, the actual budget is, I suppose, fifty percent. larger than it was three or four years ago. The cooperating Boards have not been able, the past two or three years, to materially increase the amounts that they were giving to the Institution. Mrs. Thurston when home upon furlough did not raise very much and there has been a very serious problem confronting the Ginling College Committee as to how to secure the increased amount that is really needed to enable the College to provide the courses that they find are needed if they are to interest and hold the girls applying to them for admission.

The very carefully revised field budget that came to New York for approval for the year July 1926 to July 1927, was seven or eight thousand dollars in excess of what had been approved by the Ginling College Committee in New York a year before. Smith College Alumnae and Smith College have increased their gifts and it was possible to authorize them on the field to proceed on an increased budget of \$3500., only half of what they felt was imperatively needed.

The only cut that can be made is, of course, in the number of additions to the staff and you will see, therefore, why the Candidate Committee,

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Mr. George W. Sutherland

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September 11, 1926

under very decided limitations, greatly appreciated the offer—as they understood it—of Miss Sutherland to care for her expenses out.

I am sure that the Ginling College Committee would not want you, in your generous attitude, to feel under any constraint to bear this expenditure if it is not entirely in accordance with your wishes in the matter. Not knowing the conditions, and not wanting your daughter to be in any way embarrassed, I authorized the sending of tickets and regular travel funds in the expectation that this would later be adjusted if it was your desire to generously meet such expenses.

It would be quite the same thing and I am sure the Committee would be most happy to accept of this amount as a special contribution to Ginling College, if you still are willing to provide this amount.

It may be necessary for the Ginling College Committee to secure someone to give full time to the raising of additional funds for the institution. Most of the cooperating Boards have been having a difficult time financially the past few years and it still is not likely that they can in any way materially increase their contributions. We have been anxious to avoid this overhead expense and it is not easy for anyone, outside of those connected with the institution, to raise funds for it, but those home on furlough ordinarily need their time for rest and study. Neither Mrs. Thurston nor Miss Vantrien have raised any considerable amount for the College. The largest help the College has had has been from the Smith Alumnae.

I write you thus fully in order that you may understand thoroughly what the situation is confronting the Candidate Committee and the Ginling College Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

Treasurer.

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September 26, 1929

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
Ginling College
Nanking, China

My dear Miss Sutherland:

This is to acknowledge the letter sent by you from Dr. Wu regarding Miss Rachel Benson, the candidate in Hawaii who was interested in the library position. I passed it over to Miss Sandberg, who handles our candidate matters.

Miss Benson cabled August 10 as follows: "Interested position Ginling. Cable particulars if still open." As there were several positions for which we were seeking young women, we could make no response until her letter following the cablegram was received. I do not know whether it is now too late to make an effort to secure her services, but we will do all that is possible.

We have been greatly disappointed that we could not do more this summer to fill the vacancies. It must have been a very great disappointment to Dr. Wu and the other members of the faculty. I especially sympathize with you and Miss Koo in our failure to secure Miss Hendricks. I had a lengthy interview with her and was greatly pleased. I did everything in my power to induce her to accept the call to Ginling, and when she left me I felt encouraged to believe that she would do so. She did not report her decision to me, and I have not heard directly, but Miss Sandberg understands that the reason she declined was that we could not give her detailed information as to the kind of work that she would be expected to do in Ginling. She did ask me a good many questions along that line, of which I was entirely ignorant. She also asked a great many general questions about the college and the situation in China, most of which I think I was able to answer. I do not think that any of the Ginling College Committee could answer questions in regard to the work of the different departments. I wonder if we are expected to be able to do this! I did not think that we were. At the same time, I can understand the desire of prospective candidates to know these details. We are often fortunate in being able to refer candidates to members of the faculty who are in America and who can answer these questions.

My thoughts have been with you during these September days, especially on the 12th, when college opened. I hope that everything has been encouraging, and that Ginling's best year is ahead.

Sincerely yours,

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NANKING, CHINA

September 27, 1926

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

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

Dear Friends:

This is to report to you that Mr. Sutherland has written a fine letter in response to mine of September 11th, stating that he is much interested in what was said about the financial situation at Ginling College, and adding:

"Under the circumstances I am quite willing to stand by what I agreed to do in the mid-summer, when this matter was brought to my attention, and to that end I am enclosing herewith a check for \$300., which is approximately the amount, as I understand it, that you advanced for the steamship ticket that was furnished our daughter, Catherine, when she went over in August.

"I also understand from her that you had advanced a further sum for travel expenses which she was to account for when she reached her destination. As soon as you receive a report from her as to what portion of that amount was used by her for travel expense, if you will let me know, I will send you a check to cover it."

I know that you will be glad to learn that this \$500. has therefore been saved to the Ginling College budget.

Yours sincerely,



Treasurer

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Referred to Miss Sandberg 1/14/32 Jan 4, 1932. ^[17]

445 BAKER AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

Ans. 1/25/32

Do not resign, advise of

Miss Lutherland

Vautrin and Grist also

E. E. Sutherland

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Dear Miss Sandberg

Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the Grading College Annual Meeting. It would be a pleasure and inspiration for me to attend, I know, but I think it will not be possible just now.

I am so glad that Miss Vautrin can be present & I think that I have no further suggestion, besides one or two I have mentioned to her. I would like to speak however, of my own hope that someone will be found to go out as music instructor in my place. For a number of reasons, I am almost sure that I had better not try it again. Dr. Wu has been most

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kind in urging me to return. asks me to delay my decision, if - not decide "favorably" just now. Because in some ways I long to return, I would be willing to do that, but time is going, and next year must be thought of.

I hope that this letter may be confidential, in part, and so I may say that from reports from Smiling, those who have gone out this year for music, while splendid in certain respects, may still not be suited to head up a department which we hope will grow into a strong one at Smiling. I know how difficult it is to find just this person, & wish I had someone to suggest. I feel that one of the chief hindrances is because the actual situation

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in Hanking is not well enough
understand - that is, any experienced
musician feels that he or she would
be "musically" stranded in a place
like Suling. In some senses that is
true, but with the growth of the city,
all the life that is there now, as
well as its nearness to Shanghai,
one isn't so completely isolated as
might be supposed. The chance for
research in Chinese music is also
a factor.

I read recently that there
are 12,000 musicians out of em-
ployment in New York, + some of high
calibre. I wondered if some of
you who know personally some
of the New York musicians would
be able to find among these one
who might fit Suling's need.
I know the great difficulty, as I

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said about, in getting any musician
to recommend someone of experience
& standing. They are so apt to
say, at least mentally, "A second
rate person will be quite good
enough for the Chinese". I know
too, how difficult it is to find
someone with high spiritual aims
as well as musical qualifications.

And I know that you have
that all this three hundreds of
times before, but I am merely
reiterating my earnest hope that
someone will "quite unexpectedly"
be found. It would strengthen
Emlyn's position among the
colleges ten fold - I have heard
my Chinese friends say so many
times. I shall keep my eyes
open for someone, if you will allow
me to, but the chances in this
part of the country are more rare. I

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think.

Piano & theory are always
needed, & violin would be
a splendid addition, if possible.

Please do not consider me
as returning - at least for the present.
& at any rate, only as assistant in
the department. I pray that I may
not be misguided in my decision.

Hoping that the meeting may
be one of value for all concerned,
I am

Very sincerely yours,

Catherine E. Sutherland.

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*Ginling
Miss*

RECEIVED
MAR 23 1932
MISS M. E. HODGE

208 South Queen Street,
Lancaster, Penna.
March 21, 1932.

Mrs. R. W. MacWhinney,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

MAR 21 1932
HOME BASE

My dear Mrs. MacWhinney:-

Thank you so much for
your letter in regard to Catherine Sutherland.
I am delighted that ~~she is returning, and know~~
from recent letters from China that it will be
a great relief to them there to know that her
decision means going back to Ginling.

I am sending, I hope, the
pictures you forwarded to me to Mrs. Leiper tomorrow,
and am sorry I have been so slow.

Sincerely,

Rebecca W. Griest.

Rebecca W. Griest.

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April 28, 1932.

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RECEIVED
MAY 5 1932
MISS M. E. HODGE

Cannot go to China ^{now.}
~~return~~

Dear Miss Hodge,

Thank you for the letter which came to me in Florida. I, too, was sorry to have missed you in St. Louis, and equally sorry not to have seen you in Berea. Dr. Reever and I arrived there on Saturday just after you had left.

I had hoped to be able to talk with you because it seems so hard to write clearly in a situation like mine without going into long detail. But I must try to say in a few words that I think my decision of which I wrote some weeks ago was not the best one, and that I must definitely say I will not return to England, for the present, at

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least. This must be final, a
please believe that I know it is true,
tho' in many ways it is the deepest
personal disappointment to me. If some
time in the future the way should seem
open to me, then no one would be happier
than I.

I tried to make myself as
clear as possible to Dr. Reeves as we
talked it over together, & if I see Miss
Vaughan, will do so with her too.

I am sorry to have caused
you this uncertainty. Perhaps just the
right person to go out may even
now be found. I sincerely hope so.

Each letter that comes tells
something good about those who
went out for music this last
year & they are no doubt fitting
right into the need there. I am
sorry Miss Schoole could not

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do
stay longer than the one year.

I think you know that my
interest will be none the less, tho'
separated from Emily by distance.

Very sincerely yours,
Catharine E. Sutherland.

P.S. I wrote the above to Miss Greist.

I will appreciate a statement
from Mr. Carter as to the amount
due of this year's salary, considering
the above resignation.

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Recd. 7/20, giving copy
of night letter sent.
Shed July 16 & reiterating
hope she will return.

Katharine Sutherland
445 BAKER AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

July 16, 1932

Recd July 19 (via "156")

My dear

MAILING 10/8/32
OCT 8 1932
HOME BASE

K. E. Sutherland

For some days

I have had a letter ready to mail
to you in reply to yours of June 19th.

I said that it had not seemed
at all strange to me that you
had delayed replying to my previous
letter, for I did not think my
letter called for a prompt answer.

And if you felt like apologizing
for that, then I fear I would have
much more of an apology on my
side - for various things!

I was about to mail the letter to
you when one came from Dr. ~~W~~
following a cable urging me to
come back. Several more letters have
been coming from actors at Berlin, &

what they have all said makes me
feel I was wrong in deciding not
to return. This morning I sent a
telegram to you asking whether the
music position had been filled, meaning
to imply that I would consider going
back if it had not. I am hoping
very much to receive an answer
to-day. and if you & the committee
still wish me to go I will do so,
with the idea of doing my best at
the music job until we find that
person we need.

If I go I realize that boat
reservations etc must be arranged
at once, & on having your reply
will correspond with you about
that.

Very sincerely yours,
Catharine E. Sutherland.

JUL 16 1932

*Recd M. E. H. 7/16/32
at Phila.*

Ans. as per attached 7/16/32

TELEGRAM - ST. LOUIS, MO. 16 807A

MISS MARGARET E. HODGE
GINLING COLLEGE
156 Fifth Avenue

RECEIVED SEVERAL LETTERS FROM GINLING URGING MY RETURN
PLEASE ADVISE BY WIRE WHETHER MUSIC POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED

CATHERINE E. SUTHERLAND

Miss Sutherland's address is
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves
Missouri

Dear Miss Hodge:

We have no information here today and Miss Sandberg's
Secretary was not in the office. Miss Sandberg, as you probably
know, is away until August 1.

We are sending a copy of this message to Miss Sandberg's
secretary who will be back in the office on Monday.

Sincerely yours,

G. T. Scott

George T. Scott.

Copy of this memo. is being mailed to Miss Sutherland.

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Night Letter 7/16/32 Linling

To Miss Catherine Lutherland
445 Baker St.; ~~St. Louis~~, ^{Webster Groves} Mo.

Replying to telegram from her.

"Music position not filled.
Earnestly hope you will decide
to grant requests from Linling
to return. If so, communicate
promptly with Carter regarding
passage. Vantrien sails Aug. 13th.

M. E. B.

Letter fr. Miss L. J. July 16 to me sent
to Miss Griest July 23.

Miss Rutherford

445 BAKER AVENUE
WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

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MISS M. E. HODGE

Will return to Guling
Ans. 4/11/32 fr. Louisville, having found

My dear Miss Hodge,
in St. Louis that she was not yet
back from Florida. Happy you ~~can~~ return

must apologize
for long delay in answering your
letter of February 22nd. It seemed
as if I just couldn't find an
answer. Perhaps I am still without
one, but I am trying to believe
it is God's will for me to return
to Guling, in spite of many
reasonings to the contrary. I know
that people are used, in spite of
serious handicaps, & so, because
I can't seem to see any clear
pointing in one direction or another,
and because part of me at least
wants so much to return, I am
willing to say I will try it
again. If any clearer guidance

comes later, then I must try to
follow it.

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as for the proov we are in
search of for the music department,
I hope that you & the committee
members will keep on searching, as I
will, and if we find he, I would
like to take he right along, and
hope to pick up my salary by the
wayside. Personally I have
nothing, and our family finances
are such now that I would hardly
like to ask for it (since there are
numerous relatives doing that) but
my own personal wants are
very few, & I would gladly
live on a reduced salary - in
fact I would be much happier
to do so (perhaps the fact that
you suggest my carrying my own
support makes you see why I

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should really be happy doing this, tho' I don't like to suggest it to Dr. We just now, as it would perhaps mean a whole change of policy, etc. & she has other things to worry her now). At any rate that may work itself out, & I do hope we may find a person such as we all have in mind & before too long a time. If I that I were delaying her coming by consenting to return, I would want to back out at once, emphatically!

It will work out for the best, I am sure, if we believe it will. I shall reply again promptly. Should there be anything about which you wish to write.

Thank you for your faith in me

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I hope it may be justified. [47]
will you pray for me, for I know
that my whole difficulty is just
in my lack of real spiritual vision.

Sincerely yours,

Catharine S. Sutherland.

P. S. Please take the above - about
securing someone else - as seriously
as possible. In the first place
I went to Grading with the idea
of assisting or working with one of
more ability & if I try to carry more
it will place me in the same
difficulties as before. If the
committee does not see fit to
send us both, let me drop out.

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sent to Miss Sandberg
and Miss Lorent - 3/17/32

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LETTERS TO CATHERINE SUTHERLAND

CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT OF GINLING COLLEGE, NANKING, CHINA

Letter from Ellen Koo, teacher in Music Department of Ginling College, Sept. 6, 1937.

Here I am at last. Father, amah and I left Kiading on the evening of August 23. We walked three miles in the dark after five bombs hit near our place, one on our left, four on our right. We left on that night. The boat went to Tsingpu. We sat on some pieces of wood for two days and two nights. When the boat got to Tsingpu we walked to the mission place. Mr. and Mrs. Yao were there, so we stayed in our mission (Episcopal) for five days to rest up. Later on the 30th a Mr. Wong came with us to St. John's University after I hired a car. We left in a hurry so brought only a few summer dresses and left all our things at Kiading, my typewriter and victrola, etc. The day after we left, more than 60 bombs were thrown and the most prosperous part of the city was burnt.

This morning I played the pipe organ for the Holy Communion service, because Mr. Chin asked me. I feel quite at home here, for I used to study here and played the same organ for many years every Sunday and on week days we took turns. Father, of course, did not wish to leave Kiading but I begged with many tears so he unwillingly came with us. Now he asked me, "When are we going home?" I told him, "As soon as we can," but I do not know when. Pray God will hurry this awful business and make an end of it soon.

Letter from Hu Shih Tsang, Ginling Alumnae, Music Major. Shanghai, Aug. 26, 1937.

Of course you can imagine how glad I was to receive your letter which came yesterday afternoon. I was greatly relieved after reading your note. I wonder how the trenches look. You must feel lonely after so many left.

Before the war started there was so much moving on the streets, which were very crowded. On the 13th the war began. Stores were all closed up. There were no vehicles except rickshas and automobiles. All at once the condition was very disorderly. Probably you have heard of the bomb accident near the Y.M.C.A. and another one the day before yesterday at the Sincere Wing-On section. That was real tragedy. People were so much frightened. So many tried to leave Shanghai. You can't imagine how crowded the station was. Children were tramped to death. Sometimes bombs came and killed many people.

The first few days I felt rather frightened. We were just like birds in a cage. Rumors frightened us so much. Once we saw crowds of people rushing from north to south direction. Word was given to us that the Japanese soldiers were defeated and would rush to the Concession. The telephone was so busy. Friends rang up telling us that the Japanese soldiers would use poisonous gas. Now we are used to these things. These few days the condition is smoother here. There was so much fighting up in the air. They were fighting as if on our roof sometimes. The anti-air craft gun killed many people. At night we can see the fire from the guns and we can hear the sound of guns distinctly. The Chinese troops are doing well here. There were hundreds of Japanese captives rushing over the bridge. They were all captured and guarded by English soldiers.

Chapei and Hongkew were both burned down. We could see the fire from our window. So many innocent people were killed by the Japanese soldiers. This is true, no exaggeration. Some people are still in the war section. There were Catholic people who planned to get them out. Hundreds have come out, yet there are more. I really

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can't see why there is so much killing in this world. I can't understand. People were left without work, without home, part of a family killed. What can I do to promote peace! The Japanese people who stayed in China for several years were also very pitiful when they left Shanghai.

I don't practice much these days. God bless you.

Letter from undergraduate of Ginling College, Music Major. Shanghai, Sept. 1, 1937.

I was so glad in receiving your letter. Since my home has moved to French Town now, I have to go home for letters. This is why letters come to me so late.

This is quite the most terrible time I have ever dreamed about. Every day up to night we are troubled by the drone of airplanes. The explosion of the bombs often make us feel cold and tremulous. Once the bombs made the whole house tremble. We thought it was an earthquake at first. Finally we found some "flying eggs" had been dropped down. The place which had been fired was very near our home. Hundreds of people were killed. My father saw some toes polished with red, but nothing more was connected with them. Oh, how terrible and cruel the war is! Blood has flowed all over the streets. Life is nothing to the world now. You may be killed at any time, in the street or at home. Early in the morning and up in the very night we can hear the cruel sound of the cannon and airplanes, the sound of the heartless guns and the crying of human beings! I can never understand why people should fight against each other in such a terrible way.

Though we are safer in living in French Town than in Nantao, our former home, yet it is very uncomfortable and inconvenient. You can just imagine how crowded we are, we, nine people, live within one room, a simple quite small room. These days we can't take anything away from our old home. The doors separate the foreign settlements from Nantao are all closed up. Yesterday, a whole day, nobody can go and come from Nantao. Since our home is in Nantao, and since the Japanese bombed it, we feel very uneasy and worry about that. I think you know how recently our south railway station was bombed by Japanese. More than 400 people who wanted to go home were killed. I can't imagine how these broken families would feel these days. We are fortunate we have not met any of these troubles.

I worry about our study for the coming semester. I don't think September 20th will be a possible day for the school to open; if so, then what shall we do? What do you think? Have you any news from Dr. Wu about our school opening? Does she have any remedy for it if the 20th is not possible? I worry about that since the day is drawing nearer and nearer.

You are full of the spirit of Christ. I hope you will pray for us under such a riotous period.

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NANKING, CHINA

Letters received from Catherine Sutherland, chairman of the Music Department of Ginling College. These letters were written in Wuchang, China.

December 26, 1937

Several of our teachers, four of them, left on the train two days before Christmas for Hongkong, hoping to get from there to Shanghai by boat. I went with them to the station that morning, with all the "baggages." We arrived about two hours before scheduled train time, and found the station largely occupied by soldiers. About one third of the space was partitioned off . . . While the others went trying to get tickets, to look up their compartment, to arrange for baggage, I stood by some of the smaller pieces and watched the crowd. It was no monotonous task, for the continual stream of people entering the station were of every sort and variety--soldiers in large numbers, in their khaki or grey cloth uniforms, ordinary citizens, usually families with many children and babies, who I often feared would be crushed by the crowds, especially the ones who were tied, papoose fashion, on their mother's backs. This is especially true of the Cantonese women, who have a special shawl designed for that purpose. The hats were particularly interesting--from great fur toques, thru every kind of modern felt to great straw pans several feet wide, rain-hats--as it was a rainy day. Food of every description was of course being carried in, too. One thing that attracted me as soon as it reached the door was a large "spray" of Crullers, the long curly kind that are so common on the streets, especially at breakfast time. The man had to hold them high in the air to avoid their being crushed, and they looked like a "send-off" bouquet. The crowd before the ticket windows kept increasing, for they didn't open the windows until an hour before train time. And such a push. I could hardly believe my eyes when several men actually began climbing up on top of the crowd, each getting a boost from a friend in the rear, making a second layer of folk, all reaching and shouting for entrance to the window. I guess the rest of us were all relieved when the policemen finally pulled these offenders down. The tolerance of the crowd under such circumstances always amazes me, and is just another sample of the quiet submissiveness wrought out of long experience that has helped this wonderful race to persist thru all these long years. My soul cried out in the midst of that confusion for law and order, but for them it was only a whet to their resourcefulness, and that was another part of the fun, watching the people connive to outwit and get by each other in a hundred ingenious ways. What nation can die when under such a constant challenge to the struggle for existence? . . . I think it is one of their saving characteristics--this ability to hold on in the struggle when most of us would give up in the fight.

And now for Wuchang, and what we are planning. Quite a few of our girls are not leaving here just now, either because they can't afford it, or because their families are here and intending to remain. The music students are all among those, so I will be one who stays here for the present, to wait developments. . . .

I had quite hoped it might be possible to get back to Nanking, and still hope so; but traveling by the river is not very safe--in fact almost impossible because of the booms stretched across the river, and going by Hongkong may not find the way open from Shanghai to Nanking. One of our men faculty, Dr. Yuan, arrived here this week, after a most adventurous time in a sail boat from Wuhu to Hankow, taking 4 days, including a six day stop at a small place where he and his family had hoped to locate for the time being. The disbanded soldier problem is a very great one just now . . . This has been a problem that General Chiang was working so hard to eradicate, and now the huge number of fighting men without enough trained leaders has let the thing get out of hand again. Thru a friend Dr. Yuan had secured

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three sailboats. He met a group of thirty soldiers who were anxious to get up the river, so a bargain was struck--he letting them use his boats if they would in turn give him protection. It worked very well, for they were attacked six times from the river bank by soldiers who wanted to take the boats. The leader of the thirty was a Shanghai University graduate, and proved himself of fine stuff, for in every case, Dr. Yuan said, he directed his boat right over to the shore, allowing the other two boats to pass ahead, then argued it out with the soldiers--telling them that they were all "in one boat," working for a common cause, and that they must protect and not harm unarmed citizens, etc. He had his guns cocked, but never fired, at least not at them, and in every case they got by alright. They didn't dare stop very often, but fortunately had plenty of rice, and for several days just ate rice and salt. . . . Dr. Yuan is such a kind, genial soul, and said several times that he had never before known what suffering meant.

As for Nanking, there has been absolutely no direct nor reliable news for exactly two weeks except the word thru the American Embassy that the foreigners there were safe. We have heard rumors of many kinds, of burnings and lootings and killings, but will try not to believe much of them until they are properly authenticated. . . . One keeps saying and thinking, "Why must it be--how can it be, and continue to be?" "There is no defeat unless the spirit is broken." Pray with us--that not only will the spirit not be broken, but that courage and unselfish devotion may grow and grow within these youths especially, many of whom are ready to give, if they can only see which way and how to go.

And as for Christmas--everyone was asked to give what might ordinarily have been spent on cards or gifts as a fund to supply a Christmas package for each wounded soldier. For the students here there was a beautiful candle service on Christmas eve in the college church. After our exodus this week there remain here in our hostel just 7 students and Dr. Wu and myself,--with Miss Spicer still coming and going from Hankow. Christmas eve the students and I got together and trimmed up our otherwise rather dingy dining and study room into quite a festive place, with much red paper and a tiny Christmas tree. Then we called in Dr. Wu . . . and we had some oranges and peanut candy, and sang Christmas carols. We spoke of the glee club at Ginling, and how on this night we would have been wakened by their caroling on other years.

Christmas day for supper Miss Blakely, who lives in the same compound, had invited all our remaining students and teachers, and several of the London Mission ladies were there. Red candles were burning and heavenly bamboo and other greens made much Christmas cheer. Eva Spicer led a short service at the end, with Christmas carols, after we had played some games. One of the students leaned over to say, during the supper, "Isn't it strange that we are here in Wuchang?" And so we think so often, as we go about. We hardly think of ourselves as refugees, for we have been so kindly welcomed and made to feel a part of the community. And yet we are, and how we would welcome any chance to be back again in Ginling.

To-day I went over to Hankow to the service at the Union church, where Bishop Roots spoke so helpfully, and then to lunch with Mo Soh-chin, Bao-Hsun-fang and her husband and Wu Ya-yu. It was such a nice visit with them. I went on out to hunt up Liu Yu-hsia and Deng Yi-dji, who have come here recently with the Y.W.C.A. for work, but they were not there...The little Yuans, three dear little girls, had been having a bath in our living room, and Lu Gin-ai was having a nap there, as we are glad to share our fire these days. And now Dr. Wu is writing letters--she is ever busy at something. . . . Dr. Wu paid a visit to Madame Chiang day before yesterday. I think that Madame Chiang depends upon her a good deal as a friend with whom she can share her spiritual as well as other thoughts. Dr. Wu was very careful in selecting a book for Christmas for her which might have just the matter that would be most helpful for her at this time. Some reading pertaining to the old prophets was part of it. Dr. Wu told us that one day when Madame Chiang had seemed

rather discouraged, she went on to say, "I don't mean that I have lost my faith, It is still very real." To-day Bishop Roots asked us as he preached if we were all taking our full responsibility in supporting the Christian leaders with our united prayer.

January 9, 1938

A telegram has just come (yesterday) from Miss Vautrin at Ginling . . . We are most thankful for this word, having waited for three weeks for any direct news . . . It is hard, even with big stretches of the imagination to picture those 10,000 women and children, and just how they are being sheltered. But I would trust Minnie and Mrs. Tsen to find a way, and one that would be efficient, too. Since Ginling was within the safety zone during the entrance of the Japanese, these women no doubt came from all parts of the city. The fact that Ginling has always had very friendly relations with the farming neighbors all about us would mean a good nucleus of loyal and helpful ones to start with. . . .

We also saw a letter this week written by Dr. Bates, on Dec. 15th, which told something of the condition at that time, and testified to the killing and looting that had taken place. It was rather guarded in what it said, but there was enough to let us know that things had been rather bad. . . . I was interested in somebody's remark about the looting in Nanking, to the effect that what the Chinese did in the way of looting was positively amateurish in comparison with that of the Japanese. It seems that they have been taking things and shipping them systematically back to Japan. Mr. Bates said that practically every shop along the main streets was thoroughly gone into. One doesn't like to contemplate the number of self-respecting citizens all over China who are being suddenly placed without any source of income. Many thousand of these have already gone west, chiefly to Szechuan, and it may be a time of new developments there, and of pushing further in to some of that less penetrated country. . . .

Hankow at present is surely at the crossroads. We almost daily run into some of our Nanking or other friends from east and central China who are on their way, either west to Szechuan or down into Hunan or Kweichow. Two of our young faculty members, Lin Yu-wen and Lan Chien-bi, left this week for Kweiling, capital of Kweichow. Miss Lin had been in the department of Hygiene with the government at Nanking, and she has been promised some temporary work, with no salary, but with board and room in return. Many people are thankful for that alone these days.

One interesting gathering this week was a meeting of missionaries in Hankow, at which Dr. Chen and Mr. Rees of the National Christian Council were the speakers, but Dr. Chen was delayed, so only Mr. Rees spoke. He and Dr. Chen have been going about to the different Christian centers, sharing thoughts and plans with various groups, and dispersing funds where there is need. He said that three things seem to be outstanding among the Christians everywhere; busy cooperation in relief work, a much deeper consciousness of spiritual need, and better cooperation than ever before. He felt that much help and strength comes through mutual sharing of experiences, and urged that we all try to contribute to the weekly broadcast which goes out every Sunday evening to many parts of China. Mr. Kepler, of the Church of Christ in China, was also present, and he told of some recent visits in north China and in Japan. He mentioned in particular the Japanese Christians, and the struggle they are now having, and the courage shown by some of them. He visited one girls' school, the principal of which is a Christian. He said that he listened to a morning assembly talk given by this principal in which he used a kind of parable to get his point across. He told the story of a Japanese girl who dreamed that she was traveling in China, and she saw many of her own country's soldiers marching along crying victoriously, "Benzai, benzai." Then she looked at the side of the road and saw a wounded Chinese soldier, who was dying, and she saw that his face was like that of Christ. She said, "Christ is being crucified again in China." And she could cry

"Benzai" no more.

At the same meeting one of the American nurses in the Union hospital here in Hankow told of the faithfulness of her Chinese associates during these trying days. An air field is located just next to the hospital, and has been the repeated target of the Japanese planes--twice this week. The hospital always shakes badly each time a bomb is dropped and they are of course in constant danger. She said that during one heavy bombing a few days ago one little nurse ran up to her and they held each other close, the heart of each thumping very loud, and the little nurse spoke of the reality of her trust in God, saying, "It is a comfort to know that Christ is right here with us."

Mention was made at this same meeting of the many hundreds of students who are without employment or place to go here in Wuchang--those who have fled from the war districts. Many have already gone into relief work, and others will be used this week in new camps that are being established. To-morrow 200 refugees will come into a dormitory on this campus, and 150 women will go to St. Hilda's. We have heard that most of these people are from middle class families, who have been driven from home, and are now dependent on the friendly help of those in better circumstances. The funds coming from other countries are being greatly appreciated for needs such as these people present. The government is doing some good work in establishing camps and assigning people to places where they will best fit in. Wherever possible they are given employment in order to help themselves.

They are almost all in need of more clothing or bedding, and everybody is sewing sheets or making padded garments or knitting socks. I have just moved this week into the girls dormitory here, and we are bringing in a sewing machine in order to have a sheet making center here. . . . Since our Ginling unit broke up, and we closed our temporary hostel, I thought it best to come here for the time being, hoping if possible to get back to Nanking, or maybe to stay here to teach the next term. Every plan has an "if" attached to it these days, but at present Wuhan is quite safe, except for some visits from aeroplanes. The low water makes it almost impossible for any warships to come here now. Some people think that Japanese soldiers are advancing thru Anhwei, but others feel that they are becoming more and more conscious that they have bitten off more than they can chew, and that they would really like to be able to negotiate. It doesn't look as if the Chinese could in any way conform to their demands, as they are at present, and they are continuing to fight on several fronts. It seems rather uncanny to read of their air attacks on the air field in Nanking which the Japanese drove away at for so many weeks.

On Tuesday Dr. Wu finally got off by air to Chungking, after some weather delay, where she hoped to see Miss Tappert, Nanking and Central University people and other friends for a couple of days before going on to Chengtu. As she wrote to a friend, "How I would have enjoyed this trip in normal times!" Even so we hope she can take in the beauty of the gorges and some of the mountain scenery which she will no doubt pass, and we hope too that the number of friends to see and problems to tackle in Chengtu may not keep her from getting much needed rest, before she makes the next move, possibly to Shanghai. Last week some one spoke of an interview with General Chiang. He had expected, he said, to be meeting one who, tho still full of courage, would appear worn and tired with the wear of all that he is passing thru. But, instead of that, he found a man keen and alert, energetic as always and with hope for the future. The reporter, who was having the interview, remarked to my friend that it seemed as if there must be something very real in his religion, for only such could keep a man up thru such a strain. I have felt the same in regard to Dr. Wu, for, while she has some very "low" moments, she is constantly a surprise in her buoyancy that seems to "hope all things."

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