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[17]
Jan 10, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

at last the

"Xmas rush" seems to be subsiding.

Not that mine was really a rush, for we had a most happy, honey time, but many kind friends kept our time pretty well occupied.

Now I am beginning some music study & hope to send a list of desirable records very soon.

In your letter of Nov. 28th, I note the mention of Miss Tsey of P. U. M. C. I am sorry I failed to reply at once saying I do not seem to recognize her nor to know about her.

A recent letter from Dr. Wm. encloses letters for Miss Butler &

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for Wu Suen-i, which she asked me
to read + send on to them.

I think you will hear from
Wu Suen-i, asking for your help in
applying for a scholarship for
next year. after she has talked it
over further with her advisors
in Corvallis. Dr. Wu suggested
that Wu Suen-i might feel free to
write to me, since she has not
met you. but I hope she will
write directly to you for your advice
+ help.

The new folders which we received,
as well as the information + letters
from Shanghai were most welcome
+ interesting. Also Ruth Chester's
letter, which my father seemed to
think a very good one.

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I will go toward the end of Jan or first of Feb. to Michigan to make my visit (D. L. asks me especially to see Mrs. Rhead & try to get clear the matter of her return. I do it only informally, of course, & will inform Rebecca of what I find.)

Good letters come from many friends in China, but mostly personal or duplicates of what you receive, I presume.

I am talking here & there about China & Gmly & find unusual interest, - it seems. The Gmly pictures are always much admired. These are all church groups except one of my college alumnae during Xmas week. We had hoped for Lucy Yeh & Ang Hwei-lan to be here, but neither came, so

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Edick Haight & I fixed up some
"tea-house" ditties about the Chinese
situation, which we gave in
costume with hops & skips &
chopsticks on drums for rhythmic
accompaniment. It gave us
much amusement to prepare &
we hoped was a poor substitute
for our Chinese friends.

I just heard thru Lucy of
the fact that Li Gwan yuan is
going back to psychology & am
much interested to hear more which
she herself will likely write, as I
hear from her occasionally.

Hopefully I shall be studying
cheifs, from now on.

With kindest wishes, Jan

You may have read the
enclosed from Wu Lien-i

It is not too good of her as Cathani Sutherland.
her expression is one of fineness. They caught her in a queer smile.

Thank you for the poem's speech.
What a good picture of her

Sincerely

Cathani Sutherland

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17 January 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

In regard to Tseng Mi-beh, I now have from President Wu the following paragraph under date of December 29 in Chengtu.

"Tseng Mi-beh entered Ginling in 1935 and if there were no war she should have finished her Pre-Medical course in 1938 and should have graduated from Ginling after completing a year at P.U.M.C., that is, 1939. We were looking forward to that because her mother, who entered Ginling after she was married quite a few years, graduated in 1929. It would have been interesting to have her daughter finish from Ginling ten years later. It was only recently that I had a letter from her in Peiping saying that because she was threatened with tuberculosis she could not enter P.U.M.C. last autumn. She asked for permission to complete the few credits she still lacked in order to complete the graduation requirements from Ginling. This shows she needs to rest but her illness is not serious enough to stop her studying altogether.

This does not make clear to me how long she stayed at Ginling, and where she was during 1938-39. The news from the P.U.M.C. bulletin spoke of her as a candidate for entrance in 1939. One would suppose that she had at least her first two years uninterruptedly at Ginling in Nanking.

The Wu Suen-i case has accumulated a considerable correspondence and Miss Wu herself has been perfectly splendid in writing fully and frequently as occasion demanded. The last letter is one which Miss Milan wrote to Miss Sweeny in Detroit and which I have found completely unintelligible. It has just come back from Rebecca who says it means nothing to her. We may come out of the maze and get some more light on the subject soon with the sturdy help of Miss Sweeny. In any case I would suppose that Miss Wu is busy enough just now with the end of her first semester at Corvallis.

Whatever you may think of my predatory desires to put you on the lecture platform in the future, please do let us have a brief statement of the talks you have already given with dates and definitions of the groups.

With very best wishes, I am

Affectionately yours,

EBM:c

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Jan. 25, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Thank you for your two very nice letters, which I have been meaning to answer for several days, chiefly to tell of the date of my going to Ann Arbor, in case you should wish to have me carry any messages there or to Detroit. I have not heard from Rebecca recently, but will drop her a line, telling of my intention to go. I expect to leave here Monday the 5th, stopping in Chicago to see Ong Hwei-lan, going to Ann Arbor the 6th, and staying thru that week.

I was interested in what you told of Miss Tseng, of the P.U.M.C., as well as other bits of news, for which I am grateful. As to Edith and myself doing some speaking, I wrote to her of what you mentioned, and she seemed willing to consider it. I should also be willing to do so, provided it seemed something that would be of benefit, and which we could do satisfactorily. Edith's spring vacation comes the last week in March. I wonder what places or place you might have in mind, and would they be near or in Kentucky or the Carolinas! We have friends there we should like to see, as you may guess. The little skit that Edith and I did might not be worth repeating- we are not sure. I think the feeling of us both is that we are not overly anxious to do it, but if there were one or two places where you thought out particular message might be of help, then of course we would

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want to do it, and most likely it would be an interesting and enjoyable venture.

We are interested in the visit of Anna Moffet and several other Presbyterian missionaries to our city next week. I am hoping that Anna will stay at our house, at least part of the time. Mr. T.Z. Koo will also be here to-morrow night.

I am enclosing a check for \$12, given by a lady where I made a talk. Will you kindly take from it the amount used to pay for those pictures, which I am using with such pleasure, and can the rest go into scholarship money for Ginling, if there is any remainder. Perhaps this isn't even enough for the pictures.

Please keep the clipping about Wu Suen-i. I am glad that she is corresponding faithfully with you.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
Catharine Fetherland

In another envelope I
enclose my account of Bennington
+ the speaking dates

I think I
came prepared with
writing paper in my
but found

only this
which recalls
the visit
to you last fall. Dec. - 2 / 1940. 817
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LEE CHAPEL



JACKSON'S TOMB

ROBERT E. LEE HOTEL

LOCATED HALFWAY BETWEEN THE TOMBS OF LEE AND JACKSON

LEXINGTON
VIRGINIA

Feb 5, 1940.

N. O'NEAL MOSES
MANAGER

Dear Rebecca-

Your 3 letters are now with me, & thank you
for them all. I will have to "fess up" right away to having
been quite unexpectedly assigned to the hospital for a
slight operation - the removal of a polyp, which I'm glad to
say is "benign", & ought to cause no more trouble. I am
sorry that it happened to come just as I was about to
visit Michigan. As far as I can find out, I should be
out in a few days - by the time you receive this - & then
a few more days of resting at home. So I hope the
Michigan trip might be made about Feb 20th, es-
pecially if you want me to see Miss Seitzmeyer.

Question no 1. Will that date, Feb 20th, or that
week end be too late to see her? I should of course
be glad to see her, & interested in doing so. If by
chance I should be delayed longer, what do you advise?
I am interested in her musical ability & wonder if her
instrument is violin. If so, it would be hard not to
claim her part time for music. She sounds very promising.

(2) I am so happy about Miss Butler & hope
the word from China will come soon, & favorably.

(3) I would love to travel with her, & if she

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wishes to stop in Shanghai we would then
arrange for a Canadian or other boat that stops
there, as I believe Pres. boats don't stop. Bi Hao-yin
wrote me some time ago wondering about my traveling
dates. I should like to be with her too, tho' perhaps
being with Miss B. is a little more important. If we
can all be together it will be fine. As for dates I
travel should suppose some time in early August, if that
gives Miss B. enough time. I will write to Mrs. Evans also.

(4) As for travel to Cheyten the new English person
& Miss Butler could go together, & hopefully some
man who happens to be going up, altho' China Travel
seemed very efficient when we came thru Indo China.

(5) As for Mrs. Reed I return your letter &
enclose her to me, just rec'd. I am sure that she
is giving it prayerful consideration, as are we all.

My best guidance about it is that she wait at least
until 1941. Altho' his inspiration & help would add much,
for actual teaching Miss Butler & Mr. Shih-tsang can carry
all that is needed for the present. I have let her know (since
I come to the Hospital) that as a friend who loves her much
I could not happily advise her to go just now, but that, after
all, she alone knows & can weigh all the elements involved.
Because she wants very much to be of service, I think it is
hard for her to write a def. reply. & if you think it is alright, we
can leave it open until I can get up there & talk a little
more. It seems as if we need not feel hurried, in view
of Miss Butler's promise to go.

Matthew Gung, who wants to join Siny music
dept in 1941 (Dr. Lin is not so sure about it) & who
might be going there to Cheyten then, would be an

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admirable person to go with Mrs. Rhoad (speaking Chinese & knowing all the ropes & being efficient) showed it seem right for her to go at that time.

(6) May I please have Emily Case's address, in case I go to Cleveland.

I'll be waiting your frank thought about seeing Miss Suttleby & any other suggestions you may have.

Edith recently had about 8 days in bed with flu, but seems to be about again. There seems to be a regular epidemic in her neck of the woods.

Anna Maffel is here - has been at our home for 4 days - on a speaking tour with some Pres. missionaries. How sorry I was not to be there. She dropped in once, & seems quite well & natural. She was in Ohio & spent a day at Western with Alice Butler.

(7) I have had on my mind several times the thought that Matthew Yang & Daisy Hwang might very happily give a few recitals on behalf of Singing. They are both quite gifted & for China's sake, as well

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as their own. Smiling it might be a good experience. What Mrs. R. says of Hwa-fen might be a determining factor, but likely not. I have no special ideas about it - had tho't once or twice of their giving a program for our local high school. (I don't think there would be any remuneration - I am not sure that what money I have to use had better be spent for their travel etc.) (I may invite one or both here for their spring vacation). Would it be a project for our Smith Club to sponsor, maybe to charge a little for China relief? Will be glad to have your reaction about it (perhaps Mrs. Phead should be consulted first of all, in any case)

I had intended to mention this idea to Mrs. Macmillan, but haven't, so far

Truly
Catherine

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Feb. 14, 1940

Rec'd 19 Feb 40

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

As it happened,
my Michigan trip has been post-
poned because of a slight opera-
-tion I rather suddenly had,
so I may not be going there
until about 26th Feb., or possi-
-bly later. It was a disap-
-pointment, especially as Rebecca
had wanted me to see both
Mrs. Rhoad & Miss Bettlemeyer,
but she says there is still
time enough to do so.

At last I am sending a
|| list of Phonograph records.

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which you were kind enough
to say you might seek to find
some of, especially if good
second hand ones were
available. So far as I know
our need, all of these would
be fine & desirable, but none
(we borrow here & there now)
essential, if you know what I
mean. But we would hope to
be able to gradually accumu-
late them & others. Do you
think that to send the list
to Smith (the Smiley Com. or the
Music Dept) would be wise,
or would that merely divert
interest from the more
important funds? If a copy

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could be given Miss Butler, it
might be well, so that she
could show it to interested friends.
Or she might possibly have time
to prowle around in some
second-hand shop there. I
have that too letter on this
particular matter.

Recent letters from Cheung
speak of the excellent performance
of "Mulan", directed by Tsui Ya-lan,
for war relief funds. I am sure
they have written you of this as well
as other news.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely

1 Catharine Sutherland.

Mar. 4, 1940

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Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Your letter is
just here & I will reply
at once to say just how
it seems to me about
making plans for Edith Haight
& me.

I have been "set back" just
a little because of an opera-
tion which I had rather
suddenly - it was the removal

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of a pullup from the vagina,
be exact, & not serious, except
as I am told any operation
takes a little out of one, &
that more or less rest is good.

I have been doing so much
obediently for several weeks,
but am now back to study etc.

My Huehayan trip was delayed
& because of a few speaking
dates I can't go till March
15th, when I hope to see
Miss Suttermeier also, whom

[31] Rebecca wrote about I'll be
there a week (in Michigan)
& Miss Haight is rather urging
me to spend the vacation with
her in a more or less leisurely
fashion, driving to N. Carolina,
to see home, & seeing several
Smiley friends on the way. I
am inclined to think she may
be right, & that, if you agree,
we will omit the "speaking".
But please say frankly if you
think differently, & if anything

you had in mind were on our
route, or near there, perhaps we
could include it.

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I have not heard from Miss
Nancy Martin, but should be
very glad to at any time. I
expect to be in the city most of
the spring except those 2 weeks
in March.

I hope all goes well with
you, & am sorry if I seem to
be "remiss" in the above instance.
If you had that of a talk or two in
or near St. Louis, I think Miss H.
could come over for that, probably.

Sincerely
Catherine E. Duckland

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

7 May 1940

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To **Miss Catharine Sutherland**

Street and No. **445 Baker Avenue**

Place **Webster Groves Missouri**

DINNER THIRTEENTH INFORMAL STOP LETTERS ON FOREIGN SALARY
QUESTION JUST RECEIVED FROM FIELD CALL FOR COMMITTEE
CONFERENCE FOR WHICH YOUR PRESENCE DESIRED SOME TIME
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FOUNDERS CONSIDERATION ON FIFTEENTH

Macmillan

Sender's address
for reference

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY
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number

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7 March 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

Your plan for Miss Haight's vacation sounds as though it were just the thing for both of you, and Ginling will profit too as you spread sweetness and light along the way! Is there anything that you do not have at hand with which we can supply you of information or material? Thank you for the memorandum of additional speaking dates.

Nancy Martin, the Ginling representative of the St. Louis Smith Club, writes us from 22 Joy Avenue in your own town. She is hoping that you will be available when they set their Ginling program, and you might be in less danger of last minute inconvenience if you were to check with her before your March absence. The Club has been a little delayed in its plans because the President is moving to California and has resigned. Miss Martin would like to use motion pictures, and hopes that you will annotate them. Have you any impression as to whether you would like to have the Refugee film (poor photography), the one-reel edition of "It Happened at Ginling", which is a cut version, omitting the story, or the full 1,200 feet of "It Happened at Ginling"? I would suppose that you would not wish the last-named, because it would probably take up the full time of whatever program could be allowed Ginling.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EHM:ds

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves Missouri

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March 12, 1940
445 Baker Ave.,
Webster Groves, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Thank you for your letter of March 7th, telling of your approval of the spring "getaway" to the woods. We have just had word that Mereb Mossman will be home and glad to see us. As for information or material, there might be some things to ask for if I were more on the alert, but I seem to have quite a few things, among them the lovely Ginling pictures, which everyone admires so much. If you think of anything that I perhaps should have which I haven't I'd be glad to receive it. People are very busy, of course, but I have been surprised at their interesting in seeing the things I take along, especially large ones that catch their eye. I have been so thankful for the picture of General Chiang and his wife which I happened to have.

I just called Miss Nancy Martin, and she said that she will call on me before long, - that their Ginling meeting will be the next after their evening meeting, so probably there will be plenty of time for us to get together ~~before~~ after I come back. As for the films, do you know whether the Smith group here has had any chance to see the one "It happened at Ginling", which I take it is the first one taken of scenes on the Ginling campus, before the war? If not, I should think they might be more interested in that, since you say the refugee film was rather poor photography. Perhaps you can judge about it better than I, since you have shown both, but I should rather think that the first film, followed by a few details about present conditions might go better. If you have annotations, please send them, as I might not have them just straight.

There is another matter, about my salary, which I thought I should bring up, and about which I already wrote to Rebecca. She suggested that I make a statement for the board or whatever committee it may concern, and so I just mention it informally to you before doing so. My idea is to follow along with the idea which was suggested last year that there be some equalization between the salaries of the foreigners and the Chinese, and that, if possible those of the Chinese returned students and those of the foreigners be somewhat equal. I don't know just how it can be worked out, but for the sake of our general spirit and cooperation together, it seems to me that there might perhaps be two classes of foreigners, those who would be classes as regulars and accept salaries on the same scale, more or less, with those of the Chinese, and a special class of foreigners, short termers or specialists, who for some reason could not conform to the regular rule. It really seems right to me to go back only on that basis, that is, of asking that my salary be put on the same basis with that of the re-

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turned Chinese. I may not be seeing clearly on this, and am glad to have suggestions from you, as I was from Rebecca. I realize that those who are in America were in favor of changing our present regulation and that the chief objection came from the field. Dr. Wu, of course, is tied because of being Chinese herself. I will write out some kind of expression of my thought about it to be handed to whichever committee would have this in change, asking Rebecca to forward it, and will appreciate your helping it along if it seems a right and fair thing to do.

I am leaving Thursday, expecting to be in Cleveland till Saturday, when I go to Detroit and Ann Arbor, expecting to stay there most of next week.

Dr. Wu writes that her best judgment for the present seems to be that I return to Chengtu, instead of going to Nanking for next year, as she had once suggested.

Thanking you for help so constantly given, I am

Sincerely yours,

Curtis Suckland

0022

18 March 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

When you see Moreb, as I very much hope you will, will you try to make her think charitably on the matter of our common task of assisting Ginling alumnae to get the study they need in America. She and I have both had to deal recently with a considerable confusion of candidates and institutions, and there have been moments when she has had the desire to withdraw from a muddled situation in which she thought her activities were being criticised. As I have written to her, we need more of her, not less, in the Ginling problems, and the only requirement for satisfactorily avoiding confusion in the future is to choose some spot in America which can be the clearing-house and gathering point for all papers; transcripts of records, letters of recommendation, and statements of plan from the students themselves. As it has been this year, this office has been called upon to produce information on all these points which it did not possess, and one of the dangers is that we may, in our zeal, lend assistance toward scholarship appointments to students who have not the backing of Wu Yi-fang and whose records are not good enough to justify the opportunities which they seek. Perhaps Moreb will pass on to you for reading the correspondence with which you are not already familiar.

Your fine spirit on the matter of salary scale will be a help in the further steps which are taken, and there should be on record here a full statement from you before you set sail across the Pacific. Along with your own generous reaction to this problem, which differs not at all from that of the members of the Founders' Executive Committee, will you not be thinking of the possibility that the first steps should be the raising of the Chinese faculty salaries, and that considerable progress should be made on this side before foreigners are put upon the same salary scale. I have some apprehension that the reversal of these steps might delay rather than accelerate ^{the end which} we seek, which is that of setting a salary scale for Ginling which will attract Chinese worthy of the college. I believe that the willingness of Westerners to accept a single salary scale with their colleagues should be a subsidiary of the main principle.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves Missouri

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Quoted by Miss Lester Hodge 3/9/40 as

Mrs. Rhoads, Mrs. Yeh, pianos, salaries - also Stella Brown
on salaries. Asked her for expense acct. on trip to Cleveland.
Dear Rebecca -

Mar 22, 1940

This morning I left
Am Arbor, after one of the happiest
weeks imaginable. I don't wonder
more could have been crammed
into one short week, so busy were
we with all the pleasant meetings
it contained with friends both new &
old - chiefly old, I'm glad to say.

I wish you could visit Mrs. Rhoads
in her dear little house in the
woods & enjoy its peace as I did.
As it happened I spent 3 nights with
her & 3 with my cousin & the days
were here, there & everywhere, trying of
course to fit my time with those of
the Chinese students who are on
schedule.

It was my first chance to see

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Diao Hwa-guen (whom I found from Mrs. Reed you had previously helped her first year). There is no doubt she is shas been a real problem to a number of people & a burden to Mrs. Reed, but she & others are hoping that she may "come to herself" finally & prove herself worthy of her rather unusual gifts. mentally.

Temperamental instability & shrewd judge to be her great weakness. I invited her to our home for Spring vacation but she thinks she is too busy. I also invited Matthew Yang, who may come, especially in order to visit some public school music of St. Louis. I guess that since Hwa-guen quit - using her hand was because of a strained sinew that my lack of the musical program by her & Matthew

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needn't be discussed now, tho' I

mentioned it to Mrs. Rhead & she
thot it might be possible sometime.

It may be that she (Hwa-jen) may
not be given a scholarship after this
year. It doesn't seem certain.

Wang Ming-djen is so well happy
is a bright star on the physics horizon.

Mrs. Rhead & I were grateful for
Tom Kilgus. I found her with a very
real desire I think, to go back to
China, so real that I changed my
own point of view to the extent of
trying to let her see ^{now} how sincere my
own desire is for her return. Her
friends there are almost all against
her going just now, altho' not entirely
so. She herself has reservations, which
may be strongest. She said that
she will think carefully &
prayfully during the next two
weeks & then be definite. Considering

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all things - his delightful & useful life there, his talent, the fact that he roots down deep there, it is surprising that the idea of going to C. persists, & I believe it is very real. I hope she will not worry but just have faith that she will be satisfied.

We talked with Dr. Rufus about Lucy. Yeh, she said that there might be a chance, but a small one, of her getting a B. Scholarship, but asked us to have her write at once to her, as the decisions are to be made within 10 days. They already have an application she made in 1935. Her coming to Am Arbor might affect Mrs. Rheedi's decision, as she would be glad to be with her there.

As for Chengtu, I am inclined to suggest that since Mrs B cannot come ^{continue to} we hope for Mrs. R., but that we try no further now, ^{to get others} hoping that she will come the following year. as for actual work, Hu Shih says - I can carry on.

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As for Miss Deland or Miss Rhodes,
I secured them an old college
friend who teaches at Lindenwood
some information which I pass on
rather reluctantly, & perhaps confi-
dentially, unless you wish to
edit it.

As my friend said, it has been
some time since either of them were
there & they may have changed, &
passing the Lindenwood environment
failed to get the best response.

I only give it for what it is
worth.

But with that in mind I should
prefer to wait for Miss B. or Mrs. R.,
whom we know better.

Matthews Gay also hopes to
join our staff! & he will be

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a whiz, if his Michigan
record is any indication of his
worth. He has seemed to
develop so happily &
shows high ability.

I am ashamed to
send such scribbles,
but maybe best not to
wait, for it may be hard not
to chatter when I meet
Edith at Indianapolis
and much love
Catharine

My letters to you always
seem so full of
business!

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Helms:

musicianship good
good training

not institutionally minded
reserve - hard to know.

taught well & carefully
but didn't seem to want to
pass on to students musical
beauty etc.

E. Rhodes -

went to pieces nervously at Lind
musically good.

Can play beautifully, but
temperamentally difficult (may
be due to so much family difficulty
"a bit imbalanced")

gets very intimate

rubbed people the wrong way.

3/25/40 Asked Mrs. M. & sent me copy
of E. Rhodes' teaching experience.

Rec'd Apr 1940

To the Ginling Board.

Dear friends:

I should like to write briefly of my thought in regard to my salary in the future.

Several of the foreign faculty members of Ginling have for some time hoped that an adjustment might be made whereby there would be better equalization between foreign and Chinese salaries.

Last year, thru a letter written by Miss Stella Graves, a plan for such adjustment was sent both to Dr. Wu and to you. We understand that you here were more or less in agreement with our idea, but that Dr. Wu's reply from China was negative.

We realize that the question would have to be carefully considered before any final new rule could be established, and I should feel that, if possible, all of us should act together, altho it seems to me quite possible that there should be two groups of foreigners, those who can and will accept a salary on a basis with the Chinese, and those who for some reason cannot (this last group would refer especially to specialists and short time people).

Since I know something of the reasons why it is difficult to get such a move approved of from the field, I am wondering if I would seem justified in doing what seems right for me--to say that I will go out this time only on the lower salary basis--not meaning to want to be arrogant or different, but merely positive in making a start which seems to me in the right direction. It is really my intention to do so, with what light I have. But I may not be seeing clearly enough and therefore am glad to be further enlightened, pro or con.

Thanking you for your reply, I am,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Caroline Fetherland

150 Fifth Avenue
New York N. Y.

6 April 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

Thank you for sending on to us in New York the question of support for Miss Wu Suen-i for 1940-41. I will sketch as briefly as possible the substance of the history of this question.

As you know, President Wu Yi-fang and Miss Sweeney, Associate Director of the Merrill Palmer School, met in Madras, and Miss Sweeney put herself wholeheartedly at the disposal of President Wu in plans for the strengthening of the Ginling Department of Sociology. It was because of our knowledge of this meeting and the fame of the leadership of the Merrill Palmer School in homemaking instruction that Miss Sweeney was made a member of the Ginling Board of Founders on her return to this country. She has accepted the position of special adviser to Wu Suen-i on the basis of her conversation and correspondence with Wu Yi-fang. Therefore, Suen-i need have no apprehension about the provision for her of a profitable program for next year.

A most peculiar situation existed in relation to the scholarship at Corvallis, and it took us some time to understand why it was being suggested that Wu Suen-i travel back and forth between Detroit and Corvallis in the course of her present year of study. In the end the fact came out that the scholarship at Corvallis lacks one term of support in relation to the requirements of the Master's degree there, one of these requirements being that the term preceding the conferring of the degree must be spent in residence at Corvallis. Since Miss Sweeney had promised entire support for one term of study at Merrill Palmer and at least partial travelling expense, Miss Kilam had planned this interruption of the Corvallis residence, with credit allowance toward the Corvallis degree of the work taken at Merrill Palmer. Finally, everyone agreed that Miss Wu should remain at Corvallis throughout the Master's work, and the Ginling Founders have provided the \$190.00 necessary to see her through the summer term, at the end of which she will receive the degree.

In accordance with the original plan, the Merrill Palmer term (with full support) can be taken next autumn. This is Miss Sweeney's advice and the position of this school nationally and internationally appears to make it an eminently suitable use of the time. That term would end at the Christmas holidays, and Miss Sweeney believes that the more-than-a-month remaining before the beginning of the second semester should be spent by

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Wu Suen-i in visiting Southern centers of handicraft and rural development. We think we know where we can get the necessary funds for this trip from a friend of Ginling who is specially interested in that field.

Because of Miss Sweeny's position she usually finds no difficulty in securing scholarship grants for students in whom she is interested. She writes as though she had no uncertainty about her ability to make full provision for Wu Suen-i for her last semester next year. Recent word from her has, however, shown some puzzlement as to whether she might expect full cooperation from Miss Wu. Since you have known Suen-i longer than I have, will you help in discovering whether she is willing to leave this matter in the hands where President Wu Yi-fang has placed it, - with Miss Sweeny in consultation with the Founders? If she can bring herself to do so, I would suggest that at this time she drop all concern about the last half of next year, devote herself to the full enjoyment of her work in Oregon and to the anticipation of the weeks in Detroit, and - especially - not show in writing to Miss Sweeny any hint of wish to develop a plan for herself in conflict with the one I have outlined, unless, indeed, she really does wish to take the whole year on her own shoulders. There is no reason, of course, why she should not undertake to work out the year along entirely different lines if that is her understanding of what she should do in preparation for return to the faculty. I have outlined our understanding of our responsibility, in which Miss Sweeny is helping splendidly. The important thing is to have no conflict of planning, - and I have done my best to convince Suen-i that she need have no apprehension about next year. It is highly important to Ginling that we keep the loyal interest of the Merrill Palmer School, and we have every reason for thinking that Suen-i is due to profit greatly from this interest. I feel certain that Miss Sweeny will consult her in full detail about the second semester program, - but you and I know that it is probably not necessary at this time for any one to have great concern about scholarship support for the second semester of 1940-41. Partial scholarship grants, made on such distinguished recommendation as Miss Sweeny's, would most likely be made after the beginning of the academic year. Moreover, Miss Sweeny will be much more confident in making her recommendations after Suen-i has arrived in Detroit in September.

Mrs. Mei Yi-pao (through whose friendly intervention the Corvallis scholarship came to Wu Suen-i late last summer) thought very highly of what she got at the Merrill Palmer School. I was with her a good deal in Detroit last year and went over the facts in great detail.

Have I answered all your questions about Suen-i's problems? I have tried to make all these points in my letters to her, but it may be that I have not succeeded in doing so. I enclose a copy of this letter which you may forward to her if you wish.

I had heard nothing about Mrs. Yeh's plan to remain in America for 1940-41. Will you let me know what she would like to do and where?

We have made the Victrola record need known to Smith, and I am following it up now that the girls are back from vacation. We do not, of course, know what success we will have. I am telling them that records can be left with mother, which will relieve them of the necessity of packing and shipping. I do not believe you need to worry about duplication.

Yours -

Miss Catharine Sutherland.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Dear Rebecca,

Your letter is just here &
I hasten to reply, at least in part.
It sort of breaks my heart that Mrs. Rhead
should feel sensitive about being thought
uncertain in her desire to go - tho'
maybe I said so in so many words.
What I said was that I had had some
doubt about it before seeing her, but
that having been there & talked with
her I was very sure of her sincere
desire to go, without which I did not
think anyone should go out at this
time. Perhaps I said it just the wrong
way. I must have failed badly to be
expressive or to lead her to it so while I
was there, for there was plenty of oppor-
tunity for us to talk about it. One evening
especially when I hoped we would say

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now it seemed to me that she almost⁽²⁾ wished to evade it. But I often err in mistaking reticence for something else, & she may have really been wanting me to urge & speak more my own mind about it. But the next day we did speak 2 or 3 times about it, & I said, repeating to her that she must not & could not doubt our & my sincerity in wanting her, & that I could only pray that she would be led to the right decision, which only she could make. Personally I still feel it would be wrong for me or any other to take the responsibility of urging her to go. Her good friend Mrs. Littlefield also emphasized that one evening, as if she feared I might try to persuade Mabel. And I tried to let her know that I would not.

I am writing at once again to Mabel to restate my belief in her wanting to go, which is absolutely

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Sincere. And if she is able to come this September, I hope she will come, even tho' I should feel sorry that we couldn't have arranged to go together, or that there might be someone to go with her. But if she flies from Hongkong, the trip will be comparatively simple.

As far as Shen Djin-yin is concerned I would have no fear of her working harmoniously at Sinling. It is unfortunate that her ^{1st} year here so badly represented the real Shen Djin-yin. Knowing her quite well, as I feel I do, I can easily "compartmentalize" that year as apart from her usual behavior. She is more or less solid gold, but has quirks!

As for Celia Diao, Mrs. Rhead thought she might possibly go home this summer, i.e. that it might be better for her, but Dr. Rufus was not

so sure: & since Celeste ^{APR 9 1940} ^[4] wishes to stay on, I shouldn't be surprised if she did. It was a disappointment to me to find how difficult she has been, & talks with Dear Bocher & others made me realize that she has been extremely temperamental, not only with Mrs. Rhead, whom she really adores, but with others. We must hope that she will grow out of it somehow, for she is very talented. just childish & immature to a high degree. I won't say.

Personally I don't think it would matter if Shen & Yü. yü were asked to come & then Mahel went also. If we "pooled" our salaries somehow, it wouldn't hurt the budget & we would have no trouble keeping busy, as there are always "oceans" untouched.

Thank you for mention of the salary problem. a letter just comes

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from Mrs. Macmillan asking me to ^[5]
attend the May 15th Board meeting,
which I presume I should do, &
so I will not say any further here
then. I am very grateful for your
point of view, & hope you will
write anything further that occurs to
you, & that you will be there too!

As for Miss Sullimery, I don't
want to be too emphatic in my
desire for her to go. There may be
others better suited. I don't happen
to know Miss Tresswell.

As for Edith, I am not sure
but that you should put it up to
her, tho. I do feel that maybe it
would be her own feeling that she
should not go now. If she doesn't
finish up her doctorate within the
next year she will have to take an
extra course each year until she

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completes it, or else lose what she
has already done. Also I presume her
feeling about her mother might hold just
as it did when she left China. If she
completed her doctor's degree within a
year or two, she might then more readily
consider it.

And now I am running to a music
lesson.

Thank you so much for
frankly giving me all details about
Mrs. Rheas etc.

Long,
Catharine.

April 9th 1940

My dear Catharine,

Your letter of April 9 reached me just as I was leaving for the train to go down to Atlantic City to the National Y. W. C. A. Convention. While I haven't answered it, I have sent you a copy, I think, of Mrs. Rhead's letter deciding not to go this summer to Ginling. We have cabled Doctor Wu to that effect. I do not think that you ought to feel at all badly about your attitude towards Mrs. Rhead. I think it is very difficult for those in China who know how hard the situation there is, to feel that they are in a position in any way to influence such a person as Mrs. Rhead. It is possible that she does not comprehend just what she would be up against, but I have felt certain both last winter and the winter before that she was earnest in her desire to go if the way opened to her.

I have had this morning a letter from Mrs. Rhead, of which I am sending you a copy. You will see that Lucy did not get a Barbour Scholarship and that there are no longer Barbour Fellowships. I do not feel competent to suggest to Mrs. Rhead what Lucy should do. I think it would be a delightful experience to have Lucy in one's home and if you think that this is a sensible thing, would it not be well to go ahead with it?

I know that you are in Lucy's confidence and I do not feel that this is a matter in which I should guide, but I shall be very happy to do anything to help in any way that you wish me to. Also, with our present arrangement, I shall have to send this information on to Mrs. Macmillan. I am sending her a copy both ~~of this letter to you and~~ of Mrs. Rhead's letter to me and I will send you both a copy of my answer to Mrs. Rhead.

I do not know the relative merits of the Music Departments of Northwestern and of Michigan. It would seem to me that you, and I too, possibly could feel more comfortable about Lucy if she were with Mrs. Rhead at Michigan. I do not know when a Chinese woman has warmed my heart as much as has Mrs. Yeh. I wish it were possible for me to do something personal for her next year, but at the present time, with my two young cousins

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in college, that seems out of the question.

I do not like to involve you in so much writing, but I should be glad to know what your decision is in regard to Mrs. Yeh. I hope that her experience yesterday in the big convention hall at Atlantic City was a happy one. I had written the date down on my calendar and was thinking about her all day.

I am taking from your letter of April 9 that you will be at the next Board meeting in New York. Will you stay at the Park Side or will you be out with your brother in Monclair. Rosa May Butler has invited me to have lunch or tea with her on Tuesday, the 14th. I am going to suggest an early dinner instead and that it be "Dutch", if she is willing, and that you come with me to that dinner. I am afraid that we may have a committee meeting called at noon that day so that that would make lunch out of the question, and I am also afraid that 4:00 o'clock will be too early for us to get away from the Associated Board's meeting for tea. If you think I should not be so high-handed with her, just let me know.

Another thing that I have not done is to send on to Miss Hodge or to anyone in authority, a copy of the letter you sent to me in relation to salary. This should really be not only in Miss Hodge's hands, but in the hands of the Chairman of our Finance Committee, Mrs. McConnell. I had, however, spoken of this not only to Mrs. Macmillan and to Miss Hodge, but also at an Executive Committee meeting held several weeks ago and at that time Miss Hodge asked for a copy of the letter. It was not clear to me whether you wished me to send on this letter of whether you wished me merely to comment on it to you. The latter I did, and now I feel that you really intended me to send it on to the Board, so I am having copies made and forwarding them to Miss Hodge, Mrs. Macmillan, Mrs. Evans, ^{and} Mrs. McConnell, as Chairman of the Finance Committee. I am sorry that I have neglected to do what was evidently your plan that I should do.

Affectionately yours,

Russell Westbrook

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445 Baker
Webster Groves, Mo.
May 1, 1940.

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your good letter of April 26th, and for your kindness in sending the enclosed copies of letters of both yours and Mrs. Rhead's about Lucy. It is disappointing that she could not get the scholarship, but as she herself wrote, she had not held much hope of receiving it. It seems as if it would be quite ideal if it worked out that she could go to Michigan and be in Mabel's home. I do feel, as you say, that she would be such a happy person to have in one's home, and that Mrs. Rhead would find it a real joy to have her. The only difficulty might be that Mabel's home is 3 miles from the University, and getting back and forth might not always be so convenient. But in the morning they could no doubt come in together and Lucy might find that she often like that much exercise. She also might get a taxi rate, or there might be all sorts of possibilities.

I also do not know the comparative merits of the music departments of Northwestern and Michigan. From what I know they are both good, and of course so often it is the individual teacher, especially in practical music, that counts. Lucy of course feels very close to Miss Nagler, the sister of the friend who sent her to America before, and it is also true that she might be able to earn more money in that vicinity thru speaking, as Miss Nagler suggested, than she might at Michigan, unless she could secure a teaching job in Chinese, as you suggested. I do rather hope that one of Mabel's friends may feel ready to give the needed tuition outright.

Lucy wrote to me that she thought the thing to do for the present was to go to Northwestern for the summer school, and then see what followed from there. If she should go on to Michigan, it would of course be better for her to go to the Michigan summer school. It may be that something will develop during May.

I have it a little on my mind to try to go by way of Chicago and Ann Arbor to New York, seeing both Miss Nagler and Mabel, but I also question the wisdom of it, wondering if there is any real point in my doing so. Perhaps in a few more days - may be clearer about it.

You mentioned having dinner with Rosa May Butler, and including me, which I should certainly love to do. In case I should go to Chicago and Ann Arbor, I would find it hard to arrive before Wed. morning, the 15th, and wonder if by any chance we could suggest having a meal together on the 16th, Thursday. However, it might be better, in order to talk one or two things over with you, for me to get there on Tuesday. So, if you will be so kind, please drop me just a line to tell me how you feel about it, and also whether it would seem good for me to go to Chicago. It may be that

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I shall go to Chicago anyway to see an old friend, but that could be done on the homeward trip. So could Ann Arbor, for that matter.

Thank you for what you did about my letter in regard to salary. I'm not sure that I had any definite procedure in mind, not knowing to whom to refer it, after yourself, so I'm sure that what you did was right. I do hope I may be guided to have a sane point of view about it, one that will be the most helpful to the whole situation. I am sure that some of the Board members will have helpful suggestions about it.

You asked about taking some clothing back to Chengtu. I'm sure my welcome there would be "highly heightened" if I came bearing a clothes chest. As for the matter of getting it there, I would probably have to deal with it as with anything else, and hope there would be a way; if not at once, eventually!

May I ask about another matter- that of buying some records, and the substance therefor. I wrote to Mrs. Macmillan, after a talk when I was there in the fall, giving a long list of records which would be most acceptable to us, if anyone wished to contribute them. She sent it on to Smith, thinking that some people there might wish to make contributions. Later when I asked something more about it, wondering if I should be careful not to invest in any of the numbers on that list, lest there be duplication, she said she didn't think there would be much danger of that. So I have been thinking that if we could somehow allocate some money- say \$100 (maybe that is too much), it would mean a lot to get some of those records for our department use. I should have, in that case made connection with Chengtu, to get that amount put in our budget, or borrowed ahead, maybe. My real thought had been that I would invest that much privately, but there have been so many unexpected uses for money in our family this year and my father has given so much for my medical and other expenses that I don't feel like asking for much more. I am in touch with someone thru whom I think I can get the records with 30% discount.

S tella recently wrote that thru Lillian Kirk a list of desired records had been sent,- I suppose to the Board- and we would have to check up with that, of course.

You also asked where I would be staying in New York, in Montclair or the Parkside. My thought was that it might be well to spend two nights in New York, for I wish to look up some music, etc., and then go for the week end with my brother. I have also asked Lucy whether she can come to my brother's house for the week end. Maybe I will not stay that long, but rather expect to.

My father is himself in the hospital again. He seemed to be doing so nicely in Florida, and then just before starting home, there was a return of his foot trouble, and so the doctor sent him to the hospital on his return to continue those treatments which seem to help his circulation. There was a blood clot this time which seemed to make his foot and leg quite painful. But he is getting on quite reasonably well.

Sorry to trouble you with so many details. Please don't feel that you must answer in detail-just a postcard will do! We can talk the rest more thoroughly when I see you.

P.S. I am writing soon to R. M. Butler so will also suggest my joining (dutch) in the luncheon or dinner, whatever time you suggest.

With much love
Catherine.

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Mrs. M. for
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Will you, then, kindly advise
if possible at the Parkside for Wed + Thurs?
If for Tue. I can see but you know better.

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Just as I was about to mail this, a letter came from Mrs. Macmillan speaking of several things, including the scholarship for Lucy. I waited to add this line to yours, and now another from Mrs. M. enclosing a copy of the one she sent to Smith and to you about the scholarship. From all I know it would be fine for Lucy to be in Smith. I don't know how much a scholarship there would include-whether it would mean board and room as well.

I think it true that she would be glad to be a little nearer to Miss Nagler, the friend whom she is so fond of in Northwestern, but that should not be a deciding factor, except that I do know that she has felt a bit lonely in Princeton this year, and she conceives of the people in the east being a little harder to learn to know than those she had formerly met with in the west (you and others are not in this category, I know, for she repeatedly speaks of your kindness and friendliness.) I think you may have realized that some of her reserve which she shows only occasionally is a cover for diffidence, and apparently with those of the Board and others she has met, they have not sensed any of this, but only been impressed with her charm. I only mention it because I think it is a factor that has a good deal to do with her fundamental peace and happiness, and which strangers are apt not to be at all aware of.

But I would also feel that it would have been too bad if her only contacts had been in the middle west, for the more groups and types of people she can meet the better.

I was about to write to Mrs. M. in answer to her questions about Lucy, and will do so, but from her letter to you, I take it that the matter of her scholarship is now in your hands, as far as Gilling is concerned. Since you know Lucy so well, I think that is a fine arrangement.

As for my suggestion of going to Chicago or Michigan, please veto that at once, if you think best, especially as I may not find time to do so. I think you can see how I have felt something of a responsibility in regard to Lucy, but I am only too thankful if I may be completely relieved of it. As I said I may go there for friendly reasons to see someone else, and I would of course be interested to see Miss Nagler. Mabel suggested my stopping there again and there are a couple of reasons why I should like to do so, if it worked out easily.

Perhaps the above in regard to Lucy's diffidence had best not be passed on. I only mentioned it to you, feeling that you would understand.

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3 May 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

Have I somewhere missed in your recent letters a response to our question as to whether you will be available for attendance at our meeting of the Founders on May 15? We shall be very much in need of your presence. We convene in the Jade Room of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, corner Fifth Avenue and Ninth Street at 10 o'clock the morning of the 15th and shall continue through luncheon into the afternoon in that same room. On the 13th and 14th, there are meetings of the Associated Boards which are to be attended by all members of the individual college groups who can possibly arrange to be there. Attendance upon some of the sessions and upon the Annual Dinner on the evening of the 13th might be of value to you in increasing your understanding of the way in which we try to do our task in America. Would you be willing to speak to a fixed topic to be announced on the Agenda of the Founders meeting of the 15th? How should I state that topic? You will of course be called upon to answer questions in the course of discussion in addition to making this special contribution of speaking from your heart. None of us wish to put upon you a task that will seem a burden, and there is nothing compulsory about an announced report or brief speech from you. On the other hand, you will understand that we would feel remiss in failing to give you this opportunity, which we hope may appeal to you as welcome.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Catharine E. Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Grove Missouri

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445 Baker Ave.
Webster Groves, Mo.
~~April~~ May 3, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Thank you for your two letters, recently received. It is very kind of you to help get those things for Stella and me, and we both appreciate your help very much, you can be sure.

I am sorry that whatever was to be done for Lucy Yeh was not started sooner, but of course there had been the hope that she might continue on at the Westminster Choir College for another year. But I do hope that now it will turn out in the very best way for her. As far as I am concerned, I was much impressed with the music department at Smith, and if a scholarship were offered her there, she would in all probability accept without any hesitation. I am trusting that you and Rebecca and Mrs. Rhead (and possibly her friend in Northwestern) will be able to find the best conclusion for her, and, as I told Rebecca, I would gladly do anything that it was in my power to do. One of these days, more of us will be more clear as to the best and most efficient way to go about these things.

I enjoyed meeting the members of the Smith club, and they all seemed to find the film very interesting. It made me wish that they had asked for the longer film, and had less talk. They were most cordial, and my impression was that they would be a "ripe field" for more education about Ginling. I rather took it for granted that they would know a good deal about Ginling, but apparently they hadn't known much. One young girl, the president, said that she had known little in college, but realized that that was probably her own fault. They seem, naturally, like very busy folk, but I had a wish that you were much nearer at hand. They mentioned the fact of the help it was to hear someone straight from China, and I began to dream about the possibility of someone like Mrs. New (supposing she could come, and supposing that Dr. Wu would be too busy or too tired to do so) coming to make a visit to all the Smith clubs thruout the country. Please don't mind my thinking aloud to you in this way- I'm sure that these ideas have been with you for years past. I am merely glad to pass on what was of necessity only a superficial impression, for I have had very little contact with these people except at this meeting. One or two of the middle aged women are friends of my family, and from the younger ones who took me to the meeting, I understand that a few of them, of about my age, are the ones who are the standby-s of the club. About 35 attended, I believe, tho it may have been 40.

I am wondering whether the longer Ginling film is to be in use the last of May, or the first part of June. If not, I might bring it back with me

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or have it sent, and use it several times here.

I shall looking forward with pleasure to seeing you in a week or so.

Sincerely

Catharine Lutherland.

P.S. Stella Graves has just written asking that I try to bring out a set of baby organ reeds, to improve one there, and I am wondering whether this can be added to our order. She had asked Mr. Evans to look after getting a baby organ for her, and it may be that these reeds can be included in the same order. I should feel like adding that, if they are not too expensive, we order two sets. I really have no idea of their price. Will you be kind enough to refer this to Mr. Evans, if he should be referred to, or tell me to look for them myself when I come, which I would be glad to try to do.

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 4, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

Dear Catharine:

Your letter of May 1 arrived some time yesterday but I had no chance to read it until evening. I'll be glad to send a note to Miss Butler and suggest that we meet, if possible, on the 15th. This is not quite your suggestion of the 16th, but I should come home the night of the 15th if I possibly can. This may not suit Miss Butler because, as I remember, she is planning to leave New York on the 18th for good, and she may, of course, be entirely too busy to make a change in her schedule.

I'll make a reservation at the Parkside for you for Wednesday and Thursday and will change it to Tuesday if you let me know.

It seems to me it would be very wise, if you can, to come East by the way of Chicago and Ann Arbor and see both Miss Nagler and Mrs. Rhead because you would be in a position of more information about both situations when you see Lucy.

I am wondering if you have time as you go through Detroit, if you would be able to stop at the Merrill-Palmer School, 71 Ferry Avenue, East, and see Miss Sweeny. Miss Sweeny is the assistant director, is a new member of the Ginling College Board, was at the Madras Conference but was not, I understand, able to get into China at that time. She is a woman of great good sense, very virile, and one that we are very happy to have on our Board. She is, however, new as far as Board routine is concerned. She happens to be on the Personnel Committee and what I should like you to do, if you have time to see her, would be to talk with her about Alice Settlemyer. The papers for Alice have gone out to the members of the Personnel Committee. It happens this year that we have on that committee two new Board members and two other members who have not been on the Committee before. It is absolutely essential that all of these people express their opinions on Miss Settlemyer. Miss Sweeny has written very pleasantly saying that she has gone over the credentials and "it would seem to me that since a number of people who know the situation at Ginling and the demands of the life in China have interviewed her, their opinions should be the basis on which eventually the decision would be made." Now, we really need Miss Sweeny's judgment. She was put on this committee in order that a fresh point of view could be had in the com-

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mittee. When I sent out Miss Settlemyer's papers to her I was fearful lest two adverse reports, one of which I felt was quite unjust, would weigh against all of the very good reports about Miss Settlemyer. And so I wrote a note to Miss Sweeny and asked her if we wished someone else to see Miss Settlemyer if she could see her in Detroit if we sent her (Alice) to Detroit. Miss Sweeny has answered very pleasantly that she is willing to do so if that seems a good plan. But if you have time, I should like you to find out what Miss Sweeny really thinks about Miss Settlemyer and whether you feel we should send Miss Settlemyer on to Detroit to see Miss Sweeny. Incidentally, I think it would be interesting for you to see this school. Wu Suen-i is doing a cooperative piece of graduate work part-time in Oregon and part-time at Merrill-Palmer School. Now don't feel that you have to do this unless you really have time to do it, because this matter can be carried through by correspondence.

I know that Ruth bought some records last year to take back to China with her. I am wondering what records are on the list which Stella has sent to Mrs. Macmillan. I do not suppose that the records that I have here will be ones that you would want, but I should be most happy to have Ginling have almost any that I have which would be helpful to them. Father was fond of voice and so most of our records, unfortunately for you, I imagine, are not orchestra records but voice records. Some of them are not very new, but among them are the best of that period as far as the great voices go. I'll ask Mrs. Macmillan to let me see that list, if it is still in the office. As for buying records, I do not imagine that anybody could get for you a better discount than the 30% which you mentioned, but you might take this up with Mr. Evans when you see him in New York, because he is able to get rather remarkable discounts through the Methodist Board Purchasing Bureau.

To go back to Lucy, I do not think that there is any hope of help from Smith and it would be a comforting thing to her, I imagine, to be next year with friends, either Miss Nagler or Mrs. Rhead. The problem of the long distance from Mrs. Rhead's home to the University would be a pretty big problem, especially in winter time. If, however, Mrs. Rhead's friends could give the tuition that would almost settle it, I should think, for Michigan, and I do believe that Mrs. Rhead would find Lucy a great joy in her home, a somewhat different experience from the one that she has had with Celia Djao.

I am so sorry to know that your father has had a return of his difficulty. I hope he will be fully well soon. I met Mr. I. C. Arnold on the street the other day. He and Mrs. Arnold had been in St. Petersburg this winter and had called at your home there, but apparently at a time before your parents arrived, and he was under the impression that they had not gotten to Florida this winter. The Arnold's, you will remember, are the relatives of your mother upon whom your parents called last October when they were here.

This letter is also introducing to you Jean Baldwin who is helping me two days a week with the Ginling correspondence. So if you drop in on us on Monday or Friday, you will find her sitting somewhere in the house behind a typewriter.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

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445 Baker Ave.,
Webster Groves, Mo.
May 6, 1940

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Your letter of May 3rd is just here. I am sorry that I did not make myself clear about going to New York. I thought that I had written a positive word about coming, but perhaps I failed to do so. I had been planning to arrive on the 15th, possibly going by way of Chicago and Ann Arbor and Detroit, as Rebecca knows through some correspondence about Mrs. Yeh, the new English candidate, etc. However I am finding it not easy to arrange to make those stops because of things that carry me right thru the week here, leaving so little time, and so it may seem best to try to go straight to New York.

I should like to attend some of the meetings on the 13th and 14th, if possible. I wonder if I may leave that tentative for a few days. I think the earliest I could arrive would be on Monday, at 5:50 p.m., which would allow me to attend the dinner on Monday evening. May I ask whether this is a formal one that would require a formal dress. I am traveling very light and was thinking of bringing only one small bag with me, but can bring more. If the dinner is something for which I must make early reservation, perhaps I had better not be included, for I may not be able to decide until several days from now. My father is still in the hospital and mother tires so easily that I am glad to be here as much as possible. But she wouldn't want to detain me from anything important.

As for speaking at the Founders meeting on Wednesday, my impulse is to say that there is nothing special on my mind, and I had better not take up valuable time. But I know that words from those on the field are desired, and I would like to feel that I could at least express a friendly word of appreciation of all that is being done here. If you think best I will try to speak for about five minutes, but have no topic to suggest.

Am on the way to my music lesson, so will send this off.

Hoping that you will have strength for all the busy days ahead, and looking forward to being there, I am

Sincerely yours,

Catharine Sutherland

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5/9/40 - Note Dr. Dred about appt. for 5/16/40

u 5/13/40 for C.S. - Copy to
Mrs. Rhead

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 6, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

My dear Catharine:

Mrs. Macmillan has sent me a letter from Miss Bryson, the Chairman of the Committee on the Exchange of Students from Foreign Countries at Smith College. In that letter, written under date of May 3, she says:

"Now, on your query of April 30 with respect to the teacher of vocal music: she sounds like a person whom I just missed meeting early in October in Princeton when I was there for a wedding and when I saw Gwan Yuen Li. At the moment our awards have been offered and there is no certainty that we could accommodate her because this year we are having to stay within the limits of the number of fellowships granted by the Trustees; namely, five. If you could get her papers together, however, so that we could have them on hand in case we had some rejections from people to whom our awards have gone, we should be glad to consider her along with other candidates presented by the Institute and other agencies. Please try to have her papers here pretty quick, however, as we should not wait until the college year is almost over with this matter."

I have written this morning to Mrs. Macmillan asking her what she knows about the form in which Lucy's papers should be presented and also what she knows about the value, financially, of this fellowship and I have written to Lucy herself asking her for biographical data, including age, place and years of academic training, and professional experience and a list of references. I should appreciate it if you would send me at once, all information which you have about her and also your opinion of her. You note, of course, that this Smith fellowship is very uncertain. It means that it will only be available in case someone else drops out.

In the light of this uncertainty, it would seem more than reasonable to pursue the possibilities at Michigan and at Northwestern. I should love to have Lucy at Smith because of what I believe she would do there to help strengthen the Ginling bond with Smith. But for her own sake, I think possibly she would be happier with Mrs. Rhead or with her friend at Northwestern. So I am not urging Smith at all, but I do not want to miss any chance that

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might develop. She would not have to accept a fellowship even if it was offered to her at Smith unless she wanted to do so.

I think I asked you for your expense account for the trip from Ann Arbor to Cleveland and back again. I imagine that you did not do this because you thought I would pay for it personally, which was what I intended to do. But recently the Finance Committee has made a grant for necessary expenses for the Personnel work, so that I am able out of that fund to meet these expenses. I wish very much that you would send me your account. If you do not want to accept it for yourself you could then use it for records or for anything else that you wish to take back to Ginling. Of course, I realize that it will not go very far.

Would it not be well for you to check through for a final approval with Doctor Dodd on your medical report? Can you do this while you are in New York? If so, let me know what days would be likely to suit you and I will try to arrange for an appointment for you with Doctor Dodd. I would suppose that the 16th or 17th would be the best days for you.

Miss Butler wrote me in April of a Miss Florence Davis, a sister of Maxine Davis who writes articles for the Good Housekeeping and other magazines. She is trained in music and is eager to go to China. Unfortunately she is a Christian Scientist. Miss Butler, knowing of her interest, invited her to lunch with her and says that she was greatly impressed by her earnestness and real depth of character. She says she is reasonably attractive and should make a valuable teacher. Miss Butler says that Miss Davis has wanted to go to China ever since she was a child and that she is eager to use her talent to serve others. A few days after this letter arrived, Miss Davis sent me the letter and data which I am enclosing for you to see. I know that our Board would not appoint a Christian Scientist, but it might be that there would be a music need in China somewhere, especially in the Shanghai area, that she could fill. I would like you to go over her papers and if you think you would like to see her in New York while you are in New York, an appointment would be made with her. Of course, I say quite categorically that our Board would not appoint a Christian Scientist. I feel pretty positive that they wouldn't, and I think the personal risk for a Scientist of going into the West China area, or, in fact, into any part of interior China, is very great. One wishes that our protestant churches could develop the same desire for service and forgiving one's self that many Christian Scientists have.

I received this morning a letter from Miss Butler and she wishes us both to have dinner with her at 6:00 o'clock on May 14th at the 56th Street Restaurant, which is just a half block from Fifth Avenue on West 56th Street. If you could get there by that time on Tuesday, that would be fine. But if it doesn't suit you, just say so and we will try to arrange another time. Miss Butler, of course, hadn't received my letter suggesting dinner on Wednesday night rather than on Tuesday at the time that she wrote this letter. She came up on the train from Atlantic City with Mrs. Yeh and heard of your coming to New York from her and is delighted, apparently, that she is going to have a chance to see you in New York. She had hoped, as possibly she has written you, to stop in St. Louis on her way through to Oklahoma.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

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May 7, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for the letter of May 4th. And for your suggestions therein about going to Detroit etc. Yesterday a letter came from Mrs. Macmillan suggesting that I try to get to New York by the 13th, if possible, in order to attend some of the meetings of the Associated Boards. I suppose that would be good for my education, and that I ought to try to do that, in which case I would find it hard to make the other stops, as I have things planned here thru Saturday. Please let me know if you think the matter of meeting Miss Sweeny now is important to the extent of stopping there on my way to New York. I can stop on the way back rather conveniently, I think.

I hope that the possible visit to Ann Arbor or Chicago may be just as good on the return trip, since by that time Mrs. Rhead may have had a chance to approach some of her friends about the matter of a gift for Lucy.

If I go to New York, arriving Monday evening, I would then have to arrange for a reservation at the Parkside beginning Monday. Since you were kind enough to make the first reservation will you please be good enough to make the change for me.

As for the records, I think it would perhaps be wonderful for us to have some of your records, but do not know whether you should part with them. We should be most glad for some vocal

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ones, especially any that might be used for religious services or for meditation. Of course opera is acceptable, too. When I mentioned the records and some money for them, I was not thinking at all of a personal gift, but rather hoped that an amount might be allocated for getting some. We can speak of this with Mrs. Macmillan when we are together, since I have already been corresponding with her about records. She recently wrote that maybe some of the Smith clubs would be making some donations, though she had written previously that she did not think there would be any danger of duplication if I went ahead and bought some myself.

I am glad to meet Miss Baldwin, and more than glad that you have a kind assistant to help with some of the details.

Please give me any advice you have about New York or anything else. Since you had said that you did not feel the stops along the way to be necessary, I felt that getting to New York early was probably more important.

Thank you for remembering my parents. We hope very much that father will be out this week, as he is trying to walk a bit now.

With love and hoping to see you soon, I am

Catharine

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May 7, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

I was about to send this first letter when your special came, and so will add several things.

Thank you for the letters about Miss Davis. She sounds so fine. Perhaps you are right that the board would not consider her, and since we have hopes for both Mrs. Rhead and Miss Butler, maybe it will not be wise to go much further just now in regard to her. If there were time, I would of course enjoy meeting her in New York. And I would not be a stickler, myself, about her faith-maybe it is greater than that of some of the rest of us, and we might learn many things from her. And yet it might cause some confusion in the minds of some of our students if they tried to probe into it without more background than they have.

I will enclose a letter about Lucy.

May I give you my travel account when I see you, since I haven't the item just here.

Yes, I will be glad to check up again with Dr. Dodd, if that is the thing to do. Any time on the 16th would perhaps be most convenient for me-before 4 o'clock, if possible. Thanks for arranging it.

Tuesday evening with Miss Butler sounds fine to me. I received a telegram from Mrs. Macmillan to-day asking that I try to get there

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by Monday for some committee meeting. So I am expecting to arrive Monday morning, if not Sunday night. I will ask Mrs. Macmillan to make arrangements at the Parkside, since it may not be convenient for you to do so, unless you are right there.

I rather hope that I may be able to go to Detroit and Ann Arbor on my way back from New York, and have my round trip ticket with that arrangement. So that if you want me to see Miss Sweeny then, I can do so. Am sorry there was no time before my trip to N.Y.

I hope I haven't forgotten anything.

Lovingly

Caroline

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May 10, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for the letter and for the suitcase of clothing which arrived. I have not opened it yet, but am sure that all within will be most acceptable to those in Chengtu. I suppose that one can know more in Shanghai of just how easy it will be to get things into Chengtu. I thought that if for any reason I could not take much with me, I could find plenty of needy people in Shanghai who could use the clothes. But hopefully I will take them with me, for I remember how warmly the box which you sent by Stella was welcomed.

As for the records, you can be sure that we would gladly use S. Travinsky's Fire Bird, if you wish to spare it. And I think I mentioned in my other letter that vocal records are surely acceptable, especially those which might be used for chapel or religious services. But opera ones are also desirable. In making the list which you enclosed, I was thinking more in relation to an appreciation course which I teach. The early appreciation course had been handled by West China University, but I understand that the teacher who had the course may go to another station, so maybe she will take her records with her.

Mrs. Macmillan wired me about wanting to discuss the salary question on the 13th or 14th, so I wrote that I would plan to arrive on the morning of the 13th, hoping it would make it easier for her to make her plans for committee meetings etc. I asked her to make a reservation for me at the Parkside.

I find that I can return by way of Detroit, which I am more or less definitely planning to do, hoping to run over to Ann Arbor as well.

I am enclosing Mabel Rhead's last letter, which she suggested you might see. It shows how she is thinking in regard to Lucy, and maybe we can talk it over with Lucy next week, to try to see what is on Lucy's mind.

Hoping to see you next week, and with thanks again for all your help, I am

Lovingly,

Catherine

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E. M. DODD, M. D.

May 17, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

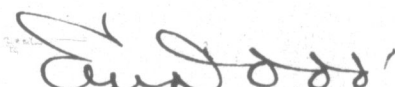
Yesterday's examination of Miss Catherine Sutherland seemed to me satisfactory; and I would have no hesitation in approving her return to the field.

She has cooperated perfectly and followed up on the rather routine suggestions of last fall, as to attention to eyes, teeth, etc. And her immunizations are apparently sufficiently up to date.

I am keeping her medical blanks unless you wish them sent to you or the Ginling office.

It was a pleasure to see her again.

Sincerely,



EMD:MM

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21 May 1940

Dear Catharine:

I do not like to think that you have really left New York for another few years of absence, for it has been very heartening to have you about. The thought of your return to the work in China is, however, a very precious promise for its continued fineness of spirit and of mind.

You will let me know, will you not, whether there are any final errands which I can do. I find in your letter of May 3rd the reference to the set of reeds for the baby organ, which you thought might well be two sets. Did you get this purchase made, or should I take this memorandum to Mr. Evans?

The matter of the Commencement meeting at Smith has had at least two eruptions since you left. I had a delightful and somewhat extended talk with Mrs. Leech by telephone, and she said it was quite possible to make other provision for a meeting on the Smith Sunday, for which she had previously planned to use Lucy. Later, however, the two of them got together, and I imagine there was considerable exchange of mutual admiration, and out of it Lucy came with a feeling that she could not possibly choose the Smith appointment instead of the one with Mrs. Leech. Your own experience in the psychology of our Chinese friends will tell you that the only thing now which can save Lucy for Smith will be Mrs. Leech's very firm retirement from the situation through making other arrangements for the meeting of the 16th and telling Lucy that she is convinced of the greater importance of the Smith Alumnae. I hope very much that she will do it, but I am, of course, in a position of having no resource other than prayer as a means of intervention, now that I have used my best eloquence on paper and by telephone. I tell you this, not to trouble you with the problem, but merely to share with you something which partakes of the immutabilities of racial custom. I had been told that there is nothing more sacred in Chinese courtesy than the relationship between student and teacher, and I suppose that with Mrs. Leech there is an extension of this relationship as a teacher's sister.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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May 21, 1940

Dear Rebecca-

I am once again
"in route", so will try to
write "by" in order to be
legible. Thank you much
for the note enclosed in the
letter to Melba R., which she
received just after I met her
yesterday (Monday).

I am on my way to Chicago
& hope to see my Aunt Lou
& Miss Taylor, as well as an
old friend, with whom I shall
probably spend the night.

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In our conversation about
 my niece - can I had meant to
 add or mayn I did, my impression
 that Dr. has would perhaps find it
 hard to place much confidence
 in her, & that because of
 certain rather immature im-
 pressions she gave during her
 college years, she might find it
 hard to find her way among her
 own contemporary colleagues, etc.
 As you know, her experience previous
 to coming to the U. S. was of brief
 days here & there without
 "gathering much moss". But I think
 it might be that she has now
 a real contribution. It is so.

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glad to see her anyway,
but fear I would be a
little pre-judiced, Per-
sonally I have always liked
her, & believe she is guided by
high principles.

Yes, I too would have been
grateful for a peaceful day
with you "by the seashore". I
think more & more that Gandhi's
plan of one day a week, so set a-
part as a first essential is a part of
true depth & ⁱⁿ⁻foresight, & the thing
for which many of us long these
days, but don't quite estimate its
value enough to pay the price for it.
I can frankly say that my

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hour set aside each morning
(usually - tho sometimes divided
during the day) has been the most
vital thing in my life for the past
4 years, for it liberally means
direction for everything else. I will
confess that that week in N.Y. was
one of the few times when I broke
our & did not have the early hour
with any kind of regularity, & I may
or may not be right in believing
that a number of things with which
I was concerned would have gone
a little differently had I not given
in to "time pressure". For there is
always time if we let God choose,
I invariably find.

I meant to speak of this

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Miss Sweeney & depressed.
I went to the M. P. School
at 9:15 as we had arranged &
had a very pleasant visit for
almost an hour. What a
lively & dynamic personality she
is. She seemed quite apologetic
about not having attended the
Board meeting because of too
much demand on her in the
office in the absence of Miss White.
She spoke warmly of Dr. Wn &
of desire to be of any service.
She talked rapidly & enthusiastically
about the school, mentioning
a very fine piece of research about

267 to be printed "even if she has to
get down on her knees to beg for the
money", because she thinks it will
be a valuable contribution to Chinese
women (on domesticity, health etc., I
believe) by a Dr. Kung (Mrs) of Yen-
ching. Her talk gradually got to
the point as to whether she could be
of any real help to Wu Suen-i. She
knows of course of Dr. Werner's urge
to go to the B. E. & of Miss Mulan's
interest, - which is probably not
really in conflict with hers. She
understands Dr. Werner's desire for religious
emphasis & hopes & believes Suen-i
would not miss it at M. P. She
also mentioned the talk with Dr. Wu at
Madras, as having influenced her in
her desire to help place Suen-i.

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she outlined her idea, which you know of, of M.P. the first term, visiting in the south? during winter vacation. Cornell the second term. All I ventured was my belief that Dr. Kim & you & Mrs. Macmillan thoroughly valued her interest^m & advice for Juan-i & would appreciate her continued suggestions. I felt the she kind of hoped for a sure vote of Confidence in the plan that she had carefully considered for Juan-i.

She was terribly busy & tactfully & kindly arranged for her chauffeur to take me to the 10:30 bus for ~~Detroit~~ ^{Ann Arbor}, so that I didn't see the school working except for a cursory glance here & there. But if she represents its atmosphere, I should feel Juan-i

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would be in worthy hands.

I saw my cousin & Aunt Ester, who kindly understood my desire to have a longer visit with Mabel & so I went out there in the late afternoon & spent the night. We had what was to me such a happy, chatty time, with an impromptu concert thrown in! - & I believe Mabel feels that she has made the right decision for this year. We talked of the possibility of quite a time group starting out together next summer (D.V.!) including you!

About Lucy, a friend has made a definite promise for July, Mabel is making more inquiries, both of us seeing to take it for granted that Lucy will end up at Michigan, & that she, Lucy, must be definitely informed by June 1st. I think it will go thru & that Mabel has a real joy in sponsoring it. I said I that both Miss Taylor & I would be ready to help if need be.

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It would be hard to try to express a thank-you for all that you so kindly bestowed upon me in N.Y. - all the pleasantly arranged occasions which I am glad you were a part of, at least some of the time. I shall so often refer back in my mind to those interesting & stimulating days. And I hope that what I rec'd from the various meetings may help me to be a little more intelligent about the set up & working of the college.

I hope you got your umbrella, left at the Hotel desk. I left it

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because it really was not
raining when I went out.

Your idea about the Chinese
salaries seemed good & clear?
so far as my mind could fathom
it. I believe I see just now that
by "translating" the 1938-9 salary
you do not mean to change what
had been done then, but merely to
use that as a basis for present
calculation. In any case yours
that will be helpful, I know, & I
believe it will all come to a good
gradual solution by the continued effort
of those of you who see the need &
problems involved. I wasn't
quite sure whether the Exec. Meeting
was to be yesterday or next week, but
will be thinking of you in that as

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well as in other problems.

This is too long. And please
use scrap paper, penmanship,
pencil, etc.

With gratitude, love

Cochran.

P.S. as for the monetary items,
Mr. Evans asked me about
a statement for travel to the
meeting, study fee, medical, all
of which I promised to figure out
& send. He already paid the r.r.
fare.

I had a nice time with Dr. Dods
who pronounced me perfect, except for
a slightly fast pulse, due, as he
said, no doubt to "fast living" in

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New York + the good coffee you
had treated me to an hour previous!

Sorry I didn't return the enclosed
letters before you left N.Y.

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 24, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

Dear Catharine:

It was very good of you to write me so fully on the way to Chicago, and I have a number of things this morning to write about to you.

First, Ong Hwei-lan. Mereb has been in correspondence with the University of Chicago concerning a Sociology teacher for Ginling. They say, "I do not think Miss Ong is up to such responsibility as you describe." I know that Mereb felt this way. I had not realized, however, that she had been a rolling stone in her positions in China. I do hope that she can find herself when she goes back. I imagine life has been a little too easy for her. I hope you did see her, for I know that she would be happy about that.

Second, Mrs. Yeh. Miss Bryson wrote to Mrs. Macmillan early this week stating that if Mrs. Yeh's papers were sent in at once that she would be considered among other candidates this week, as they had one vacancy in the group. Doctor Duggan, who is the major domo of foreign students in this country, was pressing upon them several well-equipped candidates. I feel that Lucy is a good candidate, but I am sure that the papers that I sent on the 18th were not sufficient to impress the Smith committee and I had no others to offer. Lucy is not willing to ask the Choir School for recommendations because they have invited her back and she has not told them that she is not returning.

On Wednesday we had a budget meeting of the Executive Committee in New York. You remember that the discussion and vote in the Annual Meeting in relation to adding certain needs as we saw fit to the budget. I recommended that \$300 be put on for Mrs. Yeh next year and this was accepted. Ofcourse, these additions that we make will be contingent upon our being able to raise the money, but if we raise it, she will be granted that amount if she needs it.

It has just occurred to me that we should have put in also a travel item for her for her return to the field next summer or, at least some subsidy towards travel. This \$300 ought to help Mrs. Rhead in relation to the work at Michigan. If Mrs. Rhead can secure the money for the summer school and for the first semester, we ought, unless the European war makes utterly impossible raising our budget, to be able to provide Mrs. Rhead with the money needed for the second semester.

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Third, Wu Suen-i. What do you think of Miss Sweeny's plan for her? It seems very good to me. If you approve it, could you not encourage Wu Suen-i to realize that this is the sound and safe and right arrangement for her to make? I have not seen the correspondence but I know that Mrs. Macmillan is very much exasperated at her. From what I have heard of it, it reminds me a little of Li Dze-djen when she was here in this country. It is, I suppose, independence, but it is an independence plus. That, in Miss Li's case, made us here very uncertain of her ability to make a first-rate contribution at Ginling upon her return. I wonder too, if you feel that this is the right thing, or, probably the right thing, for Miss Wu, whether you would not write that to Emily. It seems to me it would be far better for Miss Wu to finish this plan that Mrs. Macmillan, Dean Milan, and Miss Sweeny have among them worked out for her, and then if she still wishes, take another year at the seminary. If she goes to the seminary now, I am afraid she will be neither fish, fowl, nor good red herring, as far as the Sociology Department is concerned, when she returns to China, and it is for that department that Doctor Wu wants her, as I understand it. Also the budget committee budgeted \$800 towards this program for next year. I rather itch to handle this myself at the moment, but I must keep hands off partly because I haven't had any correspondence with Miss Wu and mainly because this is the section of the Personnel Committee work assigned to Mrs. Macmillan. But I feel quite sure that the thing could be presented to Wu Suen-i in such a way that she would see the wisdom of carrying through this program. The budgeted amount for her is, as I understand it, for this program. Also, since the program seems to us a good one, it is important in our relations with Miss Sweeny that we support her interest in us by being intelligent about what her plan is. This, however, is a secondary reason, but it is still a real one.

Fourth, En-lan Liu. Mrs. Macmillan received a letter from En-lan on the 16th. I wonder if you saw it. She inquired about passage to China. She wants to go the Mediterranean route, but Cook's advise her to go across Canada. I don't recall the date of her letter, but Mrs. Macmillan sent her an immediate answer which said, in the main, that she better angle whatever she could in England under the circumstances. Mrs. Macmillan showed me the correspondence and I reminded her that we have three reservations on July 13. At the moment we were using only two, you and Alice Settlemyer. While En-lan probably wants to go third class, still under war circumstances, it would be better for her to go with you, if she comes this way, than to go alone. So Mrs. Macmillan added a P. S. telling her of the possibility of traveling with you and asking her, if possible, to send us word by the middle of June. She will not finish her work at Oxford until just about that time. One wonders, with this imminent peril of English invasion, whether she will ever be able to finish at all.

Fifth, Mr. Evans. I checked with Mr. Evans again about the Empress reservations on the 13th. In answer to that letter he says: "It is possible for her to secure reservations at the present time on the Coolidge, sailing July 26." I raised with Mr. Evans the question as to whether it would be possible also to secure reservations for you and Miss Settlemyer on the 26th. It would make it much easier in sending books, etc. to have you sail from an American port. I have not checked back through the correspondence with you, but I have a feeling that there was some good reason why you wish to sail on an Empress boat. I should also feel a little better, I think, about you if you were sailing on an American boat. Mr. Evans has not yet answered my question about the possibility of reservations for you, but if he writes to you about it, you will know that it was I who raised the question.

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Sixth, Miss Sweeny. You were very good to stop and see her and your description of her confirms the impression that I have had of her in the brief time that I watched her at the Woman's Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference last June. She certainly did not need to apologize about not attending the Board Meeting. I don't suppose you know that she sent Mrs. Macmillan a check for \$75 as a gift to Ginling "in lieu of attendance at the meeting."

Seventh. I am glad that you and Mr. Evans talked out, apparently, all of your financial problems. You remember that you still have the report to give me of your expense in going to Cleveland to see Miss Settlemyer.

Eighth. You will be interested to know that Doctor Loganstein and Mrs. McConnell did not believe in using any gold basis, even in this time of emergency, for Chinese salary. We at least all were very frank about what we thought and my guess would be that a generation from now their attitude, in part at least, will seem as antiquated as it now does to us, that anyone should ever have objected to Westerners working under Chinese administrative heads. They are, however, anxious to support the Chinese faculty in this financial crises in China and it was voted that a sum of \$5,000 U. S. currency would be placed in our askings for next year and ear-marked for plusing, as I understand it, the present salaries of the Chinese faculty. If that can be granted at current exchange rates, it should be a help, because it will mean \$100,000 in Chinese currency at the present time. If, however, a ruling is passed by Ginling or by all the colleges in relation to the exchange rating, this will not help nearly so much.

The Executive Committee also voted that in the future the furlough salary of Westerners should be \$1,200 U. S., and that the maximum educational allowance granted, in consultation with the Personnel Committee, should be \$300. I am sorry that you have not had the benefit of this this year, but it will help many. We have so few people who come home after a five-year term that this very slight increase in our annual budget does make it more possible for a furlough without too much anxiety on the part of those who do not have homes open to them in this country. I think it better if you do not write these finance items to the field. It is Mr. Evans's province to do that and to explain them to Miss Priest. As you know, it was an effort in part to meet what we considered real needs of the college and it was also necessary in order to have a program on which to present Ginling's request to the Associated Boards' Emergency Fund. We managed only to work out about \$14,000, but we could ask of this fund. Mr. Evans reasons that the deficit which appeared on the budget from the field is more than covered by current rates of exchange because the budget was figured at 5:1, and so, unless we add these extra items, it was his feeling that we could not ask the Associated Boards legitimately for anything.

I am wondering what you have been hearing recently from Nanking. My last letter from Minnie was written in January and I have had brief notes from Ellen Koo and Mrs. Chen since then, but it is a long time since I have heard anything directly from Nanking and I am feeling a little anxious. Do you know whether they are ill and what plans they are making for handling the work next year? What do you hear of Minnie?

It was very good to see you. One knows from looking at you and listening to you, how vital a part of you is your daily hour of worship. I know that from it comes wisdom and power.

With love,

RNG:JB

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OVER

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May 25, 1940.

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for the letter about Miss Yoemans. She sounds like a very nice person, and I'm sure I would enjoy seeing her. I shall be frank to say that I hardly think I should take time to try to go to Lawrence, but I should be very glad if she can stop here any time except the week between June 4th and 11th, when I shall be going to the Western commencement, and possibly sidetrack to see Rachel Mackenzie. I am not just sure about when I will leave here for the Pacific coast. It will depend upon whether father feels well enough to drive, I think. But in any case I expect to be here most of June after the 11th or 12th.

I hope you have had a chance to let down a bit after the strenuousness of these last days. I found that I would get sleepy, no matter what, for the first few days after reaching home. Father seems to be getting along nicely, and walks around, with some limping, and even goes down town now and then. Apparently it will be a long slow process of becoming normal again, and of course there may be some doubt in the doctor's mind, which he doesn't speak of, of whether he will ever return to his once normal state. But we hope so.

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I think I wrote of the visit to Detroit and Michigan. I had a very nice visit with Miss Nagler, Lucy's friend, in Northwestern. She feels very glad that the way may be open for Lucy at Michigan, and our conclusion was that both she and I would want to be informed if there is any final lack of funds needed for her next year. She said that Lucy had many friends in Jackson, Michigan, where her sister had lived, and some of whom she had met when she was in Albion, and she thought that she might have any number of Saturday speaking engagements. Both of us realized that Lucy should be protected from accepting too many of these. I think you know that Lucy is now on a speaking tour under the supervision of her friend, Mrs. Leech, in Philadelphia. I wrote her above to Mabel Rhead, and hope it will all work out nicely.

Had a nice, if short visit with Ong Hwei lan, who is going to the Harvard summer school, as you know, and still a bit uncertain about plans for the coming year. She said that Djang Hsiang -lan had written from Chengtu telling of the sociology need and asking her to write at once to Dr. Wu if she was available for next year. It would rather seem to me that if Dr. Wu, knowing about Ong Hweilan, has not herself suggested her going out this year, that it might save embarrassment (possibly) if the matter of her going out were reserved for another year, giving time for you to suggest her to Dr. Wu, to receive Dr. Wu's opinion, etc. I agree with you, that it would seem almost too bad not to take advantage of what Hwei-lan could no doubt give, but Dr. Wu often has rather clear ideas of those who she thinks will fill a

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certain need, and I think that perhaps because of the present status of that department she would like to be very careful about the new one brought in. Hwei-lan may be temperamentally an uncertain quantity. Whether she will be a good teacher is probably questionable, though I would have no doubt of her earnestness and interest and possibly grasp of her subject.

When she seemed to ask my advice about the next year, I saw that she was thinking about remaining at least another term before returning to China, and she said she had funds for at least two more years. We both agreed that after the summer term, and with her Sept. sailing it would be too late to enter the first term in China, therefore it might be well to plan for at least the fall term here.

It would be possible, by that time to have a full idea of Dr. Wu's own opinion, and also to know how well the need for the department had been filled.

I'm just giving out my ideas to you as they come, without much previous outline, hoping you won't mind, and will take them for what they are worth.

A nice letter from Alice Sattlemeyer expressing her keen joy about going.

Much love from
Cushman.

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meeting Mums...

Hillman

Paul - needed
Hillman's advice.

Dear Rebecca,

May 26, 1940

Thank you for the special letter that came yesterday. What a flurry of telegrams etc. you have had to have over Lucy's case. I wish that you hadn't had to add that to the rest of the personnel work, but of course know of your interest in helping, and your ability to get things across. I presume we will know soon after the first of the week what S mith may have offered. Mrs. Rhead may be a little bit bewildered as to what to do in the meantime, as she realized that Lucy should not be kept waiting too long for a decision, but I imagine it will all work out for the best, and since the financial problem is uppermost, Lucy will surely be grateful for whatever turns up, knowing the fine advantages in either place. I am not writing anything further to her about this matter at present, for I think she may be confused if advice comes from too many quarters, and I would have nothing to add to what you have said.

It is certainly fine that you planned for some help for Lucy from Ginling, provided it may be needed. And I was much interested in the other financial items. I will be mum as far as saying anything in writing to Chengtu.

I am writing to W u S uen-i, as you suggested to say anything I can in advising her to follow Dr. Wu's and Ginling's advice now, as that is

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what she did when she left China. She had already written her regrets to Dr. Werner last year, I think. I understand so well Dr. Werner's longing for her spiritual life to be deepened, but, having met Miss Sweeny, I feel that she is sincere in not wanting that emphasis to be lost, should she go to Merrill-Palmer. I am writing to Dr. Werner too.

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As for sailings, Mrs. Mac. mentioned the fact of En-lan's letter just as I left her in New York, and all I said was that it would be jolly to have En-lan to sail with. I hope she gets safely across. As for sailing on the Colidge, I would like it much better for several reasons, except that it had been my hope to go up to Nanking, and I'm not sure whether it stops there. I am not too sure how important it is for me to go to Nanking. I wanted to get out a few books, etc. from there, as well as hoping to see several friends. It is of course true that a number of them may not be there in August. I shall wait to see what Mr. Evans says, and hope to be able to settle it before long.

I'm glad that a letter just came from Ellen Koo, which I enclose. She doesn't seem to say anything about Minnie's sailing, and I have had nothing at all from Minnie, nor from others there recently.

Should be about 10. Just to the right of the line. 4/25/40.

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for 1.00*

Dear Rebecca, the fare to Cleveland was half of 16, which is 8, which I will let you remit, if you are sure it doesn't come from your own pocket-book. I think it may be right to accept it for one way, but not for both, as part of my trip was to see others, and I returned anyway only as far as Indianapolis, where I met Edith.

*Much
from
Catharine*

OVER

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 27, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

My dear Catharine:

I had not intended that you go to Lawrence to see Miss Yeomans but I thought if you by chance were going through there or if she was coming to St. Louis that you could see each other. You must not, of course, take any more time in interviewing people for Ginling. While Miss Yeomans sounds like a good person, she is still quite a bit in the future as far as Ginling is concerned.

I have heard from Mrs. Rhead so I know of the latest developments at Michigan which, as you know, include a possibility of a board and room scholarship at the Martha Cook dormitory. I am very glad that you have had such a satisfactory talk with Miss Negler. Mrs. Macmillan has agreed to take Lucy to Smith on Wednesday to be interviewed by the Committee there, provided Lucy will go. I had a long telephone conversation with Mrs. Leech on Friday and that evening another long one with Lucy. I gathered from that that she had decided to go back to the Westminster Choir School and that she would go to their very special summer school at Princeton, for which she is eligible. The speaking engagements in Philadelphia, I learned, from Mrs. Leech, are arranged so that she can earn some money. I told Lucy of the \$300 grant by the Board, which, to be sure, still has to be raised, although we have put it in our budget for 1940-41. I was very much surprised to find that she had any thought of going back to the Westminster Choir School. It seems to me everything possible has been done for her that we can do and that the matter is now in the lap of the gods. Apparently she can have adequate support at Michigan and also at Smith if she gets the fellowship there. It is for her to decide.

I was amazed to find that Djang Hsiang-lan had written to Miss Ong. I am wondering if Doctor Wu knew of this. Mereb has not thought that Miss Ong was up to the job and I have recently had a letter written to her by the authorities at the University of Chicago and they too felt that Miss Ong is not ready for it. They apparently think well of the Miss Chen who is going to the University of Nanking. I am still working hard on the Sociology problem. If we cannot get anyone out there this summer, it does seem as if there ought to be some arrangement made for cooperation between the University of

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Nanking and Ginling in the use of Miss Chen.

To go back a moment to Lucy. She apparently was of the mind on Friday night that she would finish the course at the Westminster Choir School and then stay another year. She said that she had had correspondence with her husband about it. In going over some of my old Chungking, China, information papers, I find a notice of Mrs. Kwan's tremendous success at the concert given in March or April in Chungking. I am wondering whether Mrs. Kwan's success and what Lucy herself heard from her husband or others is cooling her desire to return.

I feel that I must share with you the great burden that descended upon us on Thursday. Thursday morning I received from Alexander Paul a letter which he had sent in duplicate to Mrs. Emory Ross and to me. It contained the news, which he emphasized must be kept very confidential, that Minnie is arriving at Victoria on June 3 and that she has cracked nervously. He asked us for help in arranging to have her met and in arranging for a sanitarium. Since then he has received a cable from Yokahama from Miss Schutze who is traveling with her, saying that the situation was serious and that she must be met at Victoria. I telephoned Miss Hodge at once and I then talked with Mr. Evans. The three of us agreed that I should ask Doctor Hiltner, unless Doctor Dodd had some better suggestion. Mr. Evans wrote at once to Doctor Hiltner and I wrote to Frederica, asking them to go to Victoria for us on the third. Mr. Evans is working on the red tape of it, arranging for her entrance into the country, which has its difficulties in a case of illness of this kind. We added \$1,000 to our budget for emergency medical expense. Our great problem at the moment is that we have not heard from Doctor Hiltner. Today I received an invitation from Plainfield for Mrs. Mead's eightieth birthday anniversary with the indication that all three of the children, including the in-laws, would be at home with their mother on that day. This means that the Hiltners may be enroute East now and may not have gotten our messages. We have agreed among ourselves to pray at 9:00 o'clock in the morning for Minnie quite regardless of what else we are doing at that time or where we are. I am telling you of this because we need your prayer help in this problem. You will keep this confidential, but any word that you get concerning it which would be of help to us, I trust you will send on to me and to Mr. Evans.

I am so glad to know that your father is better and I hope that it will be a steady improvement. For him to drive to the Coast sounds like a pretty strenuous trip to my providential Eastern mind.

With love,

RWG:JB

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May 28, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

I do thank you for the letter telling about Minnie. It rather stuns one, but I am somehow hoping that it may have been caught in time so that a rest will bring her thru. Is it possible that this may have been in part connected with her menopause? I know you have had no direct word, and I'm only thinking aloud to you.

The letter came after 9 to-day, but I did pray most earnestly at 10, just after reading the letter, and it seems as if the day has been a kind of murmured prayer most of the time. Our Father's love is very great, and we cannot always understand its workings, but how wonderful that we are asked to pray and to trust, when we are otherwise helpless.

It must have come on rather suddenly since noone from Nanking had apparently had any word of it. How unfortunate if the Hiltners are not home, but I'm sure you have already found another way by now.

You referred to Djang Hsiang-lan's having written to Ong Hwei-lan. Perhaps she told me that in confidence, tho she didn't say so. But I can see how Hsiang-lan might have done it with the best of intentions, not knowing Miss Ong too well, and yet knowing the college need. However it would seem strange that she hadn't spoken rather to Dr. Wu. Maybe

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Ong Hwei-lan had talked with her in Chicago and knew something of her desire to go to Ginling, and that was her way of responding to it.

As for Lucy, it seems complicated!- to say the least. I had a letter from her to-day mentioning the possibility of her staying another year at the choir school-possibly Mr. Yeh's idea, as you suggest. But maybe that may already have been settled by an invitation from Smith. I realize that Lucy doesn't want to be a burden, and many of her reactions may be because of her desire not to be a trouble, if possible. But in her letter she told of her intended visit to Smith, and the possibility of "something coming out of that". Your suggestion about her feeling about Mrs. Kwan may be quite correct. I am glad that Dr. Wu has tried to make it clear to Lucy that there is more than enough work for two good vocal teachers at Ginling, and surely that is true, and I hope there would be no difficulty in their working together there. The fact that they both have husbands who may lead them anywhere doesn't mean anything too secure for us, tho I am inclined to think that Mr. Yeh would be apt to try to adjust himself so as to be near the place in which Lucy could be happy.

May you have strength enough for all these days ahead, and real peace within.

Long's
Catherine

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OVER

208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
May 31, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

My dear Catharine:

It was so good to hear from you this morning. I know you will be glad to know that I have had a telegram this morning from Frederica saying: "Walter and I taking day boat to Victoria Sunday. Meeting Minnie Monday. Will keep you informed." Doctor Paul has wirelessed Miss Schutze that the Hiltner's will be there. We hoped for a wireless from her from the boat telling of the present condition, but war regulations I believe prohibit any wireless being sent from a boat at this time. Doctor Paul is prepared to fly out after his commencement speech at Lynchburg on the night of the 4th. I am enclosing for you a copy of the letter from Doctor Andrew Woods, of the hospital at the University of Iowa. Doctor Woods is connected by marriage with Miss Hodge and she wrote to him for advice. Doctor Woods has also written to Doctor Alcorn in Victoria and to Doctor Slight in Chicago. Of course, we are still hoping that Minnie will be very much better by the time she reaches Victoria. It is a great comfort to us that the Hiltner's will be on hand, that we have the names of specialists of reputation for the problem if it is severe, and that Doctor Paul, who has tremendous influence with Minnie, has arranged to fly if it proves wise to do so.

I have had an air mail letter from Doctor Wu this morning in answer to my letter of April 29. I am giving you all that she says about music.

"MUSIC. I am glad to hear of the several suggestions for Mrs. Yeh for 1940-41. This is the first information I have had about her and I take it to mean that she does not expect to return this summer. It does seem to me better for her to get a second year if she feels dissatisfied with the voice work at Westminster during this year. She is a very good teacher and all the girls liked her very much, so I am not surprised to hear that she is doing valuable work in publicity for China and for Ginling.

"In regard to Miss Butler, I am inclined to think we better not raise the question again a year from now. The assignment of the missionaries to the various schools of the Southern Methodists usually means for the whole term. However, after Catharine returns in the fall, we shall talk it over again and decide then if we should present the request again to their Mission in Shanghai.

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"Mrs. Rhead wrote me a very fine letter and told me that she still hoped that she might be able to come to Chengtu in the middle of the year. I have answered her and assured her that we would welcome her return at any date that she finds it possible to come. Personally, I think the best thing would be to wait till we are in Nanking before she returns to Ginling. But since we cannot tell when this will be, we of course would be happy to have her even under the present difficult conditions of teaching.

"The Music department was giving their Annual Student Recital on Saturday evening, May 18, but the air raid alarm was sounded just a few minutes before the program was to begin. We announced that it was to be postponed to Monday evening. We had another air raid last evening so from lack of sleep for two successive nights and the possibility of another air raid this evening, we definitely decided to postpone the recital till May 27th. It seems to us safer to wait till the full moon period is over. It was our carelessness that we forgot entirely about the full moons when we arranged for the various functions of the week-ends toward the end of the term. Now the students are wondering if the enemy planes would come to bother them when they will be having examinations a month from now. Both evenings bombs were dropped at the air fields. There were some casualties of farmers nearby but I have not heard definite details of last evening's damages."

I am a little disturbed about what she writes of her attitude towards requesting Miss Butler. I feel sure that Miss MacKinnon wishes us to do it and that Miss Butler expects us to do it. I have had, however, a letter from Miss Butler this morning which expresses what I myself have been thinking about it, which is that after spending a year getting used to her pupils at Moyeire she will find it more difficult emotionally to tear herself away and start in again at a new place. This is quite understandable, but I think, especially as apparently Bishop Moore is not going back to China and in the light of our action at the Board meeting, that we ought to ask for Miss Butler for 1941-42, provided she is still interested in coming to Ginling.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

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6/6/40 - ans. long hand.

- 1) about Helenley - Would Minnie feel she could do it?
Could I do it?
- 2) Would Edith feel called to do it? - If so shall we June 4, 1940
ask Mrs MacKinnon to reopen Butler case
- 3) Does she know any U.C.W.S. Misses. who could acceptably to go to West?
Dear Rebecca, 4) Asked her previous statement. Helenley & staff & students
enclosed. If I fail to get any of them back, please remind me. U.S. about M.V.

Thank you for the check. When I said "Half of \$16" I meant because it was a clergy fare. You have surely sent enough.

I wrote to Alice Settlemyer all I knew about things to take, and hope I didn't omit important things.

Thank you for information about the beginning of school in Chengtu. I shall have to see about boat schedules to decide whether it will seem possible or right to go up to Nanking.

A m most grateful for all the information about Minnie. Edith came over this week end-she has a lull between terms- also to see about some trouble with a kind of paralyzed muscle she has had, which may need some special treatment. I told her about Minnie, believing that her thought and prayer would help, and knowing that she would keep it confidential. I haven't mentioned it to anyone else, especially my family- for the present, as I thought it might trouble them.

I don't know anything about Blanche's trip to Shanghai and Japan. The latter place surprised me, and there must be a good reason. If the betterment of her chickens were concerned, I think Blanche would wave even her strongest prejudices!

As for Miss Butler and her next year's plans, she did mention to me that fact of her probably becoming attached to her work at Mctyeire, and I understand that thoroughly. It seems as if we may let it work itself out. If Mrs. Rhead does come, I think we might find that we did not really need another for the time being, under present conditions. I rather feel that her own wish should be regarded, and that we may know better by the middle of the year how things stand with us. Please remind me if I should do anything about this in informing you of conditions at Chengtu, for we don't want to let it slide if it should be kept constantly before the personnel committee.

Edith is kindly driving me over to Oxford, where I am to give a missionary talk on Wed, then we go on to Wooster to see Rachel Mackenzie in a two day interim before my own 25th reunion at Western, where Edith will drop me off! It's my good luck to be "carried around" in such nice fashion, and she insists she likes to do it.

Thank you very much for all the letters, especially the hand written ones- it seems as if you should hardly take the time, but I most certainly appreciate the news. Am will be eager to hear just a line about Minnie.

With much love
Catharine.

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June 9 - I just discovered that what I sent in the special delivery envelope was probably your letter about Minnie.

June 8, 1940.
Western College
Aford, Ohio.

Dear Rebecca,
ans.

Very sorry,
I have seen your cousin who seems so fine & charming.

Thank you so much for your 2 letters forwarded to me here. I am so thankful about Minnie & the hope of her recovery. It seems right, as you suggest, to send a circular letter, & the way in which you write it well, I am sure, ensure more helpful prayer, & eliminate useless gossip.

To go to the other matters you mentioned, I am interested in the thought of Evelyn W. possibly going to Hankin or Chengtu. I haven't been able to think much upon it, & hardly think I know enough to make any judgment, but my feeling would be that if E. is available for Hankin, she would do a

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fine piece of work that, & that her congeniality with Mrs. T would be a point for her going to N. It would seem that the fact of her having a good command of the language would give Minnie real assurance that she could get into & under problems that few others could cope with.

The one reservation in my mind would be E's high strung nature, which might or might not make difficulties cause her to wear out more easily.

But I should think that, unless someone might be found much better equipped, that her own enthusiasm in fitting in to the present need would outweigh the fact of her tenseness. And Mrs. T would be a good balance wheel, no doubt.

(2) I would feel a call to go to banking if really needed, but believe it better not to suggest it.

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- Since 1) Evelyn would go into that job with more zest because she likes management & is no doubt good at administration.
2) her language is ^{far} better than mine.
3) My going to Chyris has been more or less settled & changes now might make it harder for Dr. W.

However I would go if it seemed best to all concerned.

- 3) I can't seem to think of any miss. who might do it. (Do U. C. M. S. - Eng. Episcopal? I'm not quite sure) Would Bishop Ward have any one in mind or Bishop Roberts?

As to Miss Bellemey, I think her a little & maybe quite high strung, & it is probable that she has taken a good deal of initiative for Alice always. I imagine she would hardly have expected her letter to sound rude, but was only being emphatic, from her point

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of view. I tho't Alice responded very wisely to what is probably an over zealous attitude on the part of her mother.

Please don't worry about upsetting my commencement. It looks as tho' not many women be coming of my village. I haven't met Emily Grist yet, but surely hope to. I saw Mary Chen for a couple of minutes & that is my sweet. Her sister is to be here over the week end.

Edith & I had such a happy visit with Rachel Mackenzie. Also a delightful time here Wed. first at the missionary meeting & later a supper party including Alice Butler, my friend at Miami, Ruth Sniffith, Miss Emerson, acting dean of Miami, who visited Emily. I & I

now I will stop for this time.

May you be given all needed strength & help & if I can do anything about anything please feel free to ask or call on me.

Love, Catharine.

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

June 14, 1940

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

Dear Miss Griest:

I received your telegram this morning and am glad to know that you have cabled about Miss Yung and Miss Li. We have had reservations for them for some time. I took a chance in trying to reach you at Iowa City by air yesterday, but possibly it missed you.

I am glad to get such encouraging reports about Miss Vautrin. Mrs. Macmillan stopped over at Clifton Springs yesterday to call on the Taylors who are old friends. She is enthusiastic about the set-up and thinks it is possible that Miss Vautrin can be taken care of there, particularly as some of the Boards have endowed rooms. I occupied one myself for a period of three weeks in 1928.

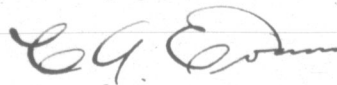
I received your letter enclosing the \$200.00 check, and as I sent three to you yesterday I will await another day before mailing any to Dr. Miller. By that time I will have more information at hand.

The most important thing at the present is a cable from Wu Yi-fang which just arrived this morning, reading as follows:

"GRIEST MUSIC DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS LIFE NEED SUTHERLAND CHENG TU SUGGEST WALMSLEY YEAR LEAVE OFFER TRAVEL MAINTENANCE ASK SUTHERLAND INVITE MATTHEW FOR GINLING HUATA - WU YIFANG."

Apparently the field vetos your plan. If, however, I have anything to say about the Walmsley situation that is also vetoed for what I consider many good reasons. Probably you know all about "Matthew." I know he wrote the first Gospel, but nothing more.

Very sincerely yours,



C. A. EVANS

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208 South Queen Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
June 17, 1940

Miss Catharine Sutherland
445 Baker Avenue
Webster Groves, Missouri

My dear Catharine:

I found on my return to Lancaster on Saturday a letter from Mr. Evans containing a copy of the following cable:

"GRIEST MUSIC DEPARTMENT RELIGIOUS LIFE NEED SUTHERLAND
CHENG TU SUGGEST WALMSLEY YEAR LEAVE OFFER TRAVEL MAINTENANCE
ASK SUTHERLAND INVITE MATTHEW FOR GINLING HUATA - WU YIFANG."

This, of course, indicates that Doctor Wu wishes you in Chengtu and wishes Evelyn to go to Nanking for a year. The difficulty about this is that unless Minnie recovers very promptly, she will not be ready to go back to Nanking at the end of a year and if Evelyn goes for more than a year it means probably a permanent appointment, which, as yet, some of us are not convinced is right. I am quite sure, however, that we have no right to ask Evelyn to give up a job here to which she cannot come back and not make some permanent arrangement for her. We have a meeting on this on Wednesday in New York.

The cable is not clear as to whether you are to invite Matthew Yang this year for Ginling or next year, but possibly you have information which will clarify that point.

I am not sure of the "Huata", what it refers to, but I think it must be Nanking University or West China University. I have written to Mr. Evans to find out about this.

A card from Alice Settemyer this morning makes it appear that her passport has arrived.

Affectionately yours,

RWG:JB

Mrs. Macmillan
To the Ginling Board.

Dear friends:

I should like to write briefly of my thought in regard to my salary in the future.

Several of the foreign faculty members of Ginling have for some time hoped that an adjustment might be made whereby there would be better equalization between foreign and Chinese salaries.

Last year, thru a letter written by Miss Stella Graves, a plan for such adjustment was sent both to Dr. Wu and to you. We understand that you here were more or less in agreement with our idea, but that Dr. Wu's reply from China was negative.

We realize that the question would have to be carefully considered before any final new rule could be established, and I should feel that, if possible, all of us should act together, altho it seems to me quite possible that there should be two groups of foreigners, those who can and will accept a salary on a basis with the Chinese, and those who for some reason cannot (this last group would refer especially to specialists and short time people).

Since I know something of the reasons why it is difficult to get such a move approved of from the field, I am wondering if I would seem justified in doing what seems right for me--to say that I will go out this time only on the lower salary basis--not meaning to want to be arrogant or different, but merely positive in making a start which seems to me in the right direction. It is really my intention to do so, with what light I have. But I may not be seeing clearly enough and therefore am glad to be further enlightened, pro or con.

Thanking you for your reply, I am,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Catharine Rutherford.

June 19, 1940.

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Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your letter. I am glad that we have definite word from Dr. Wm., tho' I am really not sure of his wish in regard to Matthew. I had had some correspondence with him about him, & his last word was that we would talk it over when I got to Chongtu, since there would be plenty of time to do so during the year. I wonder, then whether this means an invitation for this year. Matthew himself was about divided in his mind as to whether he should go home this year or wait one more year. Since Dr. Wm's message seems to imply an immediate return, I presume I should put it

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that way to Matthews. I really I⁽²⁾
should like to see him here another
year here, if possible, unless Mrs. Phead
tho't it might be well for him to
try his hand at teaching. I think it
would be good, except that one here
doesn't always really have removed
we are there from some material, -
I tho't another year of going over
materials would always be to the good
for him.

As soon as I hear from him, I will
let you know, as I presume passage
should be found. And may I suppose
that Mr. Evans would lend a hand
there, since Matthews would be for
only, at least in part.

"Hua-ta" means West China U-
"Hua. hsi-ta. hsieh."

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As for Evelyn, ^{hardly} she is ^{on} willing, she may be just the person for this year. & perhaps "sufficient unto the day" should be our attitude, as far as looking into the future. Evelyn's grasp of Chinese, her interesting interest into whatever she puts herself, & her Xhian zeal, would make one hopeful for her contribution. I would personally feel that she would fit better into that situation than as a permanent English teacher at Smiling - her temperament would seem at times over-tense & excitable for the normal Smiling group, I think. But I only say so confidentially, & as one opinion, for I am not at all sure that I am correct. Personally I like her & have read much inspiration her.

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I am delighted to hear from
Lucy of her Smith fellowship. She
seems happy about it, & that is
so nice.

I don't know whether Mr. Evans
told you of my suggestion to him
that perhaps he might be able to
get 3rd class on an American S.S.
for Alice & me, since I think
exceptions had occasionally been
made, allowing Americans to go
3rd on those ships. I know that
my family, & no doubt Alice's,
would feel easier if we traveled on
an American line, & it seems a
rather more sensible thing to do,
if possible.

He replied in a very kind letter

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feels that he was ^{over} what
could be done. If one passage only
could be gotten. I should suggest
that Alice take it, for her mother's
sake.

However, I think both she & I
were not having any special
apprehensions about the British boat.
So I hope that you would not
feel at all concerned about this
should there be no other accommo-
-dations. For any boat may strike
some day these days - & likely none
of them in the Pacific are in
any special danger.

I had a wonderful time at
Wesley. Was sorry not to see
your cousin for a longer visit, but
that - she was most attractive.

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June 25, 1940.

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your letter enclosing the contract, etc. Enclosed they are, signed. And thank you for other information.

As for Matthew, he can teach piano very acceptably. I presume that the advanced students would feel a little hesitant about having him as their teacher, just because he is so newly out of Ginling. There is no doubt that they could carry on with what teachers they have now—Nu Shih-tsang and Matthew, for another year, but I can easily see that the students would not gladly accept the idea, any more than they would only young teachers in any other department. The more I think of it the more I feel that Dr. Wu will feel that we are overemphasizing the need at Nanking as against that of Changtu, unless we are sure that we can send Miss Butler or another to Chengtu. But that is only a personal thinking aloud to you. And you have expressed the same idea, as to the need for a teacher for the advanced students in Chengtu.

I am sorry that Mr. Evans has been seriously ill. I do hope he is feeling better and that it is not anything that will give him much trouble.

I wrote to Matthew and asked him to tell me whether he needs help on securing his passage, and also whether he has the money on hand for travel. I presume that Ginling might lend him money if he needs it, tho I said that I presumed he had prepared money for that before leaving China.

Love to you. I often pray that you'll be given needed strength for each d

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day.

June 27. Your second letter, of June 24th came just as I was about to mail this, and then so many things came up that I didn't continue with this. I also felt a certain desire for more thought about several things. Nothing more definite seems to come in regard to Dr. Wu's second cable. It may be that she overestimates the need or the desire to have me there. In some ways I wish that she did not have to be burdened with this question, since she herself may feel somewhat on the ragged edge of endurance, and it will no doubt be hard for her to have her repeated advice disregarded. But, should another music person be available, it may prove to be the very finest sort of thing for our department. ~~One cannot be sure~~ I was just talking to our cleaning woman, a friend of long years and a person of great faith. I asked her to pray for me about several problems. And she said, "You leave that to the Lord. He is going to show you." So I believe you will be helped to make the best and right decision.

Mr. Evans joint letter to you and Alice and me about sailings is here. I feel that I do not like to push things, but I am just hoping that somehow a vacancy will occur on the Coolidge. Should just one occur, I hope Alice may use it, for she and Matthew could get acquainted and he can go with her to Chengtu, in case I don't go. I wonder if a personal letter from me telling the company that we will promise faithfully to accept third class conditions without a murmur, and that in these war times it seems as if they might waive a thing or two, would be out of place. Maybe it would do no good. I realize that Mr. Evans has done everything he could do about it, except more personal appeals, which he might think unsuitable. Matthew and I could chat all the way about music plans etc., and that would no doubt be less tension for all of us. I don't really think, however, that my family are

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especially concerned. Perhaps they think a little bit as I, that a mine or something might be just as apt to hit the Coolidge as any other boat. But I am frankly influenced by several friends who express themselves about it. And since Matthew and those of us going to Chengtu would be apt to try to go together, the extra wait here would not make much difference, except to give me more time here, which I should be glad of. Of course Mathew may not have secured passage on the Coolidge, but from Mr. Evan's letter I presume there is still third class passage available.

But with all of the above I am going right ahead with plans to take the "Russia", will be content and trustful in doing so, and hope Alice will feel the same way.

You mentioned a Miss Yung going to Ginling. I happened to meet her sister, the musician, in Hongkong, and heard her play and had a nice visit with her. We were considering asking her help last year, in fact did so, but she felt she couldn't leave Hongkong. From our conversation and from hearing her play, I would say that she would not be in a position to help our advanced students. She was a very lovely and sweet girl and would be fine for younger pupils, I feel sure.

If you think best, will you kindly forward this letter with the paragraph about sailings marked to Mr. Evans, in case you or he advise me to make any further attempt. Should you advise against it, my regard and love for you both remains unaltered!

With much love

Catharine

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Jan 29, 1940. ^[17]

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for the letter which came yesterday. Lena & I went down to Cuba, Mo. for the day to see some relatives, so didn't see your letter until evening, nor the telegram which Mr. Evans sent about passap. which I enclose. Replied

"Considering British situation, seems more reasonable to reserve Coolidge sailing. Suggest asking for option on first possible vacancies in tourist-class." of course it hurt me to suggest my using that much more money, but it seems right to me under the circumstances. I only hope there may be a vacancy in tourist, or that they will give in

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about allowing us to use that.

I reply to your questions:-

1) Matthew's address is

Matthew Yang
327 E. Liberty St.
Ann Arbor.

2) As to his boat reservation, Mahel said he had set about at once to get one on the Coolidge, but it wasn't clear whether he had gotten one. In my last letter to you I think I said that I had asked him about it, & asked him to let us know if he needed help.

3) Matthew's particular music specialty? I would say that his speciality is in having none! In banking he was always trying his hand at everything - piano, vocal, orchestra

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help in because of his lack of
Chinese. He can turn himself to
almost any of these things & with
quite a bit of success, altho' we
often felt, & Mabel, too, that that
very tendency to be interested in
all things kept him from too the best
application to any one line. But in
thoroughness I would say he is
far above average.

Thank you for letting me
know of progress in securing Miss
Rhodes etc. If she can go, it may be
our answer for Cheng-tu. Please
remember, however, that I have no
exalted ideas of what help I may be
at Nanking. I can just be much-

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(playing of several instruments only slightly, as well as conducting) Chorus & choir conducting; he wrote his thesis on music education & had some experience in public school music teaching in New Mexico. His major in Michigan has been theory & composition, tho. he himself says he probably has no special bent for original composition. He asked me several times what he might be called upon to teach, should he go to Berlin, & I said I that he would help most in the courses in public school music, now carried by Stella, but which she needs

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person there, trying to do what I can,
should I go there. Have you by any
chance talked with Mr. Plummer
Mills, as to his idea of the need on
the 'Smiley' campus? He was in such
close touch with them. The first
occurred to me recently as a
person whose judgment might
help.

Please believe that I feel
still unprejudiced as to where I
would like to go. I will gladly
do either, if it seems right to all
concerned.

With much love
Carlson.

*Ginling File*GINLING COLLEGERE-APPOINTMENT AGREEMENT

I accept re-appointment to Ginling College, Nanking, China, on the following schedule of salary, allowances and duties.

1. A term of five years followed by one year of furlough.
2. Salary of \$864.00 U. S. per annum to be paid by the college; the same to begin upon arrival in Nanking and to cease at departure therefrom.

N.B. With war conditions and currency problems in China uncertain, the exchange rate on this salary may need reconsideration during your term of service. If that should become necessary, the Board will expect you to accept the policy adopted by the college and the Board.

3. Necessary travel to Nanking and return by the shortest route to be paid by the college, the necessary items of expense incident to travel to be a non-personal charge and an allowance of \$1.50 a day to be granted for personal expenses.
4. A furlough salary at the rate of \$1,200.00 per year to be paid for the furlough period to those who have been invited to return by the Board of Directors and the Ginling College Board of Founders, and expect to continue service; three months salary, a total of \$300.00, to be given to those who after a five year term do not expect to return to the college. Furlough salary to begin on arrival home by the most direct route.
5. An educational allowance not to exceed \$300.00 may be granted during furlough on the recommendation of the Board of Directors and with the approval of the Ginling College Board of Founders, it being understood that the applicant for such allowance is returning to Ginling for a five year term.
6. Medical and surgical expenses to be cared for as follows:
 - (a) In China: to be paid by the college when incurred according to college regulations.
 - (b) On furlough: when incurred by prior advice of the medical advisor of the Ginling College Board of Founders, four-fifths of the balance of bills in excess of \$25.00 for medical, surgical, oculist and one-half dental charges to be met, upon request, by the Board of Founders. In the case of hospital bills, \$1.00 per day towards the charges, in addition to the regular quota of \$25.00, to be considered a personal item.
7. A furnished room to be provided by the college.
8. In case of resignation before the completion of the full term of the agreement for reasons other than ill health, certified to by the college physician and one other missionary physician, the appointee agrees to bear the full expense of her return travel to America.

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9. In case of resignation before the expiration of one-half the term of this agreement for reasons other than ill health, certified to by the college physician and one other missionary physician, the appointee agrees to refund to the college such proportion of the expenses to China as the time of actual service bears to one-half the full term specified in this agreement.
10. Assignment of work to be made by the faculty, all of whom share in in the extra-curriculum activities of the college.

Ginling College, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination and full travel expenses by the most direct route home.

✓ Name . *Catherine E. Sutherland* Date . *June 25, 1940.*
The Ginling College Board of Founders re-appoints *Catherine E. Sutherland*
to Ginling College for a term of five years on the above basis.
Chairman *Margaret E. Hodge* Date *June 29, 1940.*

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July 5, 1940

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your letter of July 1st. I was slightly distracted at first by the thought that Alice was being sent on the "Russia", and I being put on the Coolidge, as if to feel like a slacker and all that, but my mind repeated tells me that for me I did the best reasoning I could about it, and there are such a number of reasons why I am glad to have the longer time here that I'm trying to let my mind rule my feelings, and to believe that it is right. Thank you for all that you and Mr. Evans have done about it, and I can only pray that it may not prove to have been a mistake in any way.

It seems simply fine that Miss Rhodes was available and ready to go, and I am taking it that the plan for me is definitely to go to Nanking, unless I hear otherwise. I don't mind being changed or a bit uncertain, but my packing will be somewhat different, depending upon the place I go to. I shall have to ask the favor of Miss Rhodes or Matthew or others in taking the many odd things that I have been asked to take to Chengtu. I will enclose a letter from Dr. Graham, curator of the museum in West China, in which he kindly offers his help, as he had done when I saw him in New York. Since he is to be on the Coolidge we shall probably confer with him about many things. I thought his suggestion about boxes might be of help to Miss Rhodes.

I have heard nothing more about the books which Tsui Ya-lan

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ordered for Ginling, and which she asked that I bring, but presume that Miss Calder passed that on to someone, and that I'll know about them if I can help to take them.

Minette Barber was here yesterday for a brief visit and Edith is here now. You may or may not have heard that she has had some difficulty with a muscle in her right arm, which prevents her from raising it properly, and a doctor here is giving her attention. They have decided that it is atrophied, at least temporarily, but that if the nerve isn't killed, it may revive itself. I think she could give a more scientific explanation about it. I hope it won't be permanent. It is good to see her again.

Father had to go to the hospital again, this time a touch of pleuresy. He seems to be doing nicely, and we sent him largely to take precaution and to prevent something else developing. I am of course glad not to be taking off while he is there.

How I wished when your letter came and many times recently that you were near enough for a chat, but in the meantime I am grateful for the many hours you have spent in getting information and letters to me. May we hope that everything will work out as we could best hope for. With much love, I am

Catharine

150 Fifth Avenue

8 July 1940

Dear Catharine:

Your heart will be saddened to know that Rebecca lost her brother by sudden death in a heart attack yesterday morning.

She asks me to reply to the questions raised in your note of July 5. Mr. Evans tells me that he took over the list of books for Tsui Ya-lan, and is sending them to Chengtu by parcel post.

Miss Settlemyer is now en route to the Pacific Coast for her sailing.

Yes, plans are moving along for you to go to Nanking. That means, as you say, that your packing will be somewhat different than for Chengtu, and that you will be transferring to others some of the things you had planned to see safely to the Chengtu campus.

As for the arrangements under which Miss Rhodes is going out, you will be interested in a brief report of the latest developments. Her interview in New York - with Rebecca, Mr. Evans, and me - took place on the very day when Hongkong was being evacuated. She came to New York after a good many hours of family discussion, in which her mother and brother had expressed deep concern and fundamental uncertainty as to the continuance of education in China under American auspices if Japan's grip on the situation should become stronger. Also, the brother (in whose care the mother will be left) is an officer in the United States Reserve corps, and has already received sealed orders in anticipation of American mobilization. You can understand that she met us, therefore, with a mind torn between her deep desire to take up the work in China and her real responsibility for her mother. In the end, Rebecca and Mr. Evans decided to propose a one-year contract as the immediate solution of her problem, and she returned to her home to make her decision in consultation with her family. She has now wired her acceptance of the one-year appointment, and the form which has been drawn up provides for the extension of the appointment to three years if the ~~situation permits~~ family situation and the development of political and military affairs ~~will~~ conspire with us and not against us.

With apologies for the lack of technical skill in Rebecca's present secretary, but affection from us both - I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Miss Catharine Sutherland

GEO. W. SUTHERLAND
445 BAKER AVE.
WEBSTER GROVES, MO.

Aug 4, 1940

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Dear Eva -

I am writing to speak again of Mrs. Suen-i. She wrote again to say that she was sorry if she has caused misunderstanding. I had asked her to write to Miss Sweeney & to you, explaining several points, if she could. She said that she had tried to explain to you; & you had replied that she would hear from Miss Sweeney. Miss Sweeney up to the time of her writing me had not written to Suen-i, therefore Suen-i didn't feel that she could easily write to her. She said that she would be glad to have me write what I could to explain her situation.

I will just mention one or two things which she has so could try to explain to you already -

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- 1) That when she rec'd the 200 from Girdley as a gift, in her own mind there was some reservation about returning to Girdley, but that she allowed herself to accept it with the idea (not expressed but in her own mind) that, should she not return, she would some day pay back the money.
- 2) The possible reasons for not returning to Girdley might be
- 1) marriage
 - 2) lack of congenial atmosphere, especially concerned with one person
- 3) She has been greatly impelled by a plan of Mrs. P. C. Harris for establishing an "ideal" ^{Xian} communistic community where they might experiment in cooperative living, & other things being equal, she would prefer to enter some such project rather than Girdley's.

These are the things which seem to be the undercurrent (or may appear current)

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Perhaps the above points should not be officially exposed, unless or until she herself has explained them. I think En. Lai's idea about her background may help to explain, in part, at least, the way she went about things.

I need the statement telling of
the Kodak films sent to San Francisco,
& will hope to get them to Miss Rhodes.

We have enjoyed the Smiley film a lot, & I hope to mail it back to-morrow.

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At the last showing ^{Harry} ~~Harry~~ ^{Martin} my
graciously came to the rescue with her
machine when the one we were using
didn't work. She is such a lovely girl, &
I'm sorry the Smith Club here is losing her,
as she is going to be married in Sept. &
move to Philadelphia. She seemed
much interested in Girding.

My contacts here - in church
groups etc., have almost all been
with people of very moderate means,
so that I don't think there will be
many direct results, as far as
Girding's pocketbook goes, but there
was always real interest, & perhaps a
more close feeling toward China & its
present need here & there.

I'll be so often thinking of you
in your constant labors on Girding's
behalf & feel continually grateful for
so many kindnesses to me this year.

Sincerely,
Catharine Duthland.

145 Hankow Road
Nanking, China
September 5, 1940

Dear Miss Hodge, Miss Griest and Mrs. Macmillan,

May I be pardoned for writing to you all three in one, partly because of the desire to get this letter into the mail before the next boat leaves, and partly because I should like to share with each of you the thoughts that are in my mind now.

Of course I was in something of a quandary over the various cables and messages that came to me between Honolulu and Shanghai, but there was such a certain undercurrent of belief that our final decision as to where I should go would in the end be the one that we were all fundamentally after that I felt more or less calm and trustful about it.

On arriving in Shanghai we were all busy at first meeting our Ginling friends and inquiring about possibilities for sending baggage west. Then I had a nice visit with Miss Frame, who had transmitted Dr. Wu's cable to me to Kobe, and who knows more or less of our situation in Nanking. You know from Dr. Wu's letter to you of her cable saying "Still strongly urge come Chengtu". That followed a letter which I received in Honolulu intimating that some such message might be forthcoming, in the light of all she knew about the situations in both Nanking and Chengtu. I was much in prayer and thought about it during the trip and was gradually coming to the conclusion that since it would apparently be up to me to decide whether the word of the Board in New York or Dr. Wu's should carry more weight that it must for several reasons be here that would be final at this present time.

I somehow feel that without my trying to explain you will understand this feeling on my part - it was surely not because of any sudden disloyalty to you or a change of feeling about what might be the need in Nanking; rather a more subtle thing, that of my relation to my president, and a feeling that if there might be any temporary misunderstanding it would better be between me and you (who are of my own country's group) than between me and her, representing China, whom we are here to serve, and with whom, in spite of mutual desire for perfect cooperation we still at times find lack of confidence and misunderstanding in places where we would most want it. (Confidence)

From her letter to you, a copy of which was sent to Mrs. Thurston, and which I have seen, you will see the detached and generous way in which she accepted your decision, asking what I do what seems right with no special concern for her need of me there.

And that leads me to Nanking and the situation here. I was glad that Dr. Wu suggested, or agreed to my suggestion that I go to Nanking, at least to visit. So I am here, having come on September 1st, as soon as I could get my pass. It is grand to be here again, and I can hardly express all the delight of meeting old friends and finding old places and associations in many cases almost the same.

Although I had replied to Dr. Wu's cable that I would follow her wish, following her letter and your cable I came with what I think is a perfectly open mind to see the situation here. Mrs. Thurston and others have been most kind and fair in "laying the cards upon the table" and in rather insisting that I examine and weigh facts to the best of my ability.

What I seem to find is this - a school set-up in good running order, including work department, Miss Swen as acting head, with Mrs. Thurston as advisor; the general campus organization supervised by a committee of which Mrs. Thurston is now chairman. This no doubt means that for the present your desire of Mrs. Thurston's completing the Ginling history may be somewhat waived in the face of the more immediate need. But may I suggest the hope that this will be possible because she is evidently the one to fill the present need (her Chinese coworkers and not myself have expressed this). She is

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carrying happily and capably the duties of treasurer and of various kinds of oversight, which she is well fitted to do because of all former associations with the college.

In passing, may I say that it would be quite laughable, in the eyes of our Chinese coworkers, especially those who know me well, for me to try to assume the responsibilities that Mrs. Thurston is carrying. As for other needs into which I might fit, I believe I could carry, in a reasonably acceptable way, a good part of the English teaching and some music, and I could lend a glad ear to my friends and coworkers when problems arise, and would no doubt have many pleasant and maybe mutually helpful relations with the students. I would be glad to try it, and would be most happy to stay here for the present. But they don't want me! Even Miss Koo, who is one of my best friends. That is, their picture is one of a comprehensive view of the whole, just as we hope is true of all of us, and in comparing the needs in the two places, they tell me that I must go west, although they would personally be glad to have me stay.

And so I am daily being reassured that my possibly apparent disregard of your appointment for me along with my acceptance of Dr. Wu's suggestion will be happily accepted by you, in the light of all that has come up, and in view of what I honestly believe to be the situation here. In letters which I had written separately to each of you, but which I left unsent in Shanghai, I spoke of my earnest belief, which I believe to be yours also, that the building up and cementing of a fine confidence between you and those here, and which we know already exists to such a high degree, is of fundamental importance, as outweighing almost any other consideration. Personally, I think that by sending Miss Rhodes to Chengtu you did all that seems necessary for our present need there. And I feel a little superfluous in going. But I am trying to trust Dr. Wu's opinion as to that. As a matter of fact, there seems to be a present hitch in regard to Matthew Yang's going west, due to unexpected family complications. We have done and are doing all we can to present our need for him, and I still hope he may change his mind.

May I say one more thing? I believe there is plenty of need for a person here for English, religious education, etc. Without my Chengtu obligation, I might hope to fill it. Because of that, I hope that the needed person may be found, but that need can be tided over temporarily, if necessary, by part-time teachers. Those who are already on the ground seem to be working in a splendidly cooperative way, and I personally have no doubt of their carrying thru the year successfully, especially if they are conscious of faith and prayers of all who are interested in this project.

I wish there were more time now to write of the many things I am doing and seeing while here, but I'll not do so now.

With thankfulness for your letters and messages received on the boat and for the understanding with which I know you will meet this present problem, I am

Sincerely yours,

Catharine E. Sutherland

P.S.

I haven't mentioned Harriet Whitmer, who is quietly carrying a very effective share of the work here and whom I've enjoyed living with once more - this time in the new faculty house. Her health seems much better so that she is up to normal now.

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Sutherland ~~Miss Graves~~

Letter from Miss Graves to Miss Griest, Received in Lancaster, 9/25/40.

So far Dr. Wu has only your cable and Mrs. Macmillan's letter, which takes for granted Catharine's going to Nanking. I suppose you have felt forced to make this decision, and I do well understand something of the need for her in Nanking and what a help she could be there. And yet it seems such a tragedy to send the best music teacher Ginling has had or is likely to have to manage the affairs of a junior middle school and a vocational school or industrial school for women. Dr. Wu said to me the other day that she regretted this especially because she feared that C. would not be willing to return to her music teaching ever, once she got away from music teaching. It seems especially difficult now for the three seniors, some of whom will have had to change teachers three times within their four years of piano study in Ginling. While they have been studying with the teacher C. chose for them this year, and Mrs. Stockwell is a very good teacher, still they have all been discontented, very polite, working very hard, but feeling they did not know, and that their teacher could not tell them where they were going, and so often speaking of how much they longed to have Miss S. come back to teach them. Her teaching was clear, they knew with her where they were going, and how to work to get there. They have liked and admired their teacher this year very much for her personal qualities, she is the kind of person whom every one admires and loves greatly, a saint and a good musician. Please, this is only for you; but our girls have not been at all contented with her and seemed just to be hanging on until C. should return. And one of these girls is really very brilliant already, plays extraordinarily brilliantly. If it were Mrs. Rhead that would not be so bad, but how to tell them that C. is not coming to Chengtu when they have been so hoping for her, is going to be one difficult task. And how to create for Miss Rhodes the confidence on the part of her students which is so essential will not be very easy when they will be so disappointed. Of course this also depends on Miss Rhodes. If her administrative work has injured her ability to keep up her technic, the situation will not be easy. I am hoping that in some way Dr. Wu may be able to perform some miracle, find some one who can do that very important work of Minnie's and let us have Catharine.

Dr. Wu has gone up to the Ginding with Dr. Reeves and Ruth Chester. Please forgive me for speaking all my thought so frankly. I know well what situation you in the Board office are facing in these difficult days, and of course I will do my best to welcome Miss Rhodes and help her to be truly successful from the start.

Just want to add that I am learning how to relax and not be troubled, no matter how strongly I may feel some important thing should be decided in a certain way, and find it is being decided otherwise.

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Nov. 6, 1940.

Dear friends at home,

Here goes a letter, hoping it will reach you by Xmas. Needless to say, I have been homesick for many of you. But it is equally true that there hasn't been a "dull moment" since I left.

To those of you who may have expected me to be in Nanking, and who haven't heard otherwise, I must report that for various reasons our president asked me to return to Chengtu. But before doing so there was a chance to go to Nanking for ten days, and it was a most happy time, in spite of the changes. Superficially much of the destruction has been covered, and it seems a thriving enough city as one drives thru the streets. Beneath the surface there is much that is heart-breaking, and the poor are becoming more and more destitute as prices rise and rise. As for our own campus, with flowers and trees lovelier than ever, it is a heavenly refuge. A high school and neighborhood school are going on there without interference, at present - or were when I was there. The puppet gov't is for the time being comparatively lenient. The churches are crowded and are a spiritual bulwark for many otherwise desolate folk.

Quite a bit of my time in Nanking was spent in packing and repacking, preparing to take things to Chengtu, especially music, books, etc. In Shanghai there were also commissions of many sorts-everything from wire hairpins and crepe rubber soles to men's waistcoats, and a few trunks, etc., of Ginling friends, so that the amount of baggage I had when I reached Hongkong had swelled from 5 to 16 pieces. The tale of that is still to be ended, for we found it impossible to get to west China by way of Indo-China, due to the "situation", and therefore got air passage from Hongkong to Chungking. The baggage is being taken by a kind missionary by boat to Burma, where it is now resting in Rangoon. Dr. G. had in all 159 pieces. Word comes that tho the Burma Road is reopened, it is to be used only for military purposes for the next two months. So you can help me to calculate when we might expect to see our trunks, as the journey from Burma, even if uninterrupted, would take at least a month. When we took the plane, we chose with great care the 33 pounds allowed, and wore as many sets of clothes, inner and outer, as we thought the moral code allowed.

It was a wonderful moonlight trip-those 6 hours on the plane-starting about 3 a.m., circling at first for an hour above the city of Hongkong, a real fairy city of lights, until we got to a very high altitude, in order to avoid meeting any planes in Japanese territory. We came to Chungking, the present capitol city, in time to see it flag-draped on the day when it was officially declared the nation's "Branch" capitol (the last two years it has been so only unofficially.) As we rode into the city it seemed a bit ironic that such a ruin should be dedicated as a nation's capitol, for at least a third of it has been destroyed by bombing and fire, but perhaps it stands as a symbol, like the phoenix rising from its ashes, of a nation that will not allow its spirit to be defeated by merely material losses. As someone said, there are no sobbing women on the doorsteps, but rather new little shops are springing up everywhere on the threshold of the old ruins.

I was lucky to have Esther Rhodes, our new music member, and Miss Yung, home economics, as traveling companions from San Francisco. The last lap from Chungking was taken in a mail truck, which kindly takes two passengers on its front seat, and sometimes a few on top of the mailbags. Ours was a Dodge, and in quite good condition, and we seemed to have the right of way, especially when we came to a swollen stream, where numbers of buses, etc. were waiting to be ferried across.

We were stopped by an air raid just about an hour out of Chengtu, and as we went forward again, we heard rumors of the city burning, etc. It was a relief to arrive and to find street after street quite intact, the raid having struck outside the city.

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How good it was to see Ginling and other friends once more, to find our little dormitory all nicely re-whitewashed inside, and running over with students - 180 - more than it was meant to hold by 30. Being about a month late I've been getting caught up in various ways ever since landing.

Life in general and college life goes on in quite a remarkable way. With five schools concentrated in one spot, we have a double share of meetings, lectures, concerts for relief, discussion groups, etc. One most interesting evening recently was a presentation of their summer trip by the students who had gone to visit the tribespeople to the west of here. They dramatized it, showing the quaint costumes and customs of these people, as well as singing a number of their folk songs from memory.

The high cost of living - it is about five times higher than it was this time last year, and it makes everybody think before he buys an extra or a pair of shoes or a piece of goods - is one of our chief topics of conversation. Of course the weather comes next, and what will happen in Indo-China and Burma, whether the Burma road will stay open, what does the U.S. really intend to do, and, of course, in community living: "Who stole my shirt out of the laundry?", and "whose bath is it to-night!"

As for disturbance from raids, we think that is chiefly past, at least until spring. We have had three since I came, but now winter and cloudy weather will give us quiet, we hope. Compared with Europe, our inconvenience is a bagatelle.

When this reaches you, much more water will have gone under the bridges, and events may or may not have turned in some definite direction. In the meantime we can keep our faith in the Christmas spirit, and try to have it in our hearts as a reality.

With kind and grateful wishes to you each and all, I am

Catharine Sutherland

P.S. We are just listening to the election returns - Roosevelt leading.

P.S. Yesterday I met a dear little errand boy whose name is "Eastern Squash." It was about 6 o'clock and I asked him whether he had eaten his supper.

"No", said he.

"When will you eat it?"

"We don't eat it. We have only breakfast and the noon meal because we can't afford to burn fuel three times a day and buy that much rice."

"Do you get hungry?"

"No", he said, smiling (I think they go to bed rather early).

All of which made me think about several things, especially my own three good meals a day.

P.S. Confucius says: "When music and courtesy are better understood, there will be no more war."

New York - 29 December 1940

Dear Miss Sutherland:

Just as I sit down to treat myself to a few words with you, a spring in this little typewriter decides it has lived long enough, and I shall have to space by guess. But en avant! The words had best be written on this calm evening than postponed to a troubled Monday morning - that adjective applying to any Monday morning in any office.

It is pleasant to think of what your return to the Ginling family meant to its members and to you. I have always maintained that festivals like Christmas have a heightened significance on a foreign land, and some of my happiest memories are of celebrations in the heart of our China families, families brought together by happy chance and bound together by the best ties in the world, - common endeavor in fine work.

This Christmas in America has been different from any other - and it is difficult to say whether all of the differences spring from the deepened thinking of every adult. For instance there have appeared in our New England towns - and I know not how much farther afield - Nativity groups - most of them of live-size figures. These are set on the village common in the towns I have visited. I do not know whether the towns have put them up - or whether it is a church project. Perhaps Roman Catholic. In the town of Westfield, sixteen miles south of Northampton, the group is particularly good, and the Holy Family are ~~exposed~~ covered by a thatched hut - very well done as a stable, with life size figures of domestic animals in sufficient number to make it all very natural. - - Also, Nativity pageants are being much more generally done, and most reverently and artistically. On the evening of December 22nd when I arrived in Northampton, the largest auditorium of the College was given over to a community concert and pageant. The whole thing was done in a spirit which I feel sure would have been impossible a few years ago. And here in my hotel, The Parkside, one of the bellboys, who is a Pennsylvania Dutch youth from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, has taken over one of the parlors and has made a most elaborate miniature Christmas story - all the scenes, even to the palace of Herod. It is all wired to be lighted as each scene comes into the reading, which he gives from the Gospel story. He began on December 22nd, and has now given the story over and over again each day and evening as groups come in.

The more impressive news of this season in the West will have gone to you by radio. To-day I have been listening to the long radio stories prepared by the international stations. There is nothing in them to inspire false confidence in victory just around the corner. The Columbia Broadcasting station summoned its famous reporters from the European and British posts, and they are not concealing their own solemn convictions as to Britain's dire need of the best that her own people and the United States can do and do quickly.

To give you a bit of news from North China, I am enclosing copies of the three most recent Fortnightlies which women faculty members of Yenching send us for distribution to friends in this country. - - The Mariposa travellers have actually arrived in this part of the world. Miss Jacobs was in our office last week.

I shall be sending also copies of a splendid articles from a Tsing Hua professor which is going to serve a most useful purpose in our budget of information about the problems of the universities in Free China.

When your own teaching duties have settled down a bit, I am hoping that you can help to rally the scribes of Ginling to resume something of the fine service of reporting which they did during the earlier war months. We have gotten a bit low, and it will help to make Dr. Wu's visit significant if we can have laid down a foundation of recent detailed news of how Ginling is doing things this year. Dr. Wu ought to be able to take it for granted that the picture is vivid in people's minds and the general facts universally known. And I am not forgetting that this brief letter is directed to the one who is best of scribes!

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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