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BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

June 4, 1937

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Griest:

Mrs. Swain and I expect to be in Boston on Monday, June 14, and have written as you suggested to Miss Tsui to see if it is possible to have some conversation with her about physical education in China. I shall wait until after that to write to Dr. Wu.

The catalog of Ginling is extremely interesting, especially the fact that throughout it seems to put such heavy emphasis on physical education. Your board certainly deserves praise for placing such a fundamental field of education in such a strong relative position in the college curriculum. It has always appeared to me a rather silly procedure to educate to a high degree mentally those who later suffer from physical or mental breakdowns because of too little attention to their bodies. The remainder of the material which you sent I have not yet had time to look over fully. What I have is extremely interesting and I thank you for it.

Whether or not I shall be able to go with Mrs. Swain to the Orient is difficult to say. We cannot afford the trip unless Brown University feels that it can grant sabbatical leave. This they do not profess to do unless the leave is sufficiently connected with the field of work in which the teacher is engaged. The suggestion which first came to me was by way of a request for speaking at some of the colleges on the pathway of my wife's itinerary. This would, of course, tie up such a trip definitely with my field of work, giving me an opportunity to learn much from the various institutions concerned, possibly being able to return a little through the foreign contact which I would be to those institutions.

My idea was that during the Hangchow Conference, I would not have any specific engagements and therefore would be free to visit any of the China colleges within striking radius. When my wife finishes her tasks in connection with the conference, I would of course feel that I should accompany her on the rest of her trip, making any engagements for myself dependent upon her schedule.

Something in one of the pamphlets you sent me leads me to say that Mrs. Swain has been chairman of her college alumnae fund for the past two years and would undoubtedly be glad to learn all she could of Oriental methods of interesting graduates in their college. Thanking you once more for writing, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Leslie E. Swain

Leslie E. Swain
Associate Professor Physical Education

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
June 8, 1937

My dear Professor Swain:

Dr. Yi-fang Wu, President of Ginling College in Nanking, China, has just written to me asking me to inquire about your plans for coming to the Orient in 1938. She has heard that there is a possibility of your coming on an educational mission at the time of the Hankow Conference. Would you be willing to write to Dr. Wu, telling her what plans you have in mind, and what you would most like to do in China?

Dr. Wu is not only President of Ginling College but also Chairman of the National Christian Council, so that she will have a busy time helping to prepare for the Hankow Conference, to which I understand Mrs. Swain is a delegate.

I trust that both you and Mrs. Swain will have a real opportunity for getting acquainted both with Dr. Wu and with Ginling. The college is in part a Baptist project in China.

Nanking is now China's capital and a center of great interest in this new China. In the city are three collegiate institutions: Nanking University, a Christian college primarily for men; Central China University, the government coeducational university; Ginling College, for women.

At Wellesley this year Miss Ya-lan Ts'ui, who has taught in the Physical Education department at Ginling for some years, is doing graduate work in Physical Education. If you would find it convenient to see her, you could learn very fully about the Physical Education field in Nanking. Ginling has a teacher training department; the two universities have the regular work for undergraduates. Miss Ts'ui's address: Casanova Hall, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

I am sending you some information about Ginling under separate cover. If there are any questions I can answer for you, I shall be happy to try to do so.

Sincerely yours,

For the Ginling College Board of Founders

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Professor Leslie Swain
Brown University
Providence, Rhode Island

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BROWN UNIVERSITY
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

June 19, 1937

Miss Rebecca W. Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Griest:

Your letter of June 8, reached me in time to change my plans and I shall attempt to see Miss Ya-lan Ts'ui some time before she leaves Pine Tree Camp. I am also writing to President Wu although I naturally can have little more to say than you have probably already communicated to her.

We are now having our Commencement at Brown and so are quite busy cleaning up the final things for the year.

Sincerely yours,

Leslie E. Swain

Leslie E. Swain
Associate Professor Physical Education

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Mary E Sweeny

1939-1943

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COPIES: Miss Griest
Miss Hodge

150 Fifth Avenue
New York New York
27 June 1939

Dear Miss Sweeney:

The Board of Founders of Ginling College has voted to ask you to become a member of the Board to serve in the Class of 1941. Because of your expert knowledge of a field which is an increasingly important part of Ginling's service to China, and because of your recent meeting with President Wu Yi-fang at Madras and the intirations she gave you of Ginling's program in sociology and allied subjects, we hope you can accept this invitation to membership on our Board. Your counsel will be very valuable to us, and we can promise that the demands of meeting dates will not be heavy. There is usually one meeting in the autumn and one in the spring, and sometimes an interim meeting.

You probably know that Ginling is one of the thirteen Christian Colleges in China that make up the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and that membership on the Board of one of the constituent colleges makes one a member of the whole organization and thus gives an influence in the entire educational program of these colleges.

As a Presbyterian I have been grateful for what the Merrill-Palmer School has done for us in conferences with furloughed missionaries. And when Miss Tyler, Miss Griest (formerly of Ginling College Faculty and now chairman of the Personnel Committee of our Board of Founders), and I heard you recently at the Swarthmore Foreign Missionary Conference we all thought you would be a real asset to our Board. We would want you to be on the Personnel and Curriculum Committee and are sure that you will be a great help even by correspondence. It would also be quite feasible to arrange for this Committee to meet at the time of the semi-annual meetings of the Board of Founders.

Trusting that you will accept this election, I am

Sincerely yours,

Miss Mary E. Sweeney
The Merrill-Palmer School
71 East Ferry Avenue
Detroit Michigan

Chairman, Board of Founders

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Ans. 7/14/39 Miss Mary E. Sweeney Very happy. Grist will write you.
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Merrill-Palmer School

71 FERRY AVENUE, EAST
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July 5, 1939

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JUL 10 1939

MISS M. E. HODGE

Miss Margaret E. Hodge
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am in receipt of your letter of June 27, with its invitation to become a member of the Board of Founders of Ginling College, to serve in the Class of 1941. I deeply appreciate both the honor and the responsibility which such an invitation carries with it, and I shall be glad to accept.

I am not very sure just what is implied when you say "to serve in the Class of 1941." Does that mean that I begin to serve in 1941 or that I am asked for a period of two years? I think I ought to be clear about this before I give my final acceptance.

I know of nothing that would give me greater pleasure than to be of service to an institution of which Miss Wu Yi-Fang is president. I think she is one of the great women of China, and any contribution that my experience or training could make to the development of the institution over which she presides would be a great privilege.

I should feel very much at home working on the Personnel and Curriculum Committee and would be glad to serve in that capacity.

I am very grateful for what you have said about the brief message that I had for the Swarthmore conference. I do not need to tell you how often one feels questioning as to the best way to make a real contribution to people's thinking.

I am sure that Miss White and the staff of Merrill-Palmer will be grateful for what you have said regarding our contribution to the experience of furloughed missionaries. We are deeply interested in them and are eager to do everything we can to help make their stay in this country significant.

Very cordially yours,

Mary E. Sweeney
Assistant Director

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Merrill-Palmer School

71 FERRY AVENUE, EAST
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

November 29, 1940.

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Miss Margaret E. Hodge
Chairman, Board of Founders
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Miss Hodge:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 16th and am delighted to know that we can look forward to having a day with Dr. Wu Yi-Fang in March. It will be a rare opportunity to have her interpretation of the problems which the colleges of China are facing. I thoroughly approve of the plan of having a meeting of the Board in the spring.

Miss Suen-i Wu, a member of the Ginling staff who is in residence at the Merrill-Palmer School, and I are hoping to get together all the alumnae and former faculty members of Ginling in this vicinity for a celebration on December 8th at the Merrill-Palmer School, in observance of Founders' Day.

I will appreciate it if you will advise me as early as possible regarding the date in March on which the meeting will be held since I have a rather full program and it sometimes takes a good deal of arranging to make it possible to be away for a few days.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Sweeney
Assistant Director.

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MERRILL-PALMER SCHOOL

71 FERRY AVENUE, EAST

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Edna N. White, Director

Mary E. Sweeny, Asst. Director

October 12, 1942.

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 5th inviting me to be a member of the Committee on Personnel and Educational Advice for Ginling College.

I should be delighted to accept and hope that you will use my experience in any way in which it would be valuable.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary E. Sweeny
Assistant Director.

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MERRILL-PALMER SCHOOL

71 FERRY AVENUE, EAST

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

Edna N. White, Director

Mary E. Sweeny, Asst. Director

March 31, 1943

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 24 and regret deeply that I shall not be able to attend the meeting on April 9 in New York. Some pressing engagements here make it impossible for me to come.

I feel definitely about sending women past fifty into the teaching field in foreign countries. I think their point of view, unless they are most extraordinary people, is too well crystallized to make them flexible enough to adjust quickly to different philosophies, psychologies, and attitudes. Another point unfavorable to women over fifty going to the orient is the health problem. There are greater health hazards after fifty than in younger women, and in a situation where the food, housing, and sanitary conditions are necessarily inadequate, the health of the older woman may be undermined whereas a younger person might have the ability to resist the unfavorable conditions. I am aware that older women have more experience, judgment, and usually a philosophy with which to meet conditions, but on the whole, in a rapidly changing situation it would seem to me that it would require younger people who can look forward to long periods of service.

If at any time I can be of any service to you, I hope you will not hesitate to call upon me.

With every good wish, I am,

Very cordially yours,

Mary E. Sweeny
Assistant Director

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Sweet Briar

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
SWEET BRIAR, VIRGINIA

STUDENT FUNDS COMMITTEE
LOUISE KIRK, CHAIRMAN

Sweet Briar Co.
May 30, 1947

Miss Sallie Lee Mackinnon
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, 11, New York

Dear Miss Mackinnon,

Enclosed you will find a check
for giving money from the Sweet
Briar Student Funds Committee.

We greatly admire the courage
of the giving girls and hope that
our contribution will be of some
assistance to them.

Sincerely yours,
Jeanette Murchew
Secretary Student Funds
Committee

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June 3, 1947

Miss Juanita Minchew, Treasurer
Student Funds Committee
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss Minchew:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for the generous contribution to Ginling College from the Student Funds Committee of Sweet Briar College. We are indeed grateful for this gift from American students that will help our students in China.

These are dark days in China and soaring prices and general economic chaos make life hard indeed on the Ginling campus. The loyal support of friends in America is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for the work of the College to continue.

I am sure that the students of Sweet Briar College rejoice with us in the courage and faith of the College in China and in their determination that Ginling shall continue. We appreciate your help toward this end.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

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Sweet Briar

July 15, 1947

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Miss Martha B. Lucas

a representative of our organization to your campus for two or three days some time during the coming school year? We shall be happy to meet any date that fits conveniently into your college schedule.

Sincerely yours,

July 15, 1947

Miss W. Thomas Miller

Miss Martha B. Lucas
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia

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Dear Miss Lucas:

All over the world students are concerned about the problems that face their generation and the part they are to have in building a stable peace. Students in China share the hopes of other students, and their bewilderment. They faced the difficult war years with courage because they believed that peace would bring an end to many of their problems. This hope has not been realized in China any more than it has in other parts of the world.

Two years after V-J Day the plight of China's students is even more desperate than during the war. Campuses that before the war were well equipped and that functioned efficiently are still stripped and bare, and lack almost every necessity for a normal academic program. Unstable economic and political conditions throughout China form an uneasy background for all activities and greatly increase the difficulties of restoration. Constantly mounting inflation presents ever greater financial problems to faculties and students.

The Christian Colleges, with their program of leadership training and their capacity for character building, represent the greatest hope for China's future stability. They must not be allowed to perish. The loss to China, and indeed to the whole world, would be irreparable. Yet these Colleges are now facing the gravest crisis in their history, and unless help is given promptly and generously, they will perish.

Your students have shown a special interest in Ginling, one of the Christian Colleges in China, by making a gift this past year to that College from their Student Funds Committee. This gift is greatly appreciated, and we hope that the interest behind it may be long continued. In order to help the students of Sweet Briar understand more fully the needs of Ginling and the splendid work being done under Dr. Wu Yi-fang in spite of severe limitations, will you give us the privilege of sending

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SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
SWEET BRIAR, VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

July 17, 1947

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
United Board For Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I have received your letter of July 15, and I am, of course, very much interested in the fine work which your organization is doing. We at Sweet Briar are vitally interested in the well-being of students in other parts of the world, and I believe our students are unusually alert to the conditions in which so many other students are living these days.

I have talked with Miss von Briesen, our Director of Public Relations, who works with the students in their fund raising; and she suggests that it might be well for your representative to come to the campus some time before October 20, in order that it may serve to stimulate our regular Funds Drive which begins on October 20.

The organization on this campus which sponsors such a drive and which would also, I am sure, be interested in sponsoring your representative is the Y.W.C.A. I am turning your letter over to our Dean's Office, with the request to put your inquiry into the hands of the proper student group. I expect that an officer of the Y.W.C.A. will get in touch with you, as soon as possible, to set a date for the visit of your representative.

I wish you the great success which you deserve in your splendid work.

Yours faithfully,

Martha B. Lucas
A.D.M.

Martha B. Lucas, President

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Dictated by Miss Lucas

but signed in her absence

Tentative date for visit to Sweet Briar

*Interview with Plumer Mills
Oct 6-10 or 13-17*

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Sweet Briar
August 13, 1947

Dear Mrs. Mills,

I have just received a letter from Sweet Briar informing me that the dates Oct. 6-9 would be preferable for your visit. Regarding the library exhibit of your pamphlets, etc. you should write Miss Lydia Newland at Sweet Briar. However, the early part of September will be quite soon enough for this.

I did so enjoy my visit with you and am eagerly looking forward to seeing you in the fall. -

Sincerely,

Janeta M. Mace
412 Williams Street
Waycross Ga -



August 13, 1917
August 13, 1917

Dear Mr. Webb,
I have just received a
letter from your son in
forming me that the date
Oct. 6-7 was the proposed
for your visit. Regarding the
history exhibits of your collection,
the few objects which I have
from the Museum of Natural
History, the only part of
your collection which is quite
new. I am so glad to
hear that you will be
coming to the fair -
and will visit your son
and his family.

Very truly,
Wm. Brewster
Director
American Museum of Natural History
100 Madison Street
New York City



SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
SWEET BRIAR, VIRGINIA

MARY HELEN COCHRAN LIBRARY

September 12, 1947

Mrs. W. Plummer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Miss Lydia Newland has referred your letter to me as exhibit librarian, and I am writing to you in reference to the amount of exhibit space that is available here in the library.

As we usually have several exhibits simultaneously, we will have only two tables at the time for use. These consist of one rather large one and a small one, both with poster facilities, so any amount of material you would like to send will be most welcome. It has been my custom to have the exhibit up three or four days prior to the speaker, recital or play, so any time that it is convenient for you to send the pamphlets is fine.

We are looking forward to your visit with a great deal of pleasure, and hope to see you in the library.

Sincerely,

Lucile B. Fizer
Lucile B. Fizer
Assistant

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Sweet Briar

September 18, 1947

Mrs. W. Plumer
150 Fifth Ave.
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Thank you for your letter of September 10th which was in my box when I returned to Sweet Briar the first of the week. I have talked with the YWCA cabinet and several officials of the college and we have arranged a tentative schedule for you. Since I know how very busy you are in N.Y. we tried to work in as much as possible on one day so you won't have to be away from your office any longer than is necessary.

On Wednesday night, Oct. 8, you will have a convocation for the entire student body. We have scheduled this meeting for 7:30 PM and suggest that you limit it to 45 minutes since students usually feel the need to spend a good deal of their evenings in the library. After this large meeting we would like for you to conduct an informal discussion group in the Browsing Room of the library for those students who would like further information about the Chinese colleges. We thought you would like to meet with the Funds Committee and the Relief Committee sometime during that Wed. afternoon since they have charge of the funds which the school contributes to organizations like yours. I don't think it will be necessary for you to arrive at Sweet Briar until Tues. Oct. 7th since we have been able to schedule all your activities for one day. I have made reservations for you at Boxwood Inn here on campus beginning Oct. 7th until Oct. 9th.

We are certainly looking forward to your visit and I personally am very eager to see you again.

Sincerely yours,

Juanita Minchew

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September 23, 1947

Miss Juanita Minchew
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss Minchew:

Thank you for your letter of September 18th telling me of the program arranged at Sweet Briar for Wednesday, October 8th.

It is very thoughtful of you to have everything on one day so that I will not have to be away from the office any longer than necessary. This is a very convenient program for me, and I shall plan to arrive at Sweet Briar sometime Tuesday, October 7th. I have not yet found out about trains, but I probably will come in late that evening.

Thank you, too, for arranging accommodations for me at the Boxwood Inn.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Sweet Briar

November 6, 1947

Miss Martha Van Breisen
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss Van Breisen:

Enclosed I am sending a copy of the latest
Ginling leaflet which I thought you would like to see.
If more of them would help to create interest in
Ginling on the Sweet Briar campus, I shall be glad to
send them.

I am anxious to hear how your drive for
funds is going, and of course I hope that it has been
possible to include Ginling for a generous share.
Never has the need been so urgent, nor the opportunity
so great. I feel sure that Sweet Briar wants to have
a part in this thrilling work.

With pleasant memories of my visit to Vir-
ginia,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Ginling Undaunted

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Sweet Briar [1]



Sweet Briar College
November 12.

Mrs. W. Plummer Mills
United Board for Christian
Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, NY

Dearest Mrs. Mills,

I was very happy
today in procuring your address and
wish to make use of it right away
by appealing to your help in a cause
that concerns us very deeply.

Many of us students are very
much interested in coming into
close personal contact with College
Students in China. We feel that by
establishing personal correspondences
we can help them and they, in turn,
can help us in the exchange of
ideas. We also want to help

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materially by sending parcels.

In this manner maybe we can bring about better understanding and build friendships that may promote a better and stronger world understanding.

Please send us addresses of Chinese fellow students in order that we may begin soon on our friendship-relief work! We shall be impatiently awaiting your reply.

Sincerely yours

Patricia Chandler
Sweet Briar College

November 17, 1947

Miss Patricia Chandler
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Pat:

It was good to hear from you last week. I should have answered your letter earlier, but did not get around to it.

I am very happy to know of the interest of Sweet-Briar girls in Chinese students, and I fully realize that this interest will become more real if you feel that you have personal contact with the girls.

I cannot send you now the names and addresses of girls at Ginling as I do not have them in my files. I am writing to President Wu Yi-fang immediately, however, asking her to supply the names of a number of students who would like to correspond with American students. As soon as I hear from Dr. Wu, I will send you the list. You realize, of course, that not every girl in College has sufficient English to correspond in that language. I think perhaps you know, too, that some of the girls are on such a limited budget that even the extra money for postage presents something of a problem. For instance, it takes \$18,000 National Currency to send one air-mail letter from China. Not all of the girls, however, are so hard up, and I am sure that a number of them would be happy to correspond with Sweet-Briar girls.

Your idea of sending gifts to Chinese students is indeed a generous one, and I am sure that the girls would appreciate your thought. This, too, presents something of a problem as customs duties are very high. When postage is a real consideration in a girl's budget, you can understand how great a problem would be posed by duty on a package, no matter how much the girl may want the contents of that package. Sometimes the duty assessed is much more than the value of the things in the package. It is true,

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Miss Patricia Chandler

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November 17, 1947

however, that sometimes things get through without duty. Especially parcels marked "Christmas Gift", or simply "Gift", or "No Commercial Value". Also, if the value of the package is not very much, it is apt to get in duty-free. Everything must be very carefully and clearly declared, and nothing listed as nylon or rayon can be sent, as these materials are on the prohibited list.

It will take about two weeks for me to get an answer back from Dr. Wu, so you will not have the names of the girls in time to send Christmas packages. Perhaps in the course of correspondence, you may discover whether or not the Chinese girls would find parcels sent from America too great a strain on their limited budgets.

I hope that what I have said does not sound too unappreciative of a most generous and thoughtful idea on your part. I think that with your real interest in the Chinese girls and your care in handling this problem, something very rewarding can be developed. It is hard for us in America to realize how much even a very small amount of money means to students in less fortunate lands. It is for this reason that I have raised the question of postage and duty.

With very pleasant memories of my delightful visit to Sweet Briar, I am

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Sweet Briar

SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE
SWEET BRIAR, VIRGINIA

OFFICE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

December 4, 1947

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
American Headquarters
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I have been holding your letter until I could give you some definite information about the results of our drive.

When the canvassing was complete we fell short of our goal of \$6000 by \$113. The girls worked very hard to get that money and they were very much disappointed not to reach their goal. However, the senior class gave \$113 out of the proceeds of the senior show so everyone was happy after that.

Of course quite a bit of the total was in the form of pledges, not all of which have yet been paid. After the students had decided what disposition they wished to make of the funds we had to decide how much we could afford to send to each agency at this time.

We hope to send \$500 for Ginling College of which \$250 should be on its way to you soon. The remainder will follow as soon as possible after all the money has been collected.

I was very much interested to read the leaflet on Ginling which was published last month and I wish you would send me half a dozen additional copies, if possible.

With all good wishes to you and to Ginling,

Sincerely,

Martha von Briesen

Martha von Briesen
Director of Public Relations

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Sweet Briar

Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia
December 8, 1947

Miss W. Plumer Mills
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Mills,

Our Funds Drive this year was very successful. We topped our goal of \$6000 which was very gratifying to all who had put so much work into the project. We are very happy to contribute \$500 to Ginling College, and we hope that this will help the College in its reconstruction.

We are also sending money to the World Student Service Fund, to Save the Children Federation for the sponsorship of the French school in Paris which we adopted last year. Some money will go to the Near East Foundation, to the American Friends Service Committee, and to Care Packages. Some of the money stays at Sweet Briar for the support of two foreign students. This year our two foreign students are from Shanghai, China and from Turku, Turun ja Porin laani, Finland.

Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.). This is half of the amount which we are sending you.

I personally would like to wish Ginling College much success this year and I am grateful that we could do something to help students who are less fortunate than we in America.

Sincerely yours,

Elma Lile

Elma Lile, Student Chairman
of Sweet Briar Relief Committee

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December 12, 1947

Miss Martha von Briesen
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss von Briesen:

Thank you for your letter of December 4th, telling me that Ginling will receive \$500.00 from Sweet Briar Students Funds Committee. This is indeed good news and we are grateful to Sweet Briar for its interest in Ginling and this generous gift.

I had just started to write this letter when I received from Elma Lile a check for \$250.00 as the first payment on the amount promised. Sweet Briar girls are to be congratulated upon their wide interest in world affairs and their generous response to need.

I am sending you the leaflets on Ginling that you requested. We are always glad to share news of the College with any who are interested and hope that these little folders will be useful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclature: Six folders

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December 19, 1947

Miss Elma Lile
Student Chairman Relief Committee
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss Lile:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for the generous contribution to Ginling from the Student Funds Committee of Sweet Briar College.

We are happy to know that the girls at Sweet Briar are making a total contribution of \$500.00 to Ginling this year and will be glad to receive the additional \$250.00 when your pledges have been paid.

May we offer our congratulations on the success of your drive. The outline that you give me of the uses to which you are putting this money is indeed an interesting one. Sweet Briar girls are reaching out into many parts of the world with their generous contributions and I am sure are receiving grateful letters from all organizations that they are supporting.

May I add a special word of appreciation from Ginling College for this help at this time of particular need.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Sweet Briar

Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia
February 4, 1948

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Now that we have almost finished collecting our contributions pledged during our Funds Drive in November I am sending you the remainder of the money we promised you. Enclosed you will find a check in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

I hope that this money will aid Ginling College in its reconstruction.

Sincerely yours,

Elma Lile

Elma Lile, Student Chairman
Of Sweet Briar Relief Committee

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February 6, 1948

Miss Elma Lile, Student Chairman,
Relief Committee
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Miss Lile:

Enclosed we are sending our receipt for the final payment from the Sweet Briar Funds Drive to Ginling College.

This generous response to Ginling's call for help is deeply appreciated and your gift will meet a very real need at the College. Increasing prices in China and diminishing income in America have laid unusual burdens on Dr. Wu and her loyal faculty. She is therefore more grateful than ever for such responses as this that will help the College maintain its usual high grade of work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Receipt

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Sweet Briar [2]

March 3, 1948

Letters from the following girls at Ginling were sent to
Sweet Briar College

Dju Bao-djen
Hoh Siu Djen
Chen Yeh-hwei (premedical)
Ni Hwei (premedical)
Gia Ying Guh (Sociology)
Wang Yueh-Fang (Sociology)
Chang Gwoh-ying (Sociology)

Shu Wen-ying (Science)
Djou Tsui-beh (H.E.)
Kitty Y. C. Yü (H.E.)
Chen Die Fei (prenursing)
Yang Shwen (Chinese)
Li Wen Hwei (English)

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March 3, 1948

Miss Patricia Chandler
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Va.

Dear Pat:

We exchanged some correspondence last November about names and addresses of Chinese students with whom Sweet Briar students could correspond. As soon as I had your request, I wrote to Ginling, asking for a list of such girls. I am just now getting the reply. A part of the reason for the delay is the fact that instead of sending me merely the names and addresses of Ginling girls, the Head of the English Department has secured a number of letters from the girls. I am sending you thirteen such letters. I hope that the girls at Sweet Briar are still interested enough to want to reply to these letters.

Air mail to China costs 25 cents a half ounce, and takes about a week. Ordinary surface transportation costs five cents an ounce, and takes approximately a month. Letters addressed to the girls at Ginling College, Nanking, China, will reach them.

I hope that some of these letters may be the beginning of pleasant and profitable correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: Thirteen letters

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Sweet Briar [17]



March 11th 1948

Dear Mrs. Mills!

Thank you so very much for your letter and the wonderful thirteen enclosures! Surely you can imagine how thrilled I was and the girls were as soon as I passed them on to them (being sure, of course, to keep one for myself!) I have already written to Shu Wen-ying and will be waiting anxiously for her answer.

Interest is deepening, here at Sweet Briar, in establishing firm ties with other countries. Both our freshmen class and the sophomore class have adopted projects for foreign student relief and correspondence and the cooperation is wonderful.

It may also interest you to

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was of the large conference on
International Understanding
which is to take place ^{here} this
coming weekend. We all find
ourselves hoping it will grow
into something greater than
merely a conference! What part
can we college students play
toward world peace?

Let me once more thank you
for your kind letter! I hope
that I shall have a chance to
hear from you again at some time!

Very sincerely yours

Patricia Chandler

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Sweet Briar

September 28, 1948

Miss Patricia Chandler
Sweet Briar College
Sweet Briar, Virginia

Dear Miss Chandler:

Recently we have received a list of students at Ginling who would like to correspond with American college students. I am sorry that we have no information about their majors or classes, but the list held no such details. However, should any data be received, I will forward it to you immediately. The students are as follows:

Hwa Ming-hwek
Feng Ming-yü
Yü Siu-o
Deng Ging-su
Lo Ming-i
Hsu Bing-tsing

Lin Yin-hwa
Djeng Peh
Ma Ai-ru
Li Yung-gien
Tsei Rwan-fang
Djuh Yin-dzung

Mail can be sent to Ginling College, Nanking, China. The rates are the same as those quoted to you by Mrs. Mills last year - 25 cents a half ounce for air mail and five cents an ounce by ordinary surface transportation.

The deep interest which Sweet Briar students have shown in Ginling has forged a strong bond of friendship which is strengthened not only by the Fund Drive, but by the personal touch which only such letters can produce.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Rosemary Howard Turner

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Ruby S. Chen

House 55, Lane 576
Yu Yuen Road
Shanghai, China
April 29, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Thurston,

How are you these days? I hope that everything with you is fine.

Probably by this time you will know that I am very anxious to go to the States for further study. I must prepare myself for the future career. So I have an aim and hope to live for. I have applied to Union Theological Seminary, New York. Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to the dean of that school.

Many people say that schools in the States are crowded. So I am so afraid that I cannot get a chance for the fall term. But I need the change immediately.

Dr. Wu suggested that I better try University of Southern California, too. Will you please kindly help me out. I have written to Miss Sutherland too.

The normal school I am teaching now was a Japanese primary school. The school building is very big. We have now kindergarten, primary school, junior middle school and normal school. My work is chiefly with the normal school. The students are so anxious to take piano lessons but we are not able to start yet. There are only three pianos and no practise rooms. I hope they will get them ready as soon as possible, because no teacher can teach music without a piano or a good organ.

With best regards and love to you.

Yours,

(signed) Ruby Swen

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Original (a carbon) returned to Mrs Thurston

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House 55, Lane 576
Yu Yuen Raord
Shanghai, China
April 20, 1946

The Dean
Union Theological Seminary
New York City, N. Y.
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you in application for a fellowship in the Department of Sacred Music.

I am a fourth generation Christian. My father was a pastor for more than forty years. For the last eighteen years he was the leading pastor of Presbyterian Church in Nanking. My brother Swen Ming Ching is the head of the motion picture department in the University of Nanking.

I was educated in Ming Deh High School for girls which was established by the Presbyterian Mission. After that I studied in Ginling College. There I took up music as major and education as the minor. Since the graduation in the summer of 1928, I have been teaching music in different high schools in Kiangsi and Shanghai. Since last year I am teaching in the government normal school and training teachers in music. The detailed account of which will be given in the attached experience list.

From these eighteen years of teaching experience I have been led to appreciate more and more the contribution which music can offer to the people. The Chinese people and specially the Chinese Christians have suffered heavily from the past eight years of war. For the relief and of their spiritual starvation and rebuilding of their personality, a redoubled effort on the part of the school teachers and church workers will be required. One can see therefore what part music is going to play in the future.

In view of this situation I should like very much to prepare myself for the greater task and the heavier responsibility that lie before me. On the other hand, however, these long years of war coupled with the disastrous effect of inflation, have wiped out all the meager incomes of the people. Consequently the chance of my getting further education abroad I believe I can raise enough funds to take care of my trip to your school but I shall need a fellowship from your school to make up the deficiency. I shall be very much obliged to you if you will kindly help arrange to grant me a fellowship for my study in the dept. of sacred music of your school. I sincerely hope that something can be done to make it possible. Thank you ever so much.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Ruby Swen

Ruby Swen

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Record of my teaching experience

- 1928 - 30 Teacher of music in Baldwin High School
(Methodist) Nanchang, Kiangsi.
- 1930-32 Teacher of music in McTyeire School
(Southern Methodist) Shanghai.
- 1932 - 35 Teacher of music in Dji Ren Yung High School
(private) Shanghai.
- 1935 - 45 Teacher of music in Shanghai Municipal Council
Secondary School for Chinese Girls, Shanghai.
- 1945-46 Head of music department in Sin Lu Normal School.
(Government) Shanghai.

References.

I refer you to Mrs. Thurston and to Miss Sutherland, my music teacher in Ginling College.

Recommendation

From headmistress of Shanghai Municipal Government school is enclosed.

My transcript from Ginling College and letter of recommendation from Dr. Wu are enclosed.

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Ruby

January 6, 1947

Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen
Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Van Dusen:

I have just had a letter from Miss Catharine Sutherland, head of the Music Department of Ginling, about Miss Ruby Swen, a Chinese girl who is coming to America to study sacred music. Miss Sutherland has had a cable saying that Miss Swen is leaving Shanghai on the S.S. General Gordon on January 8th, which should put her in America between January 20th and 25th. In a recent letter to Miss Sutherland, Miss Swen writes: "Dr. Van Dusen of Union Theological Seminary told me to write to him around Christmas time because he promised me that he will see that I could have a scholarship of \$450 and also to be the organist in some Church."

Miss Sutherland has asked me to find out from you whether or not you have been able to arrange this scholarship aid for Miss Swen, and if so, will it be available for the spring semester? Would you advise her to come straight to New York, even though she may be a little late for the beginning of the second semester?

I shall be grateful for a word from you on this matter, so that we will know what plan to suggest to Miss Swen upon arrival.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Broadway at 120th Street
New York 27, N. Y.

Swen, Ruby
(orig. in Dr. V.D. folder)

President's Office

January 8, 1947

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Mills:

I am delighted to know that Miss Swen is finding it possible to fulfill her desire to come to this country to study sacred music. On the other hand, I must confess to some consternation at what she has written Miss Sutherland.

When I saw Miss Swen in China, I explained to her that missionary scholarships were in the amount of \$450.00, but that thus far we have never awarded such a scholarship to a candidate in sacred music. I assured her that her application for a scholarship would receive sympathetic consideration, as it must certainly will, but gave her no assurance of any kind. With respect to the possibilities of securing a position as an organist, likewise, I assured her that friends would be eager to be of help to her, but could give her no guarantee of a position.

The situation with respect to the current year is that every dollar of available fellowship and scholarship money for students from the Younger Churches has already been appropriated, so there is nothing whatever which we can do for her along these lines. With respect to the academic year 1947-48, our Committee on Missionary Fellowships and Scholarships met only yesterday and found ourselves confronted with 31 applications for six scholarships. Included in the list is a Miss Chang whom I also met in China, a graduate of the University of Shanghai and of the Nanking Theological Seminary who has been called to head the music department at the University of Shanghai and who is applying for a scholarship for next year. The Committee has not yet been able to make any decisions, but it is certain that they would not find it possible to award more than one to a woman student of music, and choice would have to be made between Miss Chang and Miss Swen when we have the full papers of both candidates before us.

I think we can find a room for Miss Swen in a most attractive hostel which has been made available to our students and which will involve no charge to her.

I am sorry that this reply cannot be more encouraging. Needless to say, I shall be very happy to see Miss Swen on her arrival and talk with her.

Faithfully yours,

(signed) Henry Pitney Van Dusen

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January 13, 1947

Miss Ruby Swen
Passenger on S. S. General Gordon
(Arriving January 20th)
American President Lines
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Miss Swen:

I have just had a letter from Miss Catharine Sutherland, saying that you left Shanghai on January 8th on the General Gordon.

I am glad that you were able to make arrangements to come to America to study. I must, however, tell you what Dr. Van Dusen has said about arrangements at Union Theological Seminary. I fear that you misunderstood what he said to you when you saw him in China, since he tells me that he gave you no assurance of scholarship aid. He now says, "The situation with respect to the current year is that every dollar of available fellowship and scholarship money for students from the Younger Churches has already been appropriated, so there is nothing whatever which we can do for Miss Swen along these lines." He goes on to say that for the academic year of 1947-48, there are already 31 applications for six scholarships and that at most only one of these will be awarded to a woman student of music. They have already had a good deal of correspondence with another woman applying for such a scholarship and while he does not say definitely, he implies that she will receive the grant.

I am glad to know that it will be possible for you to enter Webster College in St. Louis, since acceptance at Union is doubtful. I assume that you will go straight to St. Louis, where I am sure Miss Sutherland will be most happy to be of every assistance possible to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Via Air Mail
c.c. to Miss Sutherland

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Mr. & Mrs. Swen-ming-ching
(Miss Lü Chiu-ai

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

A July morning, 1939

A THANK-YOU IN STORY FORM:

In the foreign mail this summer morning was the current thrilling chapter of a Ginling story of these war days. It came in matter-of-fact guise, - merely a detailed request for the purchase of chemical supplies to be used in research by a Ginling alumna. Her husband is now in work which the University of Nanking is carrying on in cooperation with government agencies, and she is able to assist in fundamental experiments because of the training she received during her Ginling undergraduate days. It is a project which goes deeply into the courageous morale of China-behind-the-lines, that free country whose triumphant spirit so electrifies the few visitors who penetrate to one or another of its vital points.

This man and woman were married by a simple Christian service in Nanking on a certain September day in 1937 in the midst of an air-raid. The first warning of the attack had sounded just before the bride arrived at the chapel, and the ceremony proceeded to the sound of dropping bombs, with the wedding party little disturbed. What was an air-raid more or less to two young people who felt within them the power of consecrated training and who saw clearly before them the opportunity to serve their country? The ceremony over, the wedding party turned to amusing the children of the group, until the "all-clear" signal came, eager only that there might remain in the consciousness of these tiny citizens of China no memory to mar the solemn happiness of the hour.

Now, far to the West, the man and wife are working side by side in a chemical laboratory, seeking to produce for beleaguered China some of the vital products the price of whose importation is prohibitive. The program laid down by the government is directed to the eventual industrial independence of the country. The wife writes to the Ginling office of the partial success of her recent experiments - "not satisfactory, but rather encouraging" are her words. Her husband's commission makes it necessary for his laboratory to remain at the present capital of the country, under fire from frequent air-raids. Yet the work goes on, and the wife writes happily that her second child will soon be born, and that the first, a daughter, is "plump and healthy, smiling and laughing all the time, giving us much more joy than care."

Professor and
Miss Susan
Meng-chung

Miss Susan Meng-chung

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We share this story with Ginling friends, because it is so vivid a picture of the unconquerable spirit of China, of the value of training which Ginling is continuing to give at its temporary home in Chengtu, and of the certainty that normal life cannot be destroyed by the constant attacks from the air under which Free China is living at this time, or by the other serious disciplines to which the parts of China penetrated by the invaders are being subjected.

We would not believe all this possible, if it were not being proved every day afresh. And it is our great good fortune to be able to help in keeping these constructive forces encouraged, supplying them with necessary materials for work from gifts of money, sent by friends like you.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
for the Founders

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Copy to Mr Cogswell
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N.Y. 25 March 1940

College of Science
University of Nanking
Chungking, China

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Feb. 20, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Ginling College Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, U. S. A.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

How happy and grateful I was to receive your air mail letter of Aug. 23, 1939; and how much I do regret for not writing you until the opening of another year. To begin from the beginning, I was up on the "Happy Song Mountain" near Chungking last summer where our second baby was welcomed on Aug. 2nd. This baby is again, as the recent alumnae meeting called, a "Ginling graduate to be". We spent quite a few hours, almost daily, in our dug-out after I got back to this campus. The nights we had successively more than a week in the beginning of October was really terrible. One night when the clear signal sounded at the end of three hours, we all jumped up and rejoiced at our enemy's mercy for not holding us in the cave until the sun breaks a new day. May be you could not imagine just exactly what a sort of life it was without any actual experience. And I hope you never will.

You won't expect much from me under such conditions, would you? And besides, my husband was away for nearly half a year. As a representative of this university, he was to join the Sikong Investigation Corps which consists of a group of forty from different universities, under the auspice of the British Boxer Indemnity Fund Board.

In that baby province of China, he, as a cameraman, was on horse back most of the time, galloping at the elevation of 10,000 feet as ordinary level and reaches many times up to 17,000 feet above sea, where snow paves all their way. But don't you be too sorry for his hard time, his daily reports convinced me that he really enjoyed the trip tremendously. It is only in Sikong, he writes, that the sky is always blue and the sun always bright. Mountains and ridges are always present in the scenery. Their white caps and green clothes, together with the curling fountain streams and rapids which wind at their feet forms the best park that man could hardly ever designed and built. Sometimes he traveled on grass country for days without seeing a single house, but yaks and sheeps in big crowds. In one word, Sikong is certainly beautiful: not only mountains of great height, but plains of enormous size; not only lakes which resembles Switzerland, but also gorges which exceeds the Yangtze we all know about. Fine forests measured by miles are not rare. Lama dances and their temples give the travelers an entirely different air from other places. He took more than ten thousand feet of 16mm. film and nearly one thousand snapshots that are good.

Well, coming back to myself, you must be anxious to hear what had become of my experiment. Because of the hot weather, air-raid and all, I did not actually start to work again till early November, waiting in vain for what I ordered from New York, I tried my best on what I had. Although the result was not perfect, I am pretty satisfied with it for the time being. Enclosed please find a snapshot of my home printed from one of my self-made plates with the building of my home and my laboratory as background.

Here I am glad to tell you that most of my supplies and books came to me a few days ago, and some are still on the way from Chengtu to Chungking. These will certainly be a great help to me.

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Thank you ever so much for making these orders possible. Dr. Chester dropped in on her way to Chengtu. We have correspondence occasionally. In addition to the department head in chemistry, she is also the acting dean this year. So she is a very, very busy lady. Since she knows nothing about the cost, and I need all the paid bills for making a financial report, will you please kindly ask Mr. Evans for me to clear out this matter? I had a nice letter from him about the same time as yours, and will write him as soon as I got the other part of my order.

My next step on this work is to tackle for higher speed and more uniform coating. I do hope I can send you a better record when I write you next in spite of lacking adequate facilities.

It is certainly a surprise to me that you already knew about my exciting wedding under bombing. Seventy two enemy planes came to celebrate us in three bunches. It was the day the Central University was bombed. We could see the smoke clearly from our church and it was recorded in our wedding movie too.

You seem to be interested in my husband no less than you do me. I might just as well tell you that he is doing an important piece of work though not of high position. The University of Nanking has the credit of introducing motion picture in education in this country, and is helping a great deal with the nation wide motion picture education project carried on by the Government. At the present, he is the acting head of the Department of Educational Cinematography and doing mostly the production of films. They have produced eighty reels of 16mm. films under seven categories, such as geography, industry, science, entertainment, etc. Recently they are planning to select several pictures to send to the United States in reply to the request of the Christian Movement in U. S. A. and Canada. They are also planning on the production of a film depicting the missionary work in West China in cooperation with the Movement. The Sikong picture too, absorbs him a good deal for editing. Further more, he is going to give a course in production technic on educational motion pictures this coming term to the students of the Two-Year-College & College Course for Technicians in Motion Picture and Radio Education of this university.

Besides training others, he himself is to be trained. The Dean of the College of Science, Dr. H.R. Wei has applied a fellowship for him from the Rockefeller Foundation lately for further study in the United States. It is not certain yet, but very hopeful. Don't you think it is better for me to go with him, if possible, to study more chemistry which I am so needed in carrying my research to any full extent? If you know of any institution or person that would be interested in helping me in this case, please tell me so and give me your every advice and help.

We have not experienced any air raid for some more than two months here in Chungking. We don't miss it, of course. My husband's return before X'mas was certainly a real gift to me. Jane, our 19-month-old daughter is growing very fast in all respects. She smiles to or shakes with whoever she meets and says "How do you do" in either your and our language. Her sister, not unlike her, is another smiling baby of 6½ months now.

Have you seen Miss Sutherland, our class adviser (1936)? We all liked her very, very much. Will you please let me know what part of this letter interests you most, so that I could know more exactly what to write next!

With best regards,

Yours gratefully,

Swen Li Chin-an

Mrs. Swen Ming-ching

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Mrs. Swen Ming-ching

27 March 1940

Dear Mrs. Swen:

It was a very splendid surprise to have your note of February 20 which arrived in New York on March 25th. I rejoice that your work is going well, and that the greater part of the supplies you ordered had already reached you when you wrote. I am asking Mr. Evans to give you the memoranda you need.

We are constantly searching for more effective means of cooperating with those of you on the field in order that we may have the kind of photographic material we need in our presentation to the American public. We are eager to have the privilege of carrying on with you, both in your chemical researches and in your work as a practical photographer. I only wish that I had had your letter before the most recent bulletin of Ginling was published, for I am trying to keep our friends up to date in news from the alumnae in China, particularly those who are a part of the tremendously vital West China program.

Will you not consult with Dr. Wu Yi-fang, who has recent information about the problems we face in securing fellowships and scholarships in America and who will advise you about sending forward credentials and securing documents. I have recently been discussing the possibility of the Ginling office in New York serving as the point at which such documents will be collected on behalf of Ginling alumnae and forwarded to those institutions designated by the College and by the students. It seems possible that there may be considerable advantage to the College and to the alumnae if there is some such central point where information is available and where questions can be answered. We shall be glad to do anything we can to help you.

Will you not send me news of photographic material which can be available to the China Colleges, either directly from the work done by your husband or on loan from centers to which he may send his pictures? We are in close touch with the offices of the Missionary Education Movement of United States and Canada which are in the same building with us, and have cordial relations with Mr. Cogswell, who is the publishing head on behalf of the Christian Movement here. We are desperately in need of just the kind of films which your husband has been making in order that the money-raising program of the Colleges may go forward effectively. Thank you very much for the pictures which you enclosed in your letter, both the beautiful glimpses of the Sikong country and the sample of your own work on a plate which you made yourself.

We will share your letter with Miss Sutherland, who is having a very happy furlough year with her family and friends.

Please give my greetings to your husband, whom I shall hope to meet some time, and believe me

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Mrs. Swen Ming-ching
College of Science
University of Nanking
Chungking China

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18 October 1940

My dear Mr. Swan:

Thank you very much for your response in regard to amounts of gifts.

If possible, when this note reaches you, will you try to get in touch with me by telephone. During business hours, I can be reached at WAtkins 9-8703, and I live at the Hotel Parkside, telephone GRamercy 5-6000.

If you are to be in the city tomorrow or Sunday, I should like an opportunity to talk with you about the illustration of a story of recent travel in China which may be available for publication in the magazine Travel or Asia, provided we can strengthen the very limited photographic material which accompanies the text. The talented editor who now has this material under consideration is asking us if we can supply six or ten photographs of the actual progressive construction activities going on in Free China, the Cooperatives, agricultural processes, industrial development in connection with actual manufacture on a commercial scale. This editor says that an article of this kind must answer the question in the minds of American readers as to what China is doing for herself to build up constructive strength in the western provinces. I shall have another interview with this editor tomorrow noon, and it occurred to me that you might possibly meet with us at the conclusion of the Foreign Policy luncheon at the Hotel Astor, which tomorrow is to be devoted to the Far Eastern question, and which you may already be planning to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Mr. Swen Ming-ching
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York New York

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7 November 1940

My dear Mrs. Bakker:

One of our delightful advance^d students from China is setting off for Rochester within a few days, and I have given him a note of introduction to Mr. Bakker. This man, Mr. Swen Ming-ching of the University of Nanking has been doing very fine work in the program of visual education under the combined auspices of the government and his university, and he is now in this country as a graduate student on fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation. He is a particularly delightful man, and I hope that you will have the chance of meeting him while he is in Rochester. I am suggesting that he make himself known to you as well as to Mr. Bakker.

Although Mr. Swen is a very quiet chap, you may be able to persuade him to tell you some of his personal experiences since the outbreak of the war. These experiences are much more inspiring than harrowing. He married a graduate of Ginling College during the weeks of the first bombing of Nanking in 1937. They went up the Yangtze Valley with that tremendous trek of the intellectuals to West China, and have been working ever since under constant bombing in the city of ~~Nanking~~ ^{Chungking} where his department maintains its laboratories. Mrs. Swen is also a chemist, and has been working side by side with her husband, particularly in studies directed toward the manufacture of such photographic materials as are now difficult of importation. Two children have been born to them under these conditions and the whole family has kept well and happy, the children being, as Mrs. Swen writes, "Much more joy than care." It is one of those extraordinary chapters of the courageous story of a great people.

With cordial personal greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EBM:MJT
Mrs. Herman J. Bakker
Lake Road
Webster New York

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7 November 1940

My dear Mr. Lovejoy:

It is as a real privilege that I introduce to you Mr. Swen Ming-ching of the faculty of the University of Nanking, China. Mr. Swen is in this country on fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation as a research student of the problems of cinematography. He is looking forward to meeting you during his period of residence in Rochester, and your assistance to him will be very much appreciated by the trustees of his university as well as by Mr. Swen himself. The pleasure of giving him this note of introduction is increased by the confidence that you will find his acquaintance a personal pleasure.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

EBM:MJT
Mr. Frank N. Lovejoy
Eastman Kodak Company
Rochester New York

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4. Young Dudley Porter is a recent addition to the Eastman firm, and I would suppose that he was still very much a junior. He is the son of Professor and Mrs. Lucius Porter of Yenching University. Lucius Porter is a somewhat popular lecturer in the field of Chinese philosophy, and is this year having a fellowship in America. I doubt whether Dudley can be of much help to you, but you are an expert in discovering aspects of usefulness in rather dubious situations!

Dear Mr. Swen:

First of all, let me tell you that I hope you will find it possible to be with us on December first. There will be several other men present, but you would be the only one to bear the title of a Ginling husband.

The Eastman families to whom you bear letters of introduction from me can be briefly described as follows:

1. Mr. Frank W. Lovejoy and Mrs. Lovejoy. Mr. Lovejoy is President of the Eastman Kodak Company. He is a quiet man, physically not strong; was long associated with Mr. Eastman before the latter's death. He is not easily expressive, but has shown considerable interest in the program of The China Colleges, and usually gives about \$50 a year to the Sustaining Fund. Since your approach is a particularly professional one, I think that you will find him without restriction in his response of helpfulness. Mrs. Lovejoy is definitely not an intellectual, and I do not believe you need to devote any time to her unless Mr. Lovejoy extends a personal invitation to you, although I have written directly and personally to his wife on your behalf.
2. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn A. Loomis. They are very devoted church people. Mr. Loomis is one of the younger men close to the administration of the Eastman Company, and will do everything for you that he can. I advise you to get in touch with Mr. Loomis first through his home, (Telephone Monroe 6298), particularly because his wife is so very cordial. Her father was long a senior secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and she grew up with an extensive acquaintance with the China program of education.
3. Mr. and Mrs. Herman J. Bakker. They have both of them been closely in touch with China for many years. Mr. Bakker was in the Far East for the Eastman Company when he and his wife met, and later - after their marriage - he was in France. It would be definitely helpful to you to get in touch with Mrs. Bakker, who will be expecting to have you do so. She is a college graduate, a vigorous and generous woman. The family income is limited to Mr. Bakker's salary. I believe that his professional position is with the export section of the Eastman Company rather than the technical production, but this may not be true.

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Dear Mr. Swen:

You will certainly enjoy Rochester thoroughly, and I only hope that you will not stay away from New York too long because of our pleasure there. There will be several other men present, but you would be the only one to bear the title of a Gilling husband.

Cordially yours,

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Mr. Swen Ming-ching
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

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EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

November 18, 1940

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have delayed answering your letter addressed to Mrs. Loomis, bringing our attention to the possible visit of Mr. Swen to Rochester. We were very glad indeed to receive the information concerning Mr. Swen and it is our desire, of course, to cooperate with him in every way while he is in Rochester.

We had already received word from our manager in Shanghai that Mr. Swen was coming to this country, and I believe arrangements have been made to have one of the men in our Educational Film Department get in touch with him if possible. Our Export Department has also been in touch with Mrs. Swen in connection with the work in which she is engaged. If they decide to come to Rochester, I hope that we may be able to contribute to the work that they are doing.

Sincerely yours,

L. A. Loomis

LALoomis:MJC

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20 November 1940

Dear Mr. Swen:

A very pleasant note has arrived from Mr. Loomis in Rochester. He tells me that their manager in Shanghai had sent forward word of your approach and you will find that arrangements have been made to put at your disposal one of the members of the Educational Film Department in Rochester when you arrive. Mr. Loomis assures us that Mrs. Swen also is well known to the Eastman people in Rochester, because of her correspondence with the Export Department. Mr. Loomis is erroneously expecting that your wife is to be with you on this visit, and you must be prepared to disillusion them on that point.

You will be letting us know definitely whether you can attend the luncheon and subsequent program on Sunday, December 1st, will you not? We do hope you can be here.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

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Mr. Swen Ming-ching
International House
500 Riverside Drive
New York New York

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A THOUSAND-DOLLAR PROJECT
FOR
MAKING PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES IN FREE CHINA
BY

Mrs. Swen Ming-ching
(Ld Chin-ai)
Ginling 1936

- I Introduction
- II What has been done
- III Plan for next year
- IV The immediate need

I. Introduction

It is perhaps not too much to say that photography is one of the most fundamental element of modern civilization. It is not only a great art, but also the most scientific implement man ever invented. Not everybody knows how widely the application of photography approximates, but even the countryman of the most remote regions loves to own a copy of the photograph of his family. The convenience, exactness and rapidity have made photography an indispensable instrument to many a research work. Visual education and many of our happiness are largely based on it. So one needs not to preach the value or importance of photography but simply ask what we all have to suffer, if this "omnipotent doctor" would be entirely cut from every walk of our life! That is the actual case here in Free China. As you know our photographic materials have been completely dependent upon the foreign products. While ammunition is considered most important in war time, the lack of negatives, papers, and other photographic materials in the present market is not surprising. The only thing we

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could do is, probably, not to commit suicide but, like many other industries, to try to produce ourselves.

II. What has been done.

Back in my high school days, I used to spend quite a little money, including a part for clothing, on photographs. And the thought of the probability of discovering the seeming mysteriousness involved in photography was one of the factors which influenced me to major chemistry in Ginling College. But the wish of making my own negatives did not materialize till I married soon after this war broke out. With some temporary financial aid, and the privilege to use a corner room of the University of Nanking in Chungking; I started my first experiment of making photographic emulsions at the end of April, 1939, in spite of lacking every facility. My first procedure was copied from an encyclopedia some miles away from Chungking which did not prove to be very successful. Later I have been following E. J. Wall mostly, working in very small batches and concentrating in emulsions for glass plates, which is comparatively simpler. The work being chiefly to improve technique and verify some basic principles, since I moved from Chungking last fall to Chengtu, in this campus where four Christian Universities are located, which means better environment for my work. Attached are some prints of the plate negatives thus made.

III. Plan for next year.

The utmost desire at present is to be able to produce the plates not only for my own use, but also to supply others as well. In other words, we want to make this research a practical industry of the smallest scale and greatest service, namely,

~~uniform results~~

1. Improve the working conditions of the emulsion part to obtain most uniform results.
2. Test the dye effect which has not been very significant so far.
3. Modify the simple coating machine already designed and tried.

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4. Try to make papers for printing, etc.
5. Prepare gelatin which has just started.
6. Purify the chemicals involved, or to prepare them if not securable in the local market.

IV. The immediate need.

Difficulties so far encountered are mostly mechanical rather than chemical. With a more proper set-up by steadier finance, better results could naturally be obtained. Judging from the past experience and the present living condition, the following approximation will be the minimum to cover the above year-scheme.

1. Salary	\$200.00
2. Equipment	\$200.00
3. Chemicals	\$500.00
4. Miscellaneous	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$1,000.00

This small project is to meet one of the most urgent needs in war time China. To work for one's own interest in addition to the good of the society is really more than ideal. So any help that makes this plan possible will be greatly appreciated.

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LA Pin-ai (G.C. '36)

DEC. 1945

Early Life: born 1912, in a little village 90 li from Tai Yuan, capital of Shansi, 5 li from the foot of mountains, always in view of the village- village from which no one of the women had ever gone to Middle School; standard of culture shown by fact that when the old lunar calendar was displaced in favor of the sun calendar, the mountain people didn't understand it, and they changed back. Lived in a mud-walled house, with brick corners, stone paved floors - could hear a block away the morning and evening bells of the temple.

Her grandfather was well-to-do, owning 200 mu of land and two shops where matting was sold. Her father ^{and mother} began as farming people

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Mrs. Swen

NOTES ON THE
RESEARCH ON THE PREPARATION OF PHOTOGRAPHIC EMULSIONS
IN CHINA

If you are in Chengtu, China, today you will see lots of things worthwhile for picture taking. If you are lucky enough you will be able to buy some #120 Verichrome roll film at a price of \$20.00 (Chinese currency, of course). If you want to get a better film, such as Super XX, which is only very popular and common in this country, you have to pay \$25.00 a roll. The chances are that you will not be able to get any in Photographic supply stores, and the prints cost around \$1.00 apiece.

There had been always some people who wished to do something in making photographic materials in China, but none were very successful. In 1938 a woman had the vision to get started with the experimenting. She had the opportunity to work in the dark room of the University of Nanking in the department of Educational Cinematography, a part of which has been located in Chungking since the war. She had for a period financial help from the China Industrial Cooperatives, to purchase some essential materials, such as photographic gelatine, sensitizing dyes and so on, from this country. Her laboratory work has not been unlike the rest of her life, that is, the air raids have always been interrupting. She has gotten used to this, as she started her married life by having the most serious air raid in Nanking during her wedding. However, her results turned out to be quite encouraging. This woman is Mrs. M. C. Swen (Lü Chin-Ai) graduate of Ginling College, 1936, from the Chemistry department.

In 1939 another woman started this work also, but has been working in the University of Nanking, Chengtu campus in the department of Chemistry with no less success. She was Miss Chen Chin-Lai, and had the best record among the Chemistry students of the University of Nanking in 1939. She is now Mrs. Chang Chi-Cheng and is an assistant in the University's Chemistry department. In the summer of 1940 these two women realized the necessity of a joint effort. Mrs. Swen moved to Chengtu, and worked hand in hand with Mrs. Cheng. On a separate page are mounted samples of the picture taken of Mrs. Swen's negative, as may be

noted she is already a mother, and a mother of three. These were turned out during the past few months when she was to do the preparatory work in the day time, and coat the emulsion on glass plates in the night. Developing was done in the department of Educational Cinematography's shabby darkroom, also in the night, to insure darkness. The office boy got so interested that he accompanies her every night and escorts her back across the city wall. The new Chemistry Building has just been put up recently. A securely dark room is provided, but nothing but darkness is so far provided. They need more than darkness to work.

I received her letter recently, saying that she opened her diary of 1935 incidentally some time ago, and found that she mentioned six years ago she resolved that she would work on photographic emulsions. Mrs. Cheng works more on the preparation of gelatine, and Mrs. Swen works more on the preparation of emulsion. The British Boxer indemnity Board subsidised Mrs. Swen's salary for the year of 1940-1941. She is very happy that some result is in front of her now, but more effort should be put on to make their experiments a benefit to the people. There are three essential materials for making photographic emulsions; silver nitrate, gelatine and potassium bromide. In Szechwan, calf's hide is abundant, which is a raw material for preparing gelatine. In Tsikang in the district where the salt wells are clustered, potassium bromide can be recovered as a by product. It is very proper and desirable to manufacture photographic materials from the raw materials which can be obtained in Szechwan. The experiment of Mrs. Swen and Mrs. Cheng has come to the stage where more laboratory supplies are needed to further their research. The items that they desire to have to further their research, and as I can see, are as follows:

1.	One Graphic Viewing Camera with Accessories	\$200.00
2.	One Weston Master Exposure Meter (#715)	20.00
3.	One Weston Standard Exposure Meter (#628)	144.00
4.	Expense for making a coating machine	120.00
5.	Film Base	60.00
6.	Glass Plates	30.00

7. Chemicals for preparations of emulsions	\$80.00
8. Equipment and chemicals for developing	60.00
9. Salary, Miscellaneous for one year	250.00
Total	\$390.00

This is a report made by an outsider, who has nothing to do with this kind of work whatsoever, and absolutely in no position to submit any request, but he feels of an obligation to convey what he knows about the needs of these women who are struggling in their unfavorable circumstances to those who are desirous to have a part in being privileged to be able to serve China in this constructive way. Dr. Tai An-peng is the director of their researches. He is one of the best senior research chemists on the whole campus, and at the same time engineer of the Scientific Instrument Manufacturing Bureau of Szechwan, sponsored by the Szechwan provincial government. If this money could be allocated, the Chemistry department of the University of Nanking shall be glad to administrate it. The Associated Boards, of course, is in a position to help purchase the material and equipment and ship them.

May 24, 1941.

M. C. Swan

New York, N. Y.

Her father went to Oberlin-In-China Middle School, not because it was Christian, but because it was the best Middle School. There he became a Christian, graduated from the school, and became the principal of the Oberlin Primary School. Hin-ai was brought up where the school was at Taizu. She attended primary and middle school at Taizu, and after her father's death when she was in first year of Junior Middle School, she went to Peiping to attend Bridgeman, for Senior Middle School. At first she planned to go to Yenching and took the Entrance Tests for Yenching and Ginling, both of which she passed. Two things made her decide on Ginling: her desire to get a wider experience, and the hope that she could continue her music started when she was in Taizu (her desire for wider experience, always a dominating force in her life)

Ginling College

So she came to Ginling in the fall of 1932. She found she was not far enough along with music to major in that. Now she turned her eyes to science, and decided to major in Chemistry, for that would help her with something that had interested her since high school days - photography. She had a box camera. Chemistry would help her solve the mystery about photography. A leader at Ginling. President of her class in 1934 I got to know her well for I (Florence Link) was the class advisor. Interested in community work, W.W.C.A., class activities. An outstanding student and personality. Graduated in 1936.

1937 - year of her marriage, and evacuation to Chungking.

Her wedding was unusual, for there was an air-raid in the midst of it, and the question was, "Shall we go on with it, or escape to an air-raid shelter?" They decided to see it through, and the guests stayed with them. She married Mr. Swen Min-ching, graduate and teacher at the University of Nanking, also interested in photography. The wedding was Sept. 20, and on Nov. 25 they started on an eventful journey to Chungking, since Nanking was in danger from the Japanese... on a boat chartered by the Univl of Nanking

The journey to Hankow was nightmarish. One hundred families of the University of Nanking staff were stowed away in the hold of a river steamer, with Mr. Swen as leader of the expedition. The hold - where cargo was ordinarily stored - had no window, and was so crowded with luggage that they could just stand. How could they ~~stand~~ prepare food, let alone serve it in such congested space?

Mr. Swen decided to organize the boat, and get meals in turn. By the time Gin-ai and those around her got their first meal it was 24 hours after they had gotten on board; 24 hours later, they got their next meal - a bowl of rice only, dipped from a large basin. Three days after embarking they reached Hankow. Mr. Swen had lost his voice, trying to manage the crowd.

After a month's stay in Hankow they proceeded to Chungking in smaller groups, living in Chungking in various places from China New Year time, 1938 to the fall of 1940. Here two of the children were born, Jane and Jo. This was the period of intensive bombing in Chungking, with all its tension. They were there on the tragic May 3 and May 4 when so many casualties resulted from bombing and fire.

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In the fall of 1939 she began her photographic work in Chungking, in the University of Nanking. She had no dark room, no lab., no books. She bought chairs, benches, and the simplest equipment for a laboratory, ordered books from the United States, -they reached her a year later - and went to the library of Central University, eight miles outside the city, and photographed the article from the Encyclopaedia Britannica on "Emulsions". She proceeded by the trial and error method. She had to make the apparatus to distil water, and then distil it. She looked back with longing to the equipment she had had at her disposal in Ginling laboratories. After fourteen attempts she began to succeed in getting emulsion results.

Chengtu

In 1940 her husband went to America for advanced study. Her mother made the journey from Shansi and joined her in Chungking. She was expecting her third child, but decided that in November, 1940 they ought to move to Chengtu, so she could work with the University of Nanking science department. She had hoped they could get passage by air, but that turned out to be impossible, so they made plans to come by Bank truck.

The day before she left was hectic. At ten o'clock she heard they could leave the next morning. Her first interest was to say good-bye to twenty families. In the middle of the day there was an air-raid and that interrupted her work. The evening was taken up in receiving calls from her friends, so she packed from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. They had to be at the bus station at 6, but there was no rickshaw, no "hwa kan" available. They got carriers for the two children and their possessions, and she and her mother walked; they started out at 3 a.m. On the way she left her mother and the children beside the road, and went on, sure the bus would have to pass that way as it left Chungking. It was five o'clock in the afternoon before the bus started. People near the road had been kind to her mother and the children, so they had been fed and looked after by the time they reunited on the bus towards evening. On the second day they reached Chengtu where four of her husband's friends met her and helped her get settled.

Her Work:

Her work has been in photography, full-time work since the birth of her third child, John. A fellowship given by the British Indemnity Fund gave her the means to work at the problems of photographic emulsions. After the Americans entered the war when it was so difficult to have X-ray plates brought in, Dr. Green asked her to prepare X-ray plates. Now after 1½ years' work, Dr. Green calls her work successful, not that she makes plates in quantity, but the experimental work has been satisfactory. Now that the American army is in this area, X-ray supplies are brought in in sufficient quantity. She has accomplished three things: prepared emulsions for photographic plates, for X-ray plates, for photographic paper. *The gelatine from the emulsions was not a foreign product, but she started with the cow's milk.*

Now (spring, 1945) she does the following kinds of work: Research; Teaching ("Photographic Chemistry" for West China; ~~short~~ courses in the Short Course in Photography offered by the Univ. of Nanking; "Science of Photography"); in charge of the Chengtu branch of the United Nations Picture News Office (supervises the 71 stations in this area, supplying them with projectors, film strips, bulbs, and writing the monthly news letter to all the stations).

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She wants to make over her text and laboratory manual; her lecture notes are mostly in English; she wants to put her materials in general into Chinese and have it printed. She wants to work more at photographic paper, since she has not gotten enough different grades. She would like in the near future to get an opportunity to do post-graduate work

Her family: The fact that her mother lives with them makes it possible for her to do full-time work at the University of Nanking, but with prices what they are to keep a home together is not an easy thing. Their possessions left in Nanking have to be written off as losses; they lost other things during bombing raids in Nanking Chungking, both from the bombing and from thefts; in Chengtu she lost her bicycle by theft, which means she must now walk to work; a thief stole various articles of clothing last fall while they slept. In summer she gets up at 5, in winter at 6:30.

Jane is now 7, Jo 6, and John 5. They are charming children, very different: Jane seems to be a scientist in the making, Jo more domestic, and John so full of energy that he gets into various troubles at school.... "just a naughty boy" at this stage. Their names are respectively Chien-yi (happiness builder), Chien-chou (perfection), and Chien-san (justice builder) and Chien-san (perfection).

Community work:

She is most interested in human beings, and their problems. She wrote some time ago in Chinese "Love and Marriage Problems of Young People," trying to give troubled young people the benefit of her experience. published in the Christian Omnibook. She has had correspondence concerning her book, and is eager to give sympathetic help.

She and her family are one of a group of five Christian families called The Home Club. They meet once a month, discussing their common or particular problems, quite concerned that their homes shall be happy Christian units in society.

She has been this past year the president of the Chengtu Women's International Club. She has been most active in the Y.W.C.A. entertainment programme, in which each Saturday afternoon the Y.W. was at home to A.A.F. forces. She tried by sheer friendliness to bridge the gap between East and West, and in the entertainments there was always something that reflected Chinese culture. There were games, singing, Chinese boxing, old-fashioned dancing, shopping expeditions, refreshments, and time for informal talk. Her own interest aroused others to come and give their time, but she put more into it than any others, if we except the actual Y.W. officers themselves.

Pictures: They are in some cases described on the back:

- Jane: 2½ (from a self-made negative)
- John: interested in the sky
- The family: when they paid a Sunday morning visit
- Gin-ai and John and Jo on the bicycle that was stolen They often used to ride in this way.

*From
Florence
Kirk*

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MRS. SWEN

MIANG-CHEN

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金陵大學理學院教育電影部

MOTION PICTURE DEPARTMENT

College of Science

UNIVERSITY OF NANKING

X~~Chongku~~ China

Nanking

Aug, 20, 1946

Dr. Ruth Chester
Ginling College
Nanking

Dear Dr. Chester:

Enclosed please find a memorandum I prepared for your reference to facilitate the application for my fellowship. I am writing to Mrs. Shao to prepare a transcription for me so that you may take along with you. If convenient, please check up with her. I will try to get a few samples of the emulsions and gelatin I made for your illustration when necessary. I may have a little here. Most of them are on the way.

I hope to be in a university for some time and spend some more time in visiting various institutions. In this way I may learn more than just stick to one place.

Your kind assistance in making this fellowship realized will be much appreciated.

With best wishes for your happy journey back,

Respectfully yours

Chi-ai

Swen Lu Chi-ai

Encl.: Memorandum

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院學理文子女陵金
GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING CHINA

This is to certify that Mrs. Swen Lü Chin-ai (Daisy Lü Swen) has satisfactorily completed four years of work at Ginling College, from 1931-35 leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. A list of her courses with credits and grades follows:

	Credits	Grades
Chinese, freshman	8	B
Chinese, sophomore	4	C+
English, freshman	8	B
English, sophomore	8	B
Hygiene, personal	4	A-
Fundamentals of Music	1	B
Psychology, general	4	A
Introduction to Western Ethicss	4	B
Chinese Philosophy	4	C
Modern European History	8	B
Mathematics, general	8	C+
Principles of Study	0	Pass
Physical Education (four years)	5	B-
Party Principles	2	C
Chemistry, General	8	B
Qualitative Analysis	4	C
Quantitative Analysis	4	B
Organic Chemistry	8	B-
Physical Chemistry	8	C
Applied Chemistry	4	A
Physics, General	4	B
Mechanics & Heat	4	B
Electricity & Magnetism	4	C
Light & Sound	4	C
Radio	4	C
Methods of Teaching Middle School	4	B
Practice Teaching in Middle School	4	A
Home Managemement	2	B
Calculus	6	C-
Thesis (Chemistry Teaching Methods)	2	B

Registrar..... *Shao Bao Lu-mien*
 Dean of Studies..... *Ruth M. Chester*
 Date..... *Aug. 27, 1946*.....
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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Ruth Chester
Ginling College, Nanking, China
From: Lu Chin-ai
Department of Film & Radio, University of Nanking, Nanking, China
Date: Aug. 20, 1946
Subject: Application of fellowship

GENERAL :

Lu Chin-ai (Mrs. M. C. Swen)
Age 34 Date of Birth Aug. 5, 1946
Place of Birth Chiao Chen, Shansi, China

EDUCATION:

Middle School: Bridgeman Academy, Peiping
College: Ginling College, B. S. (Chemistry), 1936 - spring

EXPERIENCE:

1. Teacher in chemistry, University of Nanking Middle School, Nanking, 1936-1937.
2. Teacher in chemistry, Ming Deh Girls' ~~School~~ Middle school, concurrently dean, Nanking, 1937-war.
3. Research in Photographic Emulsion, 1939-40, Chungking, in the laboratory of the Film And Radio Department, College of Science, University of Nanking. With ~~fund~~ fellowship fund from the Sino British Culture Foundation.
4. Research in photographic emulsions 1940-41, Chengtu, in the laboratory of the Chemistry Department, University of Nanking. Same fund.
5. Research in photographic emulsions with her own made gelatin, 1942-44, Chengtu, in the laboratory of the Chemistry Department, WCUU - West China Union University. With fund from the X-ray Department, WCUU Hospital. Actual plates made for X-ray use.
6. Offering courses in photographic chemistry for three semesters in WCUU Chemistry Department for the five universities on Campus - for chemistry majors, 1943-45. Credits for the three semesters were 1, 2, 3 respectively. The third semester had laboratory experiments with manual prepared by Miss Lu. Has also taught at the same period photographic chemistry in the University of Nanking in the course on Photography as a science - 4 credits.
7. In charge of filmstrip distribution, 1944-45, Chengtu. Responsible for the Chengtu Regional Office of the United Nations Picture News Office, Chungking. Miss Lu has handled the setting up of 84 showing stations which during 18 months of operation have giving collectively 3,515 shows to 3,813,185 people.
8. Editor, Film and Radio Monthly, published by Film & Radio Department, University of Nanking.

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FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION:

Wishes to apply ^{for} fellowship in the States for (1) as major, and (2) as a side line:

- (1) Photographic chemistry - Film processing, emulsion making, darkroom *practice*
- (2) Visual education - Cinematography, film library.

Period of fellowship: June 1947 - Aug. 1949 (May have to apply ~~for~~ two or more fellowships to cover this period.)

POSSIBLE PLACES for study in the States:

A. Universities:

1. University of Indiana - has audio-visual education department.
2. University of Southern California - has Department of Cinema offering B.A. and M. A. in Cinema.
3. New York University - has film department
4. Ohio State University - has Visual Education Bureau and courses in photography.
5. University of Rochester - has good association with Kodak plant (while in Rochester, may apply to teach at the Rochester Institute of Technology Photo Technique Department)

B. Institutions for practice, or research:

1. Eastman Kodak Research Laboratory, Rochester, N. Y.
2. Society for Visual Education, 100 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill.
3. Various processing laboratories in New York and in Los Angeles.
4. Various film libraries, such as Ohio state, Bell & Howell Co, Chicago, USDA, University of Minn, Univ. of Cal., and various government film libraries.

POSSIBLE INSTITUTIONS to apply for fellowships:

1. Rockefeller Foundation - Humanities Division has fellowships for Film technique and visual education. Contact Mr. John Marshall.
2. University of Southern Calif. Cinema Department.
3. Harmon Foundation, 140 Naussau Street, New York, N. Y.
Contact Miss Mary B. Brady, Director
4. Ginling Office.

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December 31, 1946

Dr. Gerald Winfield
A. B. C. C. C.
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Gerry:

You will find this quite unusual for me to write you a letter with the help of Dr. Wu Yi-fang's secretary. This is possible because I am here at Ginling College shooting sections of the various administrative offices of the College

You may already know that I handed to Bill Fenn two packages of Kodachrome film which I shot. One, he took with him; the other, he arranged to have sent later. Each package contained nine rolls.

I hope to finish this picture in another two weeks. The camera and these slides work perfectly. I am anxious to know how the exposures turn out.

The shots taken at Ginling College consist of some of the administrators, the chemistry laboratory, the home economics laboratory, the dining-rooms of the dormitories, and girls in bedless dormitories going to "bed" and making "beds". I have come across some rather interesting ideas while shooting pictures in the chemistry laboratory. Ginling College, which used to depend on the University of Nanking for her supply of distilled water, is now compelled to make her own. It is done with a distillation flask and a charcoal burner. Speed--250 C.C. per hour. That is the amount they can use for all the chemistry laboratory work for the present. As I watched the drops of distilled water, I imagined the sound effects you could arrange and the commentary saying: "Drop by drop, bit by bit, and little by little, the Christian Colleges are marching steadily forward under whatever circumstances they may find themselves." I hope this may be of some help to the editors of this film.

I wish I could write more, because I have much to say, but I had better continue with my work in order to get the film done.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year to you and all in the office, I am

Cordially yours,

M. C. Swen

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Mrs Swen Ming Chen

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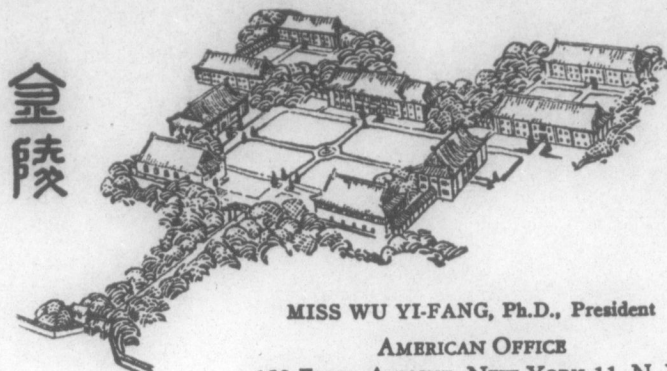
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July 21, 1947.

Rockefeller Foundation, Humanities Division
New York, N.Y.

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Sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Chester

Ruth M. Chester, Dean of Studies and
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