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Dr. Pauline
Lynch
Jan. 16, 1937.

Dear Rebecca:

In hurrying to send back a reply I forgot to mention the projector. I have found several places in the colleges where projectors are being used. The Ampco make is the one recommended for school use. It is about the same price as Bell & Howell - but seems to have several improved features. I am writing you their catalog. It is a Chicago Co.

1. More compact
2. Quieter in operation
3. More easily threaded

Butler Mrs. ^{JAN 16 1937} ^[2] in
Movie work. It was there I had
-gained this information & at
Dund. Mrs. it was confirmed
by the Depart. in visual Educ.
I may be able to gather a bit
more information from others
who have had opportunity to see
different makes so I think
we might wait a bit longer.
I had written Bell Herbell &
not had a reply when I
left Loser.

I have a recent letter from
Mrs. MacMillan with her comments
on maps & procedure in the work
I am doing. She is a go-getter
& I am glad for all her
successes. I feel as the the
results of what I have done
will have to wait a time for maturity.
I can't tell while preparing soil!

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and planting the seed what
may come to flower.

I have found in the Y.W.C.A. groups
I met here in Indiana - a very keen
interest in linking up with our
college Y.W.C.A. I haven't had
time to think out the best way to
make the link but the Y.W. presidents
are going to collect names of the
girls who have expressed this desire
& I shall be the middle-man for
the present. I explained the financial
difficulty of personal letters; & then
too how if two schools were to continue
this contact it must be handled so
that it would not die out when this
generation leaves the college. If
you think this a means of some
importance to our work & have
suggestions I shall be glad for
them.

None of the Y.W.'s had made any
plans for contributions so I have
nothing to report. Miss Olmsted is
new in Y work. This is her
first year in charge of the Indiana

student groups. **JAN 16 1937** [4]
She is therefore
a bit hesitant as to how far she ought
to go in guiding the girls into this
new life of work. She expressed
her opinions in favor of giving the
girls more opportunity for international
relations and seeing the spiritual
side of Y. W. work. She felt the
groups had drifted too far toward
the social functions & do not
stand out as a special group with
a special function in the college.

Miss Salger, dean at De Pauw Univ.
(Greencastle, Ind.) was finding the Y. W.
at her college doing more in this
line of international friendship than
the girls have been doing. Madras
is their sister college. Because they
had had two missionaries & expected an
Indian student next month she didn't
find an opening for me. However, when
I visited the college (on my own) she
arranged a meeting with interested
members of the town & faculty & some
students. There developed a very
responsive meeting so I was very

glad I was there. **JAN 16 1937** (51)
Cousin's son there in college. Miss Salger
was a missionary herself in S. America.

The largest group I met was
at the United Brethren college - Indiana
Central Indianapolis. Miss Wells is a
very fine dean and gave me much
of her time. This is a self-help school
where many are preparing for Christian
work. They have one of the largest
Y. W. C. A.'s in any of the Ind. Colleges U.S.
Their church work centers in Africa
so I do not know that Quilley
will appeal there as a place to which
they would want to send funds.

Butler gave a luncheon at
the Theta house. I met a student
whose mother is a Smith graduate
& she took cards for contributions
thinking she might find friends for
Quilley. This was voluntary on her
part. It shows how Smith daughters
are catching the spirit of their mothers
generation.

Ball State College at Muncie had
a rather small attendance. Other

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conflicting programs. I met the dean
& was very much impressed by her
interest in the y & the work Lib was
doing. It has a wide-awake president.
Mrs. Graham whom I had met when
I was there this fall entertained me.
Her husband is on the faculty & I
think she is a person whose interest
is worth cultivating. She possesses
a will to see that the spiritual
life in this Gov't school shall not
be put aside for other lesser ends.

Indiana Uni. like all universities
has many demands as the student's
interests and I came away feeling
that except for the few individuals who
stood out as future leaders there
would probably be less promise
of help or interest there.

Now I am at Peru where I am
to show the film. The Methodist & Presby-
terian church groups unite in this meeting.
The other churches could not change
their programs. Mrs. Carl & Catherine
have called many acquaintances by

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please to make sure they do not
miss the notice. Will mail you after
the showing. Dr. Now was here & some
will have more interest because of having
met her & because they know Catherine.

I am going from here to Albion
College, Albion, Mich. They had this
special tour for me. I may plan
to meet Mrs. MacMillan since it will be
easy to reach her from there & talk over
the work to see what she thinks. Her
experience of course is so much greater
in results & maybe I should vary my
procedure.

You asked for more details about
the Kalamazoo meeting. They only gave
me the date. I do not yet know
the exact meeting place. I am
writing, asking them to send both
to you & to me this information.

I think mail sent to Burr Oak
will be the address now & I will mail
if I do change & go to Detroit.

I talked with Miss Asperwell by
phone. She had been away & not yet
read her mail. That she could communicate
by mail. Floods prevented my return to

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Indianapolis after reaching Bloomington.
That is why I phoned! That almost
sure to go to Green Castle.

Here is a list:

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I find this still unfinished and
since I must be off for Athens
in another hour I can't send
more now.

at Peru (Methodist Presby)
The church, made me a
gift of their evening collection
\$7.75. You may add that is.

I will send check for what
has been given me soon. It
has more than covered by traveling
expenses so you are nothing
out as yet.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet M. Whitner

Mail is waiting at Athens

Burr Oak, Michigan, Jan. 28, 1937.

Dear Rebecca:

I did not anticipate quite so long a time in Albion neither did I know I had mapped out for me such a busy one. I was there a week and every minute was filled. My friend did let me sleep and have a nine o'clock breakfast which in this area with Eastern Standard time is not so late as it may sound. The sun himself does not rise until eight.

I hurried off the hasty letter with some account of what I had been doing in Indiana and now I am so full of what I did at Albion I feel as though I should begin there before I forget. Mrs. Macmillan has written you that she and I had a visit. My friends were going into Detroit for that evening and I took the opportunity to go in and see Mrs. Mac. Deborah was invited and we were both most cordially entertained. I have a copy of the letter that was sent immediately to you. I wish I could get business off as rapidly as that. She is setting a good example for the rest of us.

First I want to report about Projector. Albion had just purchased a Bell and Howell for the college. Model 129C they purchased with a 20% discount, costing them \$148 for the machine. Then there were other costs such as extra bulb, splicer for film repair, and ~~extension~~ cord, bringing the total to about \$170. That is exactly what we have with the \$160 from the Smith Club and \$10 from Mrs. Wells. They seemed to know nothing about the ~~Ampro~~ Ampro projector which had been so highly recommended to me. The Bell & Howell Co. tell me they have a dealer in Shanghai who can make adjustments for their instrument. I wish I had a way to get in touch with a German company such as Leitz or Zeiss (~~spelling does not look right~~). They may be putting out a cheaper instrument and one just as good. We get the best lenses in cameras now from Germany. Since I am finding it possible to locate projectors for use free of charge in almost every locality where I have been showing pictures would it not be acceptable to the Smith club if I were to take time and write out to Dr. Reeves to find out what the Schmitt company in Shanghai have to offer and then we would be able to act on the best advise for the work the instrument is going to mean for us in our work over in China? Anyway I am writing Dr. Reeves and in the meantime I am wanting to know what the purchasing department of the mission offices there in New York say about it. They ought to be in touch with German agents. My friend who purchased the instrument for Albion said he would make the purchase for me and thus get the educational discount if I wished him to. I have not seen an agent to inquire if the same rate would be allowed me. It is possible the mission people might get an even better discount for China since there is the German competition over there.

I want to hear from the mission purchasing depart. about managing the
I have the following dates for Michigan this month. *3 if*

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Hillsdale, Presbyterian Missionary Society. Invitations to ~~students~~ and faculty members included. It is exam. week there at that time. Perhaps I will get an other opportunity there when the film can be shown to a larger student group&

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Kalamazoo College

Women students I think.

Feb.3

I am also informing a young women's missionary group I met with in the fall so that if they want to have the picture I shall have time for it.

Colon,(near home) Day of Prayer. All day meeting

Feb. 12

special delivery post arrived cancelled this date. Haven't the final date yet.

Alma College

Chapel speech

Feb.23

Luncheon and afternoon with Fortnightly society of Presbyterian church. Expect 100 attendance at this annual meeting.

Adrian College

This school does not possess a projector. It is not reported that one can be secured

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The above revision will check to here

After the meeting here on Feb.12th I shall plan to visit my sister at Maple Rapids where I may be reached with mail.

Mrs. Harold A. Bedient, Maple Rapids, Mich.

Bell and Howell has an agency in Kalamazoo. I shall try to see the agent while there. If in the meantime I could have information from the purchasing department of one of the mission boards in N.Y. as to what they can expect in the way of discount from these companies I would have something to work on.

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You inquired as to the place of the meeting in Kalamazoo and that information has not reached me yet. I asked that you be informed and gave the reason why. I do not know but I guess that it will be at the student (girl's) dormitory. It was mentioned when I was there that that would be a possibility.

Name
I think I wrote you that I have a very good friend teaching at the college who has been working to keep the students attention on Ginling. There was a time when they were about to withdraw their support and she turned the tide. We should keep her warmed up after this for she may be our key person in the future. When sending you the list from there I shall make note of her so you will have her picked out.

I want to report that at Albion the Y.W.C.A. gave five dollars together with a letter to be sent to the Y.W. in Ginling. This sum will not be in your collection here but since they have begun in this way to get acquainted with our college over there I thot it best not to suggest any change in their plans but to write to the Y.W. at Ginling of the work I have been doing in connection with Y.W.'s (Indiana especially) and of the ways I think it possible for them to help in keeping Ginling interests growing over here. This \$5 will give them a sum to put into materials ,postage etc. for sending to these various places. Perhaps it could be some alumna in Wanking who would work with the girls and thus take off any added responsibility from any one faculty member. The alumnae are getting active it seems in this promotional work.

This is from the letter addressed to the women of Ginling College:
Y.W.C.A.

" The women of Albion College 6.2.2.0. extend to you warm greetings and the best wishes for your success and individual happiness.

Miss Whitmer, in her week here at Albion has brought to us many interesting facts about your school activities, your aims and your accomplishments. The Albion association is interested and we would like to hear more about you. -----

We are really thrilled about the success of our association because we have 200 women who have paid \$1.00 dues and been formally initiated ,and also because of the intense interest in the work as an association. "

They then go on to tell of some of their projects. Work with negroes who are employed in the factories. Sociology is a wide awake subject at Albion. I was much pleased with the response I had in all the contacts I made in Albion. I have the advantage there of having on the faculty so many of my very close friends.

Then there are now in the student body sons and daughters of my college classmates. How old I must be. I don't know it until I see evidences such as these.

There will be something coming from Albion at least to cover travel. There is no reason why there may not be some permanent connections. I am trying to establish some. Albion has no sister college.

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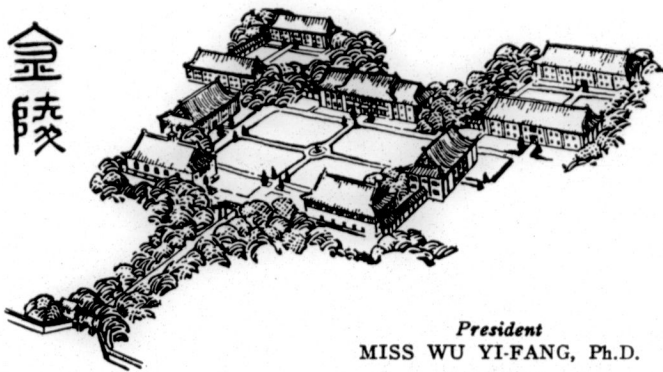
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SMITH COLLEGE

Dear Rebecca:

I am using my last sheets of this paper. I don't know how much I shall be feeling the need of such official headings but if you think I should have another supply you can send. I am my own stenographer so I have not been at great expense with my correspondance. What a lot of work an office girl has. I am sure I was not made for the life of a secretary.

Today I received a 10dollar (\$10.00) check from Dr. S.J. Harrison at Albion in recognition of the visit and the good they felt would result from it. I added up the bits that have been coming in and I have about 36 dollars. Travel to date has been about 20dollars. I have not figured postage. That is the only other item. So you see I have enough and more to cover the loan and there may be a better balance later.

I have received a number of letters from Ohio. Very cordial invitations to visit some of the places yet I do not feel I am going to have time for more than the Michigan appointments. It takes time to cover what seems like a small territory. I have not sent letters in reply to the Ohio schools. I have not had time to take care of more than the places I have arranged to visit. There are always several letters before the time of the visit. *should I acknowledge & explain or turn replies over to someone else?*

I am thinking now of making a visit east in March. You mentioned March as the month when the Worcester Club would like a showing of the film. Now I might not get there so it does not seem wise to have them make any change in their plans but should I get plans well enough along in time for them perhaps I could still be the one to visit them. They would of course want the projector to be the one of their own purchase if possible. I have to be sure Father and Mother are going to get through the winter without illness. That is why my plans have to be tentative. So far they have been so well.

If I get east I want to visit Wellesley and see friends in and around N.Y. as well as down at Philadelphia. *Maybe I*

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given by the
W. D. C. A. There
has 2.00 at
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can get to Washington. I have never been there.
Then in April I shall plan to go back here
in Michigan for some study.

This is why I feel I should try to
wind up my interesting for the Quaker promotion
this month.

Tomorrow morning I go to Hillsdale.

Love

Harriet

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Dear Rebecca:

Burr Oak, Mich. Feb. 6, 37.

I am trying to listen to Opera this Sat. P.M. and get this report off. can't use typewriter. I am starting out again this evening so this must be written.

I had the finest reception at Hillsdale - one could ever hope for. They had overlooked the fact the students would be taking exams. when they set the date for my coming so tried in every way to make up by being cordial. Pres. & Mrs. March entertained me royally in their beautiful new colonial house. Everything is just right. The Marchs are related to the wealthy Ball (Mason jar) Co. This younger man has succeeded his father as President.

Mrs. Rowe, the dean had me with the Marchs for luncheon & then Mrs. March had dinner guests for me.

There were about thirty women who saw the film. Mrs. March has given me the names of those 5 or 6 that would be most influential.

I am to be in Hillsdale again the last of the month & hope to have a showing for students.

Kalamazoo also was an interesting place for they already knew Gitting. The girls were very enthusiastic about

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The picture

They have no Y. W. All the girls (130) belong to the Woman's League and automatically pay dues on entering college. I did not find out whether this sum takes care of all expenses but I think it does. \$50 has been paid this year. They gave me \$5.00 to cover expenses. They have sent money to Guilford for 14 years.

Kalamazoo College
Advisors for League

Miss Virginia Earl (French teacher)
(knew Dr. Wm at W. Y. M.)

Mrs Hornbeck (Dean of Women)

Pres. of League (student) Jane Morris

Vice Pres. Marian Randall

Others who saw

films ~~there~~ Mrs. Cole & daughter

late wife of Pres. of College

Mrs. Worth (College friend, Y. M. C. Y.)

Ms Smith (now teacher at College) were present

There were some other women of the Methodist church who came to see it & make arrangements for my visit there later this month. I haven't their names.

There were about 60 girls out. Mrs. Hornbeck felt it was a good attendance.

Hillsdale

Film shows for Baptist women's Miss. Society.
Those present

- > Mrs. H. E. Schweitzer, executive Com.
of Baptist Convention
of Michigan.
- > Mrs. J. M. Wells
(Husband - Religious Educ. at college.
She is a member of state Baptist
organization.)
- Mrs. C. H. Kempton, Pres. local Miss.
Society.
A county officer
- Mrs. D. M. Trout
(Husband - Psychologist at College)
- > Mrs. Karl Katzemeyer (a Presbyterian
formerly dean
Advisor to Y. W. C. A.)
- > Mrs. Ralph ~~W.~~ Truere (Mrs. Della M.)
Dean of Women
- > Mrs. J. Bert ~~Bowman~~
Husband is pastor Baptist ch.
- Mrs. Bert Rigden, Vice Pres. local
Miss. Society
- Mrs. A. J. McDermid
- Miss Helen Slayton
- Mrs. Gladys T. Pearey
Head of Home Econ.
- Mrs. E. A. Martindale - met at
husband a doctor dinner

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> Mrs. Bertam A. Barber
Mr. B. Biological

> Mrs. March
Mr M. president of college.

Kalamazoo College

I found Mrs. Cole (and husband) both very much interested in mission work. She stayed and visited with me - about our work.

Mr + Mrs Cole were invited to go with the students to Lingnan this year. Later he was made president of the college & so they did not go.

I think our work there might well be encouraged thru Mrs. Cole.

Mrs. Hornbeck I feel is not as great a mission worker. Also the two teachers Mrs. Worth & Miss East should be people on whom we can depend.

> They were short of letters and would like another 25 or so to distribute. Send to

Miss Jane Morris
Snowbridge Hall
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo, Mich.

A \$5.00 contribution was made at
Hillsdale - and also \$5.00 at Kalawagoo.
This again keeps me supplied with
enough money to more than cover
expenses.

I am going to hear Stanley Jones
at Grand Rapids Feb. 9th.

To-night I am leaving for Three
Rivers where I am showing the
files to a young people's group of
the United Lutheran Church.

Grace Behrens who has asked
for it was born in China. Her
father a medical missionary
for 23 years.

I must be getting ready to
take the bus. Weather is mild again
& sunny.

Best wishes

Harriet

MR,

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

Burr Oak
March 5

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Rebecca:

My letter is following
but a long way off. The
files, however, was sent on the
2d of March so should have
reached Tokyo in time. I am
not dated now for any more
showings as I have planned
for a change this month. Begin-
ning April 6 I shall be in
school at Lansing and I
must get what visiting I
plan to do in before that time.
I want to attend the Michigan
Science Academy meeting at
Ann Arbor on Mar 18, 19, & 20th.
& then may take my proposed
trip east. I have been going

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To make arrangements so that
you people might know
when & where I would be
but I haven't any informa-
yet to give you.

I visited our new college -
Adrian and must send
you a final report of my
sojournings. There have
been many loose ends I
feel I should catch before
I give my final report.

I have enjoyed my visiting
& learned a lot so the
trip has been valuable for me.

Cordially

Harriet

Ans
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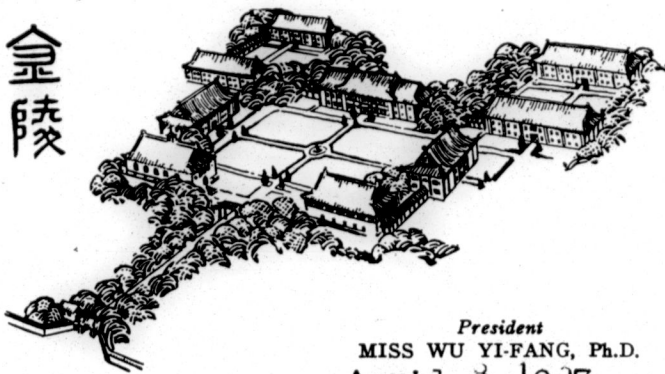
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April 3, 1937
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My dear Rebecca:

Your air mail reached me before I left home. I am sorry you had such worries. I will explain a bit so that you may know I was not neglecting this appointment.

I was in Prof. Nelson's office in Ann Arbor when he told me that he had just mailed a letter asking if it would be possible for me to go to Flint. Having told him that I would be ready to do so I did not answer that letter when I reached home. I suppose he is such a busy man he had not recorded that information and was looking for an account in writing. When his second letter came I was away and that letter was delayed in reaching me. So that explains. I had also had an interview with Mrs. Cram and it is possible that he did not know this though I had supposed she had told him.

Now I have been to Flint. Ho I-djen arrived about the same time. Both of us had been invited to be with Mrs. Cram. It was necessary for us to stay over night. I left early the next morning but I-djen was staying until a later bus.

The group we met was not large. No special meeting was planned. It was held at 7:30 at the hospital auditorium and we had the first part of the meeting and they conducted their business meeting later but while we were there. That gave me a chance to know what is in their planning. I counted thirty three present. They have some forty members. They impressed I-djen as a very loyal college group. She had visited elsewhere when there did not seem to have been the same earnestness.

The film had to be hurried up a bit as the man who was running it had another engagement. However I think it was fairly well presented. I did not get the questions and the audible response that I always get in a college group. The girls seem so young to many that they do not feel they can be of college caliber. I think that was true at Flint. When I-djen told them what she was working on at Ann Arbor it did make an impression.

Very about observation - the can help them by accurately recording their thorough records, in graduation use - Service to N.W. R.W.S.

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Prof. Nelson had instructed me that no asking was to be made at Flint and so I knew that some other arrangement had been made to follow up there later. I gathered from the statement Mrs. Cram had made when she asked me to come that she had talked with Prof. Nelson and he knew her attitude. They were interested in Flint in scholarship for Ann Arbor and in getting some pieces of work done previous to the centennial meeting there in June. This is probably not the time to ask them to become interested in our project but after they have seen the film there is no reason why individuals may not be visited. I have a partial list of names. The paper was passed around but when returned to me did not have the full list. I could get it filled out by the chairman and will.

I did meet a friend of Miss Vautrin's. She came as a visitor. She said she wanted to do something for Ginling in Miss Vautrin's name. She plans to come and see me here at Lansing. I will keep in touch with her. She had attended school with Minnie at Columbia Uni. Miss Blanche A. Smith, 1027 Beach St. Flint.

I sent word to Miss Merrill (formerly of Kijukiang) but she did not come. I did not have time to go and see her this time I plan to be there again. I wish she could have seen Katie.

✓ Flint Alumnae of U. of M.

*Yours
Harriet*

- Amy B. Davis, 109 Odette
- Ida Mae Malfraid 1216 E. Court St.
- Dora Dodge 725 Stone St.
- Mary Murphy 224 E. Court St.
- Nelda Sherer 513 Harriet St.
- Gretchen Walz 217 W. Jackson
- Sarah Holland 910 Stockton
- Charlotte C. Munch 440 E. Judd
- Gertrude Hurlbut 315 Green
- Margaret Smith 711 Mary
- Martha Jane Howard 720 Church
- Renah E. Green Dresden
- Grace C. Bald 1502 Linwood Ave.
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Read line for
Report - April
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2) A list of all places - names of institutions & addresses - at which she spoke in Guelph - especially the place at which she showed the films

3) Name & address of those individuals who should be kept informed about Guelph

4) Estimate of size of audiences

5) Which institutions should we approach for an annual meeting of meeting in Guelph

6) Which institution should we approach for an annual gift to Guelph?

7 - Any other circumstances you think pertinent?

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File arrived safely
GINLING COLLEGE

Nanking, China

Thanks for info about their class.

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

163 Kedzie St E. Lansing
April 14 1937.

Dear Rebecca:

I complied with your request for the film sent it so that you should have it by now. I am writing to make sure it has arrived. I have no appointments for speaking just now. The work I am doing here is going to keep me tied down pretty closely as I will have chicks to care for. They are incubating now.

Last week-end I went to visit my sister who is living not far from here. The weather is nice now so that Father and Mother busy with gardens and will not miss me so much.

I am finding a very interesting group to work with here. Very friendly atmosphere. The campus is one of the beautiful college campuses. Few have had as long years of expert care. The trees are so well placed and have had their natural growth. I am working with some of the men whose business it is to plan the care and improvements so I am taking object lessons every day.

I should be getting that report ready rather than writing all this to you but I will have it ready soon. I am leaving time this week&end.

With love,

Harriet
Harriet

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4/29/37 - aeb - Concerning Etta Chiu.

163 Kedzie ,East Lansing, Mich. April 14

To the Appointment Committee:

I am wondering if this will be of interest to you. When I was in Ann Arbor recently I met a Chinese girl who is studying there in the Department of Physical Education. She plans to teach this subject in China somewhere though at that time she had not an appointment. She is living in the home of Prof. Shull of the Biology Department and it was there I learned of her. Mrs. Shull is so very enthusiastic about her and feels that if Ginling needs such a teacher she is a prize. The Depart. of Phys. Ed. had reported well of her. I intended to talk with someone there in that Depart. but did not find the time. Her Name is Chiu Lien-tsai. She is a Smith graduate. American born.

She is specializing in Hygiene also. She works for her board at the Shull home and Mrs. Shull says she is a most capable girl. I met her and liked her general appearance. She had to leave early for class so I did not have time for much conversation.

Mrs. Franklin Shull
431 Highland
Ann Arbor, Mich.

One of our Ginling students, Chen Toh, is also rooming with Mrs. Shull. The ^{Chiu} girls all seem to like Miss Chiu very much ~~which~~ is a complement to a Chinese girl of American training.

Very sincerely,


Harriet M. Whitmer

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Burr Oak, Mich., June 30, 1937

My dear Miss Adams:

I am sorry your request for information about several matters is receiving a late reply. I was at the moment having finished my work at Lansing. A visiting trip and conference when I reached home has put business aside.

I still have the film. I thought it was known in the office that I had it and if wanted I would be hearing. I was so busy I didn't take time to write. I am sorry. Should I keep it here now?

Now as to the projector. I recall Dr. Reeves and his reply was to the effect that film rental in China was a rather expensive business. It is true they are pushing visual education but unless one has a fund to put into the renting of films there would not

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so much use for the projector. I think she felt there was other equipment more necessary now. I have been watching the rapid development of the films for educational purposes in this country and believe it will not be long before China will need school projectors too. I am going to recommend that we keep that fund for that purpose but that we do not purchase just yet. When I go back I can find out more and there is always someone coming out in case we want to have it sent in person. There is probably a Scientific Co. in Shanghai which could handle the purchase of it easier than we could. I was not able to secure one with a discount for missionary purposes. A former Peking teacher (Chinese) is now working with films in government employ & he will be able to give us good advice I feel.

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I am taking the screen Miss Grieb gave which is going to be useful for use with the projector lanterns we already have.

I think I have written that I have my sailing on Aug. 7, Pres. Lincoln San Francisco. Miriam Nell & her mother will be on the same boat, bound for Hanking. (Miss Grieb knows Miss Nell).

I finished my school work at Lansing - and feel I had a very worthwhile experience there.

Sincerely yours,

Harriet M. Whitener

P.S. I shall be at Burr Oak except for July 4-11 when my address should be Co. Sam Harris, Burr Oak St. Albion, Mich.

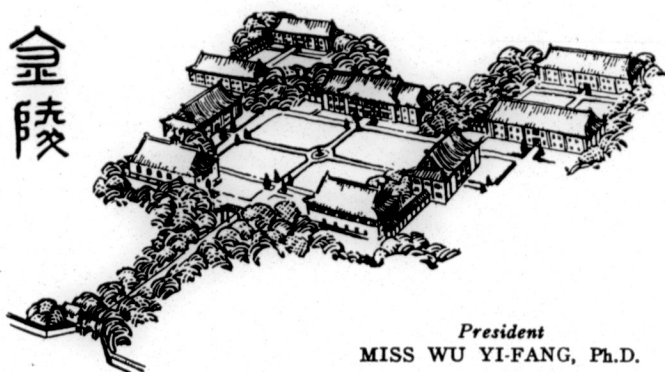
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Dear Rebecca:

Your air mail letter has just come and I am writing at once so that if you have other word to send me before I sail it can reach me. I am afraid you have been neglected too and I have not sent all the information I should have sent recently.

First in regard to the money that is to be returned. I had correspondance with Mr. Evans and told him it would be sent. It was probably a secretary who wrote the letter and so you have not had word. I kept the film for the Albion Institute but it was a very hot week and no way to operate in a closed room. They had no ventilating system. It was not used there though there were some young people there who asked about it having seen it when I was at Albion before. Then I did not send after that as I have a very good friend at Doane College Crete Iowa who has asked that I bring it and show it there for their church group. I thought I had written of this. Perhaps not. Anyway I am taking it with me tomorrow when I am leaving for the west. I am having two days at Crete speaking at an afternoon meeting and showing the film in the evening. The Wightmans are making a very special occassion of my coming. Dr. Wightman is head of the Physics department there. There is also a friend there who taught with me at I.W.C. (Now MacMurray College) She was in Seattle and with her family gave me my first send-off for China in 1924. I have not seen her since. Mrs. Wightman heads up a circle of 20 Albion Alumnae who have kept a Robin Letter in circulation ever since my college days. I am sending out now a Ginling folder to each of this group and will give you a list of their names later. I thot we might write up the showing of the film after my visit at Crete and in this way connect this group more closely with the New York office. There are many very missionary minded women in the circle. Three of us are missionaries on the field now. I have visited quite a number in their homes on both of my home trips.

I will mail the film to New York from Crete.

(I had not sent the money as I had wanted to arrange my final accounts and not draw more from fixed deposits than necessary but I am fixing up all money matters today so that will be sent immediately.)

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Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, Ind.

I have the list of names Miss Ratliff sent as follows :

President for 1937-38	Miss Louise Eickman	(Miss Ratliff has probably left college)
Stanley Langston	Juanita Fall	Elsie Beck
Esther Stotler	Eloise Chiaty	Helen Bean
Lucille Miller	Nell Nabhan	Dorothy Ratliff
Anita Hale	Mildred Blair	Pres. 1936-37
Alberta Shaker	Geraldine Gilliatt	

Albion College

A letter sent by Daphne Carnochan, Secretary, to the Ginling Y.W.C.A.

Correspondance can be continued there this year through Betty Ford Susanna ~~May~~ Wesley Hall, Albion College, Albion, Mich.

I saw Miss Ford recently. She will be a senior I think this year. She was and may still be the President of the Y.W.C.A. A very fine girl. Mrs. Will Whitehouse, advisor for the Y.W. and the dean of women whose name I sent will continue to be active with the Y.W. and should be encouraged to arrange a sistership relation with Ginling as they have no such connection with any mission school.

I have another list tucked into my trunk somewhere which I will send you later. It is an evening group of Business women at Lansing. They saw the film and while I was there this spring entertained me several times. They have raised a good sum each year and might be glad to have a permanent relationship with Ginling though they did not make a gift this year. Mrs. Hill has been a friend of mine for many years and she is active in this group.

Projector

I had a letter from Dr. Reeves in answer to the one in which I told her of the gift of money for a projector. She interviewed several men who are working with projectors both in Government work and with the Uni. of Nanking. Mr. Pan who was with us in the Chem. department and now with the Gov't Visual Education work. He said they could get the Bell and Howell there in China (without case) for 135 gold 750 Watt with rewind. He said also that we would need a transformer \$55 (this is probably Mex). However he recommended Filmo S.U. 750 watt.

The U.of Nanking is operating 80 Movie centers with 10 men on the staff. Ruby Swen's brother is in charge I believe.

It has been my decision, and I am afraid I have not consulted you about it, to wait and get the information I think I need there on the field as to what we can do now with the projector. Dr. Reeves seemed to think the films would be too expensive to rent unless we had a fund. She did not encourage my bringing one out with me. For that reason I am thinking that since the Bell and Howell can be purchased there I will be able to form judgments better when I have found out more about they use that can be made with what films are being produced there. Keep the fund intact and I will write you when I have had time to investigate. I know the projector is going to be needed in China just as it is needed here.

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I just have time for a bit of added news.

Have you heard of Miss Vautrin's father having died the last of June here at Shepherd ,Mich.

I am sailing Aug. 7 Pres. Lincoln ,San.Francisco

The Chinese girl's name is Chiu. I noticed you had it spelled with an N and that the written spelling had not been plain perhaps. I liked her so much and am looking forward to knowing her better. I shall be at Hotel Stewart, 353 Geary, San Francisco Aug. 6, 7 and sail about noon

Perhaps I shall have time to send you further information from the boat if not before.

Much love and thanks for all your help to me this year,

Harriet

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Miss Hachway got back to Soochow.
Dearle Bates was seen in Kobe
recently making a frantic effort
to reach Shanghai but I have
not learned whether he made it
or not. Wife & family are at Nojiri
here in Japan. Miriam Mull & her
mother are here at Gtombu. Miriam
has written Lillian but not had
an answer yet.

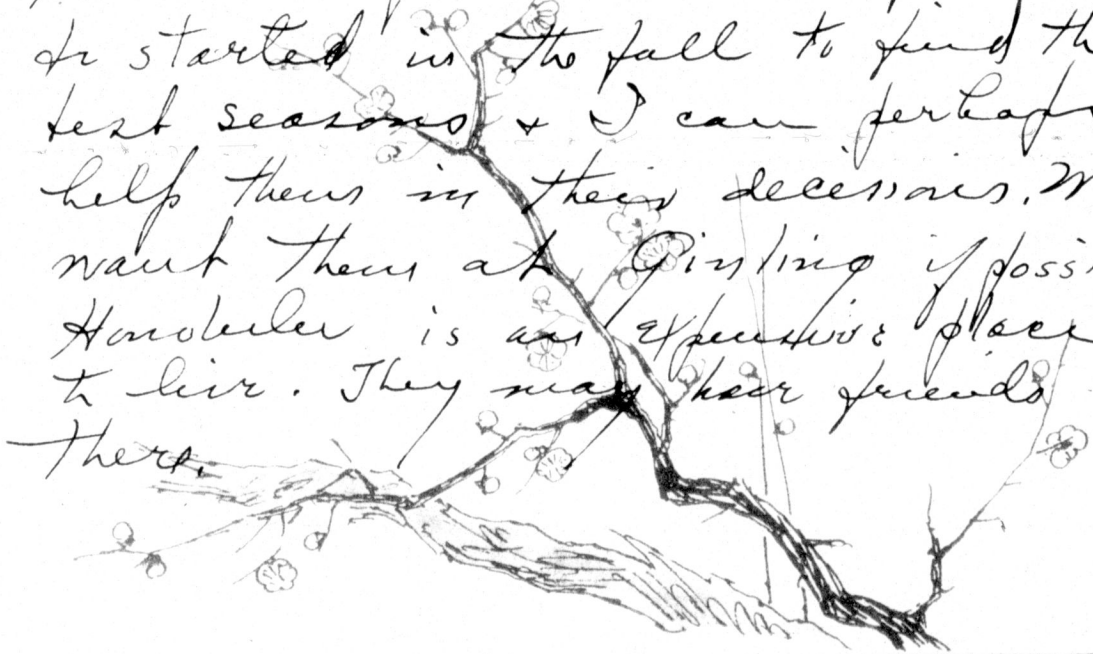
I have sent letters to Hanking
on W.S. boats & hope some of them
have arrived. Should I hear
nothing from there I shall try
sending a wire. I hear someone
has had a telegram come through
from Hanking.

Prof. & Mrs. Haeox are at
Kariizawa. They were to have
taken the Nicodermus house on
Aug. 25th friends of theirs from
Claremont Calif. I have had a
letter from them which met
the Lyricists & put me in touch
with them. Now I plan to go
in another week to Tokyo &

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feeling there to Arizona and find
out just how they feel about
going to Hawaii if the money
opens up. No doubt the
attendance will be lessened &
music will be one of the depart-
ments that will suffer loss
if students have much outside
activities as they surely will in
times like these. That was true
in 1932. Perhaps Dr. Dow will
be able to advise them. They suggested
in their letter that they might
return to Honolulu for the winter
& then continue their trip around
the world. Of course the trip should
be started in the fall to find the
best seasons & I can perhaps
help them in their decisions. We
want them at Olinia if possible.
Honolulu is an expensive place
to live. They may have friends
there.



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SEP 1 1937 (47)

Now as to our situation, Presby. by the name of Chapman gave us their house here at their summer home & this is our first day "at home" in September. We were a week at the Club paying 5⁰⁰ a day per. Here that ~~much~~ ⁵² money will more than ~~cover~~ ^{cover} the cost for four of us, Dorothy Claason, Miriam, her mother & I. Vegetables & fruit in abundance. Fresh eggs, fish & chickens meet our needs. It will be a last trip to the village for some of our supplies but since there are several families (China folk) we can shop for one another. It is the most ideal place for such as Mr. Dieck, beautiful with one of the finest views of Mt. Fuji to be had in Japan. Every day quacks are climbing but I am not going up. They say two kinds of folk. Those who never go up Fuji & those who go twice. I haven't hiking equipment. It is frequently ~~rather~~

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up there a night. ^{Some snow} all the time. On one trip I found glacier ice in a cave - an internal glacier. The Lake Country up on the opposite side from us is very much like the lakes in northern Italy. Our car travel across one lake, walk + on another lake. I am going again soon. My Miriam + her mother go tomorrow on this trip.

As you may know we get no news in papers here which can be relied upon. All that is published is Japanese victories. Some of the press articles would be ~~seriously~~ funny if the whole affair were not so serious. It seems to us they are defeating their purpose in making such impossible statements but we find there are those who are convinced by just such propaganda. We did in the Far East + those of us who are

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old enough to remember ^{SEP 1 1937} are ⁶⁷ able to understand the psychology here. However, it is seldomly met meets a foreigner or a Japanese who believes in the attitude the Gov't is taking. Prayers are made in public meetings that somehow this wrong thing may be checked. One is surprised to find such bravery when it may mean death or severe punishment. We are suffering not only for our Chinese people but for these poor people here who must fight (against their own judgment). Our girl writes "One brother is there now. The other brother is called to go. He cannot be forced to let him know. It will mean that he will be shot if he is not here when the time comes for him" I tears are shed when a man is told to leave his family ~~and~~ he is

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liable to be shot. The report is such
is not an uncommon thing. I never
saw it on a street in Kobe. One
of the men here said he had never
seen women shed tears before when
soldiers march away but it was
not uncommon these days. Kinder-
gartens children & all ages
up march the streets singing
war songs in Tokyo. I don't
want to leave Potsdam but
I feel that I should know
more of the suffering of Japan
in order that the meaning of
War may imprint itself more
deeply. America should know
more than it does & maybe
that is our mission here at
this time. I think none of us
feel like seeking our own safety
but we do realize there should
be days of preparation for
the time when we may be
ministers to those who need our

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is strength in whatever form
that may be needed.

I trust you got the radio-
grams we sent from the boat.
Some friends were handling
it for us after the boat should
leave Yokohama. James at
Tokyo will reach me. Probably
that is safer than sending to
Gstampa. I had a map which
is available for you & you would
be able to locate us. Two hours
by train from Yokohama. West
(+ north I think). The climate
here would make it possible
to stay through Sept. Friends
are numerous & we lack nothing.
Willard Price also writes for
The Geographic is our next door
neighbor.

I am writing Mother, Tom
on their boat.

Love,
Harriet

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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
September 29, 1937

My dear Mrs. Whitmer:

We have received the following cable from Japan: "SAME LOCATIONA GINLING WRITES WAIT SHIPWIT." It was sent from the Empress of Russia, two days after leaving Yokohama, and it dated September 26th.

Our interpretation of this message is according to the spacings we have made in copying it, and we believe that the signature is a combination of the two names, Shipman and Whitmer. Miss Shipman is a Geography teacher from Mt. Holyoke, who was on her way to Ginling when she was stopped in Japan. Apparently Harriet and Miss Shipman were together in Yokohama and handed the message to someone on the Empress of Russia, who had it sent from sea. Of course we can't know how long since the letter telling them to wait was written, but at least we know what their latest word had been.

With the news from Hanking as it is, there would obviously be no question of their attempting to enter it. In the letter we had from Harriet written from Gotemba she sounded as if she had made satisfactory arrangements for staying in Japan as long as should be necessary. If we have further word we shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

RWG:GS

Mrs. Emma W. Whitmer
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October 28, 1937

Dr. B. A. Garside
Miss Rebecca Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Dr. Garside and Miss Griest:

It has occurred to me that the Associated Boards and the Secretary of Ginling College might be interested in an action taken by the Foreign Department of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at its meeting last week in Syracuse.

VOTED: That a cable be sent to Bishop Badley asking his approval of placing Miss Harriet Whitmer of Ginling College temporarily in the English Girls' High School in Rangoon, Burma.

This, of course, is just for your information.

Very sincerely yours,

Laura Reed

Mrs. Franklin Reed, Secretary
of the Foreign Department

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Mrs. Franklin Reed, Secretary
of the Foreign Department
Women's Foreign Missionary Society
of the Methodist Episcopal Church
619 Carlton Street
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Suite 903
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York
November 4, 1937

My dear Mrs. Reed:

Your letter of October 28th in regard to Harriet Whitmer reached me some days ago. I immediately send a cable to President Wu saying, "METHODISTS HAVE VOTED WHITMER TO BURMA. CABLE US IF YOU WISH HER SHANGHAI." An answer was received on Tuesday stating, "WHITMER TEACHING TOKYO." An air mail letter which came yesterday from Dr. Wu giving a detailed account of the Ginling staff stated that Miss Whitmer was teaching in the Tokyo Christian Women's College.

You may not know that Dr. Wu has spent a great deal of time planning how to handle the college situation this fall. The Ministry of Education has been unwilling for girl students to come to Nanking, and the families also have been unwilling. The result has been that students have been gathered by their teachers according to departmental units in Wuchang and in the International Concession in Shanghai. All of the foreign staff that were in China and one new member who succeeded in getting to China are at work. I am enclosing for you a copy of Dr. Wu's letter to the Board of Founders just received, which will give you this picture in detail.

I do not feel that Dr. Wu's cable answers directly the question which my cable raised. I would assume that they are not urging Miss Whitmer to return to China, inspite of the fact that this teaching is going on. Dr. Wu, however, would be very unwilling to ask for the return of any member of her foreign staff.

We would appreciate very much further information as to your decision about Miss Whitmer.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, Personnel Committee
of the Board of Founders

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