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Jan. 8, 1931

Dear Miss Giest,

Your long letter of Nov. 26 was forwarded to me to Shanghai. In the first time I heard of the resignation of Miss Bender. I was also horrified at the news and worried over the effect on the work of G. C. C. I was planning to have an Executive Com. meeting and to discuss if we might not make some suggestion from the field. As soon as Mrs. Thurston came down, I talked it over with her, but she pointed out that it was G. C. C. business and we from China should not interfere. Furthermore, I have had no official word from the Committee about the resignation. So, we decided not to do anything now. But I am most grateful that you are doing the real important work for the Candidate Committee. How I hope that you may continue to help Giling even after Miss Sandberg's return. I have not received any word about the annual meeting this year, and

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I earnestly hope that you are meeting about this time and something may be done about the secretary. It means really to have some person that may give more time to the work of Ginling.

Miss Hoo wrote that she had sent you the pamphlets and news letters. I am ashamed that we did not get out any letter this fall. Yes, Miss MacKinnon has written that she wished to stay in U.S. till next fall, but I have taken it definitely settled that she is coming to Ginling. Now, because of this phrase "if Ginling still wants me" I'll write her again. I am sorry I did not make it clear about Miss Tappert. When I mentioned of her for long, I did not mean at all that we do not expect her to return. Rather I had in mind the other uncertainty - that is Miss Cogswell. We all felt that she might get married before the end of the 5 years.

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yet, as she has not said anything, we can not fretted either. Even if she stays, by the time Miss Tupper comes back to joining, we shall need more persons in the English Department.

As for salary, after we adopted the policy of paying foreign members in gold (£864 Gold), it is much better than before. Of course no one can save much or any at all, yet one can live comfortably at the present exchange rate (1 to 4.28 today). Last fall when the rate was about 1:3.50, Mrs. Thurston has figured out that Board costs \$65.00 a month. When the board is about one fourth of the salary, it is not very bad. As for the social activity of a modern woman, it does not, of course, fit in very well with the missionary standard. But times has changed, and I think even the joining family may stand a casual amount. One thing I feel we should do is to get some small family houses off campus.

1. a.m. I have just finished packing, for I am going to-morrow morning. I was invited to dinner by Eva, and to meet the F.M.S. people after dinner. We had a very nice time but I felt a little awkward and did not

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know how to entertain properly.

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to say this time, but I do wish to mention
that I received the cable about the
secretary. I did not cable back, because
I was getting in touch with possible
persons that may fill the position
for shorter or longer period. After
waiting a week or so, my letters
would have reached you by then, and
it was not necessary to cable.

Miss Case told me about the illness
of her father and I was glad that she
had mentioned it in her letter to you.
I'll write to Howard soon again
and find out for sure if she is staying
for another year. And I'll write to
you when we know more about Emily's plans.

It is not right to bother you so much
when you are having your vacation in the
South and to leave you with such dif-
ficult task all by yourself. Please excuse
me for writing this, for it was not Ken-chi
and was just how I felt and I did not mean
to say it to you.

With very best wishes for peace
and joy throughout the New Year; kindly
excuse me for such poor hand writing.

Most sincerely yours
Yi Fankun

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Dr. Yi Fang Wu

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January 14, 1931.

Miss Elizabeth R. Bender,
Room 715,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Bender:

On Sunday we received the following cablegram:

"If you decide to build this year, Ginling is authorized to sell \$100,000 Gold delivery according to building requirements.

Russell Carter."

This indicates that the annual meeting of the Ginling College Committee has taken place, and I hope you have had a successful meeting. Since we are not to do major buildings this year, we shall not sell the gold now. So far as the exchange rate is concerned, it seems a very good time to sell, but we learned our lesson a year ago; that is, when we thought the rate of three-to-one was unusually favorable. It certainly seems that the Board's policy is the wisest one; that of keeping the fund in gold until we are ready to use it.

When we start on our small faculty residences, we shall need to sell some gold.

I should also like to ask you to send me a new issue of the supplement to the Missions Code Book.

Mrs. Avaan visited the College last week. I was very sorry indeed to hear that you had to resign from your Board because of the illness of your sister. I earnestly hope that she may recover soon and that you may find your way clear to take up the work again. As for Ginling, I am very much relieved to hear that you will continue to serve on the Committee. It seems to me that we should not know what to do if you should find you were unable to attend to this work. Although the membership on our Committee is quite large, if I may say so, the work has really been done by you.

I presume that you may still have office facilities in the W. F. M. S. headquarters; otherwise you will be greatly handicapped in carrying on the correspondence for Ginling without office help.

*Copies given to Miss
Hodge & Dr. Speer
2/24/31*

*This is
E.R.B.*

Mr. Carter

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January 14, 1931.

Miss Elizabeth Bender, New York City, N. Y.

While Mrs. Avaan was here I took up with her the question of the salary of Dr. Reeves and Miss Whitmer. First I asked her whether it would be possible for them to pay in gold, but she said that since they are counting both as regular missionaries in their Society, she did not see how their salary could be any different from all the other missionaries. Secondly, I asked her to have their Branch send their salaries direct to Mr. Carter instead of to China. Miss Priest thinks this will be helpful in our book-keeping, and Mrs. Avaan thinks it could be done.

The New Year vacation is over. We began work again on Monday. After two weeks of regular work, the final examinations will come. Then after a ten days interval, the second semester starts on February 10. I don't remember whether or not I wrote you the glad news that our long registration process was at last completed and that now both our Board of Directors and the College itself have been registered with the Ministry of Education. We were very glad that it was done before the change in the Ministry of Education, and also that there were no further difficulties.

Sincerely,

Y. F. Wang

YFW*AB

Miss Bender, secretary of Mr. Marx, is coming over for an hour and half each afternoon to help me. While in Shanghai I heard from Miss Bonafield that there might be a secretary released by the General Methodist Board in Fochow because of cut in their budget. I am waiting for the answer, and so we may have the good fortune of getting one already out here.

I earnestly hope that you yourself are keeping well in your anxiety and that your sister is improving under your care.

We had a very happy Christmas in July for those that stayed for the vacation. There were about 70 girls.

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January 28, 1931.

Miss Rebecca W. Griest,
208 S. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.
U. S. A.

My dear Miss Greist:

We have been talking about the serious condition of the faculty for next year, and we wonder if this is too late to make inquiries about professors on Sabbatical leave. As you know, after Miss Vautrin leaves for her furlough we would like very much to have a temporary person to fill the position until she returns. In the Physics Department, Mr. Hsiung has been granted a Rockefeller Fellowship and Miss Loh is wanting to resign. In case we cannot find a permanent person there, someone to help out is also needed.

Between Mr. Hsiung and ourselves we had the understanding that if by Spring we could not find any one to succeed him, he would be willing to postpone his trip to America for another year, but the situation has recently changed. His mission in Yochow are wanting him very badly to go back and be the principal of a Huping Middle School. Although Mr. Hsiung himself does not want to take up administrative work, we feel that we should not make it more difficult for him by urging him to teach here another year. It seems that this opportunity for advanced study is a natural solution of the problem. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that we secure a strong person for the Physics and Mathematics Department. *I am making inquiries in China, and shall write again about the progress.*

I understand Miss Spicer has written you about Miss Case and the physical condition of her father. She has recently decided to go home next June and so we will definitely need someone from America in the Physical Education Department. I saw Hwang Tai-tai a few days ago and found that she is wanting Hwang Li-ming to return next summer. I have written to her myself, presenting to her again the urgent need in Ginling and the opportunity for her profession here. I hope very much that she will decide to come. Of course she will be unable to do what Miss Case is doing, yet it will be a great help to get her.

^{Then} We need only one other person. I am wondering whether it is worth while at all to bring up to the Candidate Committee the possibility of considering Miss Gane again. I understand from Miss Case that she may still be studying and has not any permanent work yet.

January 28, 1931.

Miss Rebecca Griest, Lancaster, Pa.

We are hoping to get a Miss Scharle from Honolulu for the Music Department, but I cannot tell you definitely until we have word from her. Miss Gertrude Chur, who taught music in Mc Tyeire is to be married in the Spring and will live in Nanking. Although we never can depend upon married people as permanent members of the faculty, she will probably be glad to give part-time teaching here.

I have recently talked with Miss Sutherland again about herself, and she reassures me that she will be happier to return to the Department if we have someone else to head up the Department. I should add, however, that Miss Scharle is being considered for only one year, so we will still have to ask you and Miss Graybill to be looking for this hoped-for head of the department.

When I said the serious condition of our faculty it was because so many of the faculty members are leaving that we shall feel the loss greatly. Take the Curriculum Committee, for instance. We hardly know how we can arrange for it. Miss Chester is the natural person to be the chairman, yet she is always loaded down with her regular work for the department, as she is the only full time person, with the exception of one assistant, in that department. Therefore she may not be able to give as much time to the work as Miss Vautrin is doing this year. Miss Vautrin made this suggestion -- that we ask Miss Treudley to return for one or two years. Personally, it seemed almost impossible to me to hope that she could do this, and I have talked with Mrs. Thurston, who also feels rather doubtful. Yet because of the actual need, I have written Miss Treudley by this same mail. My asking her will do no harm at any rate.

We are waiting anxiously these days to hear of the G. C. C. meeting in January.

There is one item of good news for you at this time. That is that we have secured Dr. Lei Hai-tsung for our History Department. He is a splendid scholar and a very fine teacher. He has been the head of the History Department in Central University for several years, but he decided recently to resign because his students complained that he did not find jobs for them after their graduation. He has been giving a four-hour course here since the Fall of 1929 and all the girls in his class feel that he is the best teacher they have ever had. I just could not see him go to Shanghai. I therefore persuaded him to stay and with the cooperation of the Harvard-Yenching Institute at the University of Nanking, final arrangements have been made so that he will give two-thirds time to us and one-third to research at the Institute during the Spring term. I am not certain how long we shall be able to keep him.

Excuse me please, when I was interrupted. I hope you are having a delightful trip and restful vacation in the South.

Sincerely, *Y. Yang Lin*

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President.

LETTER FROM DR. WU., PRESIDENT OF GINLING COLLEGE. *to Miss Grest*

February 18, 1931.

LIBRARY We are very grateful for all the information you give us about candidate work. As for the Librarian, we shall be glad to have any qualified person whenever you are able to secure one. Dr. T. C. Tai has left Nanking and his wife never lived here while he was the Vice-President of Central University. I am glad to know of the name of Liang Chi-ch'ao's daughter, but as you say, she will not be the experienced person we are looking for just now.

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This is planning just for next year. As for the future, I still feel that we need to be looking for a qualified person to head the Department, because I am really convinced that Miss Sutherland will not want to shoulder the responsibility again. I know that it will mean much work for you and Miss Graybill to find the right person for this position, and I am sure that Miss Sutherland herself will be helping you when she is in America next year.

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Miss Rebecca Greist,
208 S Queen Street,
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My dear Miss Greist:

Your letter of January 14 was received a few days ago. I do not know how to express my feelings at hearing that you were asked to serve as Secretary pro-tem. On behalf of the Committee, I am very happy; on your own behalf, you have my sympathy, for I know how heavy the work will be.

As for the minutes of the meeting, while we are anxious to get them, please do not feel that you have delayed matters any. It ~~always~~ took Miss Bender a long time to get them out.

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Sincerely,

Up Tang

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Feb. 19. I did not send the letter yesterday thinking that I would write some more. But I have not done it and it is already time for this mail to go. The one thing that I want to say now is that we were very happy that you were made the secretary and I wish you may find it possible for you to work permanently. At the Ex. Com. meeting in Shanghai in Jan. I particularly brought up the question whether we might write to N.Y. and ask you to succeed Miss Benson. But we did not do anything because Mrs. Thurston affirmed ^{over} the fact that it is the business

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of the Com. and they do not like the field to interfere. Anyway
it showed that I did wish and want that you could serve
permanently on the Committee. I realize it is very
selfish for giving and not considering your own work, but
I can't help wishing. So now ^{that} you have been asked
to be the Secretary pro tem, we are all very happy
and hope you will not work too hard as to save
some energy for future work. Y. J. W.

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February 25, 1931.

Miss Rebecca Greist,
208 S. Queen Street,
Lancaster, Pa.

My dear Miss Greist:

Your letter of January 31 came into my hands by the noon mail today. I am very sorry indeed to hear of your great sorrow. As it came rather suddenly it must have been a great shock to you, but I know that you will be given strength to carry you through the lonely days ahead. We shall all be thinking of you, and while words are inadequate at a time like this, please know that you have our deepest sympathy. Probably you will not be thinking of your future plans for some little time, but when you do I shall be very anxious to know about them.

On behalf of the College, I don't know how to express to you our indebtedness for the way you kept on working on the candidates while your mother was sick. I know that you will still be working even though you have to look after personal matters. We sincerely appreciate all that you have done for us.

MUSIC - I have just this morning cabled you and written you a personal note regarding developments in this Department. I sincerely hope that it will not be embarrassing for you not to ask Miss Catherine Carl for next year, if she should be merely for Piano. As I have said previously, the one person whom we wish to get from America for this next college year is someone who is trained for vocal work but who at the same time could give part-time to Piano teaching.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION. - I have shown your letter to Mrs. Thurston. She remembers Helen Pulison quite well and asked me to tell you to look up the correspondence in 1920 before appointing her. She seemed to remember that there was some difficulty about her personal temperament, and that Miss Brown felt she had an inferiority complex.

Miss Case has read over the letter from Miss Sovik. She agrees with you about this person being good for the practical side when working with someone more highly trained for the theory courses. Miss Case does not know that institution so is not able to tell about her technical training. However we feel that we certainly should be following her up, and in fact there is need for such a person to do coaching work in connection with the sports.

We all realize that the most important need for

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Miss Rebecca Greist, Lancaster, Pa.

the whole Department is the head, and we should be willing to take time to find such a person. If Hwang Li-ming does not return next summer, there will certainly be room for Miss Sovik and the other experienced Head of the Department.

Miss Case mentioned one line of work that we would especially like to have some of the new people take up -- that is, the corrective gymnastics; probably in your letters of inquiry you may make mention of that.

LIBRARIAN - As for the librarian, Miss Newell, I am sorry that both Mrs. Thurston and I are inclined to think that she may not answer our needs. She has had experience only in public libraries and that is quite different from experience in college libraries. We cannot expect to have a specially qualified person as our permanent librarian. We would rather have some one for a short term, even if only for one year, who can give advice from practical experience in planning for our new library. Both Mrs. Thurston and I realize how difficult it is to get any person just to suit our demands, yet I feel that we should tell you frankly how we feel.

Again assuring you of our sympathy at this particular time, I am

Sincerely,

Y. Hwang Wu

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GINLING COLLEGE

Nanking, China.

February 25, 1931.

Dear Miss Griest:-

I have just sent you the following cable in code:-

For next year have secured a substitute for
Sutherland. There is need for vocal music.
Have not yet secured secretary to the president.

This is what I wrote you about by the last mail, and I sent the cable so that you may get the work sooner. Mrs. Thurston helped me working it out, but we wanted a few days before sending for we hoped that we might not need to add the last code word. But Miss Warnner has not got to Shanghai yet, and we don't know at all if she will come.

In the cable we put down "substitute for Miss Sutherland" it was to show that Miss Scharle is here only for one year. Mrs. Thurston got to know her in Honolulu, and felt that she is not able to consider staying longer because of her mother. She is able to give harmony classes and advanced piano, so I shall need someone to do vocal in combination with piano. This person we should consider as a permanent addition to the staff, because there is increasing need for voice training and Miss Sutherland does not like to take charge of the Glee Club either.

At the same time, when I marked my last letter, I sent you some pictures in a separate envelope. I hope they reached you in good condition.

YI FANG WU.

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GINLING COLLEGE

Nanking, China.

February 25, 1931.

Rec'd from Miss Grist Mar. 26, 1931

MUSIC - I have just this morning cabled you and written you a personal note regarding developments in this Department. I sincerely hope that it will not be embarrassing for you not to ask Miss Catherine Carl for next year, if she should be merely for piano. As I have said previously, the one person whom we wish to get from America for this next college year is someone who is trained for vocal work, but who at the same time could give parttime to Piano teaching.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION. - I have shown your letter to Mrs. Thurston. She remembers Helen Paulison quite well and asked me to tell you to look up the correspondence in 1920 before appointing her. She seemed to remember that there was some difficulty about her personal temperament, and that Miss Brown felt she had an inferiority complex.

Miss Case has read over the letter from Miss Sovik. She agrees with you about this person being good for the practical side when working with someone more highly trained for the theory courses. Miss Case does not know that institution, so is not able to tell about her technical training. However, we feel that we certainly should be following her up, and in fact there is need for such a person to do coaching work in connection with the sports.

We all realize that the most important need for the whole Department is the head, and we should be willing to take time to find such a person. If Hwang Li-ming does not return next summer, there will certainly be room for Miss Sovik and the other experienced Head of the Department.

Miss Case mentioned one line of work that we would especially like to have some of the new people take up, that is, the corrective gymnastics; probably in your letters of inquiry you may make mention of that.

LIBRARIAN. - As for the librarian, Miss Newell, I am sorry that both Mrs. Thurston and I are inclined to think that she may not answer our needs. She has had experience only in public libraries and that is quite different from experience in college libraries. We cannot expect to have a specially qualified person as our permanent librarian. We would rather have some one for a short term, even if only for one year, who can give advice from practical experience in planning for our new library. Both Mrs. Thurston and I realize how difficult it is to get any person just to suit our demands, yet I feel that we should tell you frankly how we feel.

YI FANG WU.

Dr. Yi Fang Wu

February 26th, 1931.

Dr. Yi Fang Wu, President,
Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

Miss Elsie M. Priest, Acting Treasurer,
Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

Dear Friends:

I had just had coded a cable making inquiry as to when you were likely to require funds for building purposes, but the cable had not been sent, when I received from Miss Bender Dr. Wu's letter of January 14th, in which Dr. Wu stated that you were grateful to the Ginling College Committee for having made possible the sale of the funds, but saying further: "Since we are not to do major buildings this year, we shall not sell the gold now. * * When we start on our small faculty residences we shall need to sell some gold".

We have some \$45,000. maturing either March 1st or during March and we of course did not want to let this lie idle. On the other hand, it is not easy to make investments these days and be at all sure that upon a forced sale you can realize the amount of your investment. With this advice in hand we will of course at once proceed to make reinvestment of these building funds and we would like to express again our need of advice from you in advance just as far as possible of your need of any of these building funds.

Yours very sincerely,

Treasurer.

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China.

March 5, 1931.

Dear Miss Griest:-

In talking about the need in the Physics Department, Miss Vantrin thought of a Dr. Margaret C. Shields, with whom she corresponded in 1926. Dr. Shields had her undergraduate work from Mt. Holyoke and showed in her letters real interest in coming out. She did not get appointed because of religious question. "My religion is not the triumphant, assertive sort that is perhaps essential, it is more like what L. P. Jacks has called a wisp of wistfulness, not what we would choose for oneself or others." If you look up in Miss Bender's file, you may find out whether there is any chance of reconsidering her. She did post-graduate work in Chicago and was considered one of their outstanding students in Physics. In 1926, she was teaching in Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. and had been on the faculty at Mt. Holyoke. Probably the Alumnae Office of Mt. Holyoke will be able to give you her present address. Miss Vantrin was and is still very enthusiastic about her, but we can't tell at all if she has a good position now.

If you can get any person please don't hesitate to make a three year appointment, for Mr. Hsiung will be away for two years and by that time we'll need a larger faculty anyway. We have approached Mr. N. Gist, Dr. Wei (of the university) and Dr. Chia Chien (Wang Merg-eg's husband), but have not yet possible candidates in eight.

As for English, we have not found any qualified Chinese, so it seems eager to ask you go on searching in America. As you know Miss Tappert has one more year and most likely Miss Cogswell will teach only one year more, so by the fall of 1932, Miss MacKinnon would like to have some old member staying on in the department, and next fall seems the right time to start this fourth person. Miss Tappert has been very conscientious in her work, splendid with her girls. Maybe often Miss MacKinnon comes and the work in the department is better organized. Different members may choose a special line to take up. Then Miss Tappert may also like to have a year of study in America to have special preparation along that line. At present there is little organization and planning in the department, and it seems too long yet to take up with Miss Tappert about her returning plans.

Miss Wuniver is not coming. She wrote that she does not like to continue as a secretary, but prefers to go into some other type of work. Miss Becker (Mr. Marx's secretary) who has helped me some is not able to come anymore, for her own work is heavier in March and cannot spare any time. We are trying to get some temporary help from Shanghai, but don't know what luck we shall have.

The Council of Higher Education will meet on March 17, and the ever present question of correlation and East China Federated University will come up again. We are having special committee meetings among the faculty to discuss and powder what is the course for Ginling to take: that is, to stick to our original plan of staying where we are as a separate women's college, or to join whole heartedly the Federated University even if it means centralization and the moving of the Senior College to the Centralized plant. As it involves the future of the colleges, it is

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a real serious question, and I wish we were able to see clearly and decide wisely.

Please excuse me if I worry you with our worries on the field, when you have more than enough to bear, both for your own personal affairs and for the candidate task. I could not help mentioning it as it has been so much in my mind. But we hardly think this Council meeting will mean more than the previous ones, which voted one thing in 1928, and another in 1930, so it will not be a life and death question for Ginling.

It has been rather trying these days to have so much rain after the heavy snow. We have seen very little sunlight for about six weeks, and quite a few girls are sick. It is, however, only the 13th of the first month according to the lunar calendar, so we cannot hope for the spring weather just yet.

We have thought if you often and hope you were given strength to go through your trials. I wonder if you have had time to make any plans for yourself. Are you staying on by yourself in Lancaster? Now when the candidate work takes so much of your thought, energy and time, I hope you will not belittle the importance of this service to the welfare of Ginling. For it is certainly the faculty that make what the college is, and whatever you are doing, we are all grateful for.

With very sincere sympathy and best wishes.

Most sincerely yours,

YI-PANG WU

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室公辦長校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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With very sincere sympathy and best wishes,

Most sincerely yours
Y. Yang Lu

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GINLING COLLEGE
NANKING, CHINA

室公辦長校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 25, 1931

Dear Miss Grint,

Your letter of Feb. 28 has just been received.

I shall talk over with Mrs. Thomson and Miss Case about Miss Sovik. Her papers show her to be a very splendid person. I shall cable you soon if we should decide to secure her. Yes, Wang Li Ming is returning and we are very glad of it.

Just now I have am not clear about Miss Bond and Miss Carl, for I am very poor in remembering ~~the~~ names. After looking over your correspondence and talking over with Miss Sutherland, I shall either write by the next fast mail, or cable you.

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter from Mr. Baker. She seems very promising. Will you kindly take her for consideration.

Please excuse this hurried note, the mail man is waiting.

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With very best wishes and love
for you

Most sincerely
Y. Y. Yang Wn.

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室公辦長校
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 2, 1931

Dear Miss Grier,

I am afraid I waited too long to begin this letter, for now I have time for only a short letter before the mail goes.

Physical Education - The outline of the work of the P.E. Dept at St. Aloysius College was received yesterday. Miss Case, Mrs. Thurston and I have gone over the papers carefully, and we all feel that Miss Sovik is too good to let pass by. The only point that we hesitate a little is that she may not be able to teach any theory course and it will fall too heavily on Wang Li-ming next year. However we have practically decided to get her, and I shall send the cable within two days if we still feel so after consulting Mrs. Lin (D.Y.). We are thinking of asking her to be the official head, with Li-ming doing the major part of the work. This is merely discussing yet, and I have not mentioned whether Li-ming is to be the head or not when I write to her. According to the program which Miss Case worked ^{out} in giving some theory courses in alternate years, it is possible that only Li-ming and Mrs. Lin give the theory courses. Another thing that is in favor of Miss Sovik is her Chinese language.

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grove which may come back easily.
Then she can help greatly in the
2-year course -- As you know we de-
finitely decided to open a new
class, ^{2-year course} next September; and we
have had quite a few applicants
already.

Education - yes, we are trying
to make arrangements here in
China. So, please don't spend
too much energy on it, although we
would like to hear of possible sub-
stantial leaves if you happen to
hear of any.

Librarian - Miss Pearce. Wrote
a very interesting letter and I
have answered it. Sorry to say
that the letter got delayed some-
where, and she may get tired of
waiting for an answer. Thank you
for sending the papers about Miss
Newell, I am sorry that Mrs. Thurston
and I could not decide to appoint
her, that is why we did not cable
you. Just as you said, we also feel
that her experience is too limited
to one type of library and lacked
the academic experience which
we would like to have in the librarian.

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English - Miss Elizabeth Bentley recently
a letter to Miss Whitmer. Because
of the silence after Mrs. Roy's inter-
view, she interpreted that G.C.C.
have dropped her. Because of her
operation, we do need to have the
advice of a good doctor before op-
erating her. But Miss Whitmer
thinks very highly of her, and I wonder
if we better consult a doctor first.
However, we are too far away and I do
not wish to interfere with the deci-
sions reached in N.Y.; I mentioned it
merely to show that she herself seems
still interested if we want to consider
her.

Secretary - Last Wednesday I
sent you a copy of the letter from Mr.
Baker. I can't tell at all if she herself
is interested and whether she has a
church connection. But both Mr. & Mrs.
Baker are very nice and sensible,
and we are inclined to think that
their daughter might be brought
up well. If you have no other possibility
to come for 3 or 5 years, she may be
even considered for shorter term. Since
her parents are in China, one way
travel may be just what they expect.

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Miss Sharp has written to Eva that she has had some one in the Registrar's Office in Pomona is interested in applying for this vacancy if she has not yet got touch with you, I wonder if you would like to write to Miss Sharp.

Time actually flies; Spring vacation is coming soon (April 22-25) and we are making plans to make a trip to Tai Shan. I am sorry I am not going for the N.C.C. Biennial Meeting is from April 10-18, - I'd prefer a quiet rest after it than taking a strenuous trip. The E.C.C.E.A. annual meeting takes place here in the Capital from April 3rd 5th, so we'll have many guests over this week end.

Altho I know it is too selfish to ask you now when you might be able to return to Girding, I feel I rather be honest with you and tell you our thoughts. After we heard that Mother's quiet did not need you any more, we naturally thought that you would be free to come back. As I said I know we ought not to bother you with this when you may be still busy with family affairs, yet I can not help wanting to tell you of our earnest hope - that is you

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may be returning to Gindling as soon as
you may leave America. Probably you
would turn and ask if there is a need
for you. Yes, a definite answer. Unless
we do not wish for the growth of Gindling,
we do need a westerner in the history
department. Even if we have 2 full-time
Chinese staffs, we depend upon a westerner
to work together in the department
to be broad and to have a world view
in the study of the history of the world
through the ages. We are happy to
have secured Dr. Fei, but I did not
write you how he was approached by
the Government Wuhan University, and
he fears he should go there next fall.
For a few days I was afraid we would
lose him even this semester, so
when he consented to stay through
the spring, I could not say much
against his going in the fall. It
is too early still what he may do,
and we may have to wait till quite
late before knowing if he actually
is leaving. Lucille - being a married
woman - is rather uncertain in her
plans. In any department we need
to have at least one permanent
member to keep the continuity; and
we can not hope for a better man

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yourself for this department. Please excuse
me for writing so much - & bothering
you of my thoughts. But I feel I better
write frankly what was back in my
mind when I asked you to let me
know your future plans.

This is ~~nothing~~ longer than I expected
I better stop now.

With very best regards

Sincerely yours
V. J. Hughes

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April 21, 1931.

Dear Miss Griest:-

Upon returning to college after the close of the Biennial Conference of N.C.C. in Hangchow, I found your letters of March 20 and 23 awaiting. I am very glad to get the encouraging news about the candidates. It must have meant a great deal of work and time on your side.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION-Yes, Miss Hwang Li-Ming is returning at least, according to her own letter. I gathered from her mother that the family feels she should go to some other offer where longer salary is given. But I trust that Li-Ming would keep her own works and come to Ginling. As for who should head up the department, we are not deciding now, it will be either Mrs. D-Y Lin or Li-Ming.

We sent you a cable: "secure Sovik" before I left for Hangchow, and I hope it reached you alright. After considering her qualifications, and the situation of the Department, we at last decided to secure her. Altho she may not give theory courses and be the head she will be splendid in practical coaching of sports. Furthermore she will be staying longer and be the stand-by of the department. There is one thing that we hope very much she will be willing to do, that is, to attend a summer school and try to get the Danish Gymnastics. Miss Case has been teaching this, and next year we would like to have some one to continue this work. She thinks that the summer school at Wisconsin University should be giving such training. If besides taking Danish Gymnastics, Miss Sovik has more time during the summer session, we would like then for her to give it to Corrective work. We do not have anyone who has had special training in this, and so it is badly needed.

Miss Bullert certainly sounds fine but probably you have already appointed Miss Sovik. Anyway we trust it to you to make the wise choice; and the need is that if we cannot get some one with experience to head up the department, we still need one person like Miss Sovik or Miss Bullert. Miss Chapman does not remember Miss Sovik, but knows her parents well, and she says they are splendid and capable. Then as you said her China background is very valuable.

MUSIC. - I confess I am unable to make a decision concerning Miss Carl, as your cable has not come yet, I'll wait a few more days. From Miss Grabill and Miss Carl's professor, she certainly seems well qualified and it will be a loss to Ginling if I can't have her. But according to our budget, we can not have an additional foreigner and Miss Sutherland will want to give up her own furlough salary. Poor Catherine, she is quite depressed lately. I blame myself for letting her carry such a heavy load, and wants to resign from Ginling. So I hesitate a little to cable you and appoint Miss Carl also. On the other hand, I see many advantages of getting Miss Carl next fall. First If we mean to develop our music, we do need such people and we can get some help financially by having outside pupils. During the past year and half we have refused outside students just because the teachers are too busy. Second, Gertrude Chun may be an uncertainty for is she follows the example of Grace Zio, she may be kept from teaching by having a baby. To a certain extent it depends upon what grade of piano students Miss Bond is able to teach and how busy she will be with vocal work. Next week we shall have a Finance Committee meeting and also executive Committee meeting. If we shall be able to meet the financial problem, I'll send a cable to you. I am

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very sorry to seem so uncertain and to cause you difficulty, but if by the time the cable reached you you have already arrived at the other agreement with Miss Carl such as coming 1932, please do not change your decision again. For the fall term anyway, Miss Koo feels sure that the four-Miss Scharle, Bond, Bertrude Chun and herself should be able to take care of the students. If we cable, it is for the purpose of holding Miss Carl, that is, not to lose her by waiting a year.

SECRETARY. - The letter from Miss Baker which I sent you must have reached you some time ago. I don't know how Miss Baker herself turns out and reacts. Miss Cogswell recently recommends a friend of hers from England, Miss Archer, to be the secretary. She was in China with her mother in the winter of 1929, and was in Ginling for a few days. I am sorry to say that I did not get to know her at all, for I am not in "500" much and would not see the guests much unless I make a point of talking to them. However, I gather from Miss Spicer that she seems to be quite a sensible person. She is healthy and attractive looking, and has had training for secretary work. Just because I don't know her much I told Miss Cogswell that Miss Archer better correspond directly with you, furthermore she should go through the regular routine of investigation if she wants to be out with travel expenses paid. I did add, however, that if she is willing to come and help out for a year, paying her own travel both ways, we could decide here. This is just for meeting the need, and temporarily. If she sends any application to you will you please consider her among your candidates? If Miss Archer is willing to come for a year paying her own expenses, I shall cable you to find out if any appointment has not been made in N. Y., and of course I would like to have cable answered. As I said before I am unable to say anything for or against her. But when I find out more about from the faculty in 500, I shall write to you at once. This letter has been interrupted several times, and now on spring vacation has begun and many people left last evening. A large party of 70 started for Tai Shan, Miss Spicer has gone to visit Mrs. Turner, Miss Sutherland and Miss Whitmer have gone to Hwai-yuen, Mrs. Thurston had left for Peking on Sunday. Miss Vantrim (kept in Nanking by her Mission meeting), Miss Koo and myself are the only ones in 500 this morning.

LIBRARIAN.- Miss Pierce has written to me and I have answered her letter. She seems, as you said, not to have enough experience; I mean not varied enough. I hope you have good luck with this most promising librarian candidate through Miss Bryan.

COLLEGE CALENDER-I am sure the new people would like to know when the college opens. It seems safe to say that they better plan to reach Shanghai during the first week of September. We shall take up with the University about the final calendar because there are students from one institution electing courses in the other. It happens that this semester there are 32 boys electing our courses. Chinese history, teaching of English, Music, Chemistry, Ornithology, Ed. Education. Early in May we hope to have the calendar worked out, and I shall send a copy to you.

When you have appointments made, I wonder if it will cost too much too cable us. I am quite anxious to know all the appointments before the middle of June, but the earlier the better. All the students know about the vacancies, and it will mean much to them, if I could announce to them about the new faculty members coming. We are now getting used to hear of girls planning to transfer to Yanching, but it is only fair to them and the college to let them know of our efforts in strengthening our faculty and in enriching the curriculum.

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We certainly do not like to have the best students leave us, when we actually are able to offer them work they need.

I am working hard for Physics. If you should happen to find someone on Sabbatical leave, will you please ~~able~~, so that we would not make double appointments. For education it seems your better drop it unless some extra ordinary good person appears on the horize. The plan we have is to ask Miss Wolmsley for a year, to overseen the practice school and to give some Philosophy course. We have invited a Pshycology man for next year, so some education courses may be dropped for a year, when we give strong Pshycology courses.

I am very sorry to send you such a poor letter on many important questions, but I do hope it will help you a little in knowing the situation in college.

Most sincerely,

DR. YI-FANG WU

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May 4, 1931.

Dear Miss Griest:-

There is a fast mail out going tomorrow, so I must write you a few lines today.

Physical Education. - I am avery glad to tell you that Miss Case has just decided to stay for another year. Please don't get disturbed about Miss Sovik and Hwang Li-Ming. We need them both, and have budgeted enough to take care of the salaries. The program of work will be enlarged, and we need particularly such person like Li-Ming to contribute new methods and developments in Physical Education. Then Mrs. Lin has repeatedly begged to be put in half-time basis, when we have these additions, we can releast her and be a part time person. And Change Hwei-lan was urged to give some theory courses and interpretive dancing last fall, which Hwang Li-ming will take up. Furthermore, there are always other projects which our department should go into year never had the spare time to do; such as getting out teaching material for the Physical directors, and trans- other books on Physical Education.

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I realize, however, that Hwang Li-ming decided to return because of Miss Case's leaving us, so I have just written her about the change, so that she will not be upset later. May I ask you to ask Miss Trendley to give you the final decision of Li-ming's and cable us at once, if she is not returning to Ginling. It will affect our plan of inviting assistants, particularly the one who is teaching dancing this year. I am sorry I have no time today to write to Miss Trendley and to thank her for her letters.

A Miss V. Kling of the P.E. Dept. of Ohio State Unive sity has written to Miss Case about any vacancy in Ginling. She received her A.B. from Mis ouri University and M.A. in P.E. from Wellesley in 1929. For the past two years, she has been on the staff on Ohio. So it seems that she has both training and experience, and we wish you will please start correspondence with her.

Musíc. - After we knew more of Miss Carl's gualifi- cations, we feel the same way as you did, that is, we can not afford to lost Sovik o~~a~~ splendid candidate. But since no cable has come from you, we hope it means that we may get her in 1932. If it is not assumed, will you please go ahead appointing her beginning from 1931? Altho it means some arrangement for finance and for instruction (we are crowded now in practice room teaching studies), we still don(t want these to keep her from joining the Ginling Faculty.

English. - We are getting worried about this, because in your letters fhere seems to be v ry few candidates as we said before for the work of the department, we actually need a fourth member. Then for the year of 1932-33, it is also better for us to get out a new person this year. Miss Toppert's term will be up and Miss Cogswell will not teach in 1932, so it will leave only Miss MacKinnon in the department. Harriet has been engaged to marry in the summer, but she will live in Nanking and will teach on full schedule next year. She has been very good in her teaching this year and the girls like her. As she is not taking much extra-curriculum responsibility, it does not seem to me that her marriage will affect her work as teacher. However, as far as members on the campus, we certainly would like to have more, and also to provide for the continuity of the work in 1932, we do feel best to have the fourth member come out in the coming fall.

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Education. Have I mentioned before that we better not look for people for education? We have decided to ask for M^{rs} Walmsley for a year to tide over the situation, and we rather want for Mrs. K.S. Koo.

Physics. - We still have no one in sight, and it is getting more serious. I hope your letters on the way may bring us some good news. However, we are trying hard here in China and I shall cable you if we have filled the vacancy.

The People's Conference will convene tomorrow. There are rumors of trouble in Canton and we earnestly hope nothing serious will develop.

With best wishes,

I am,

Most sincerely,

YI-FANG WU

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Dear Miss Giest

My bad habit of doing things at the last minute is getting from bad to worse; for now I am unable to write a real letter by this fast mail.

Your letter of April 30th was received a few days. We are sorry to hear of the hard time you had with P.E. candidates. I am the more sorry because you worked so laboriously for new candidates, while here Miss Case is staying on and your labor could have been saved. I thought Miss Lovick would have been appointed and if I cabled of Miss Case's new decision, you would feel upset. So this time my thoughtfulness caused more trouble, I am really very sorry for it.

From your letter we feel you may not try to get any for next fall now that Miss Case stays on. And since we have not got any cable about Li-wang Li-wang I take it to mean that she is coming. We certainly need her

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very badly. We have had much
hard time with the assistants -
Miss Yang Hsiao-yang, Tani Yalan,
Miss Shih Kuo-yun. In they all
resigned when they heard that
two new ones are coming from
America. Even now I don't know
which ones we may succeed
in keeping.

I seem to remember that I
had asked that you cable us of
appointments made. Now I worry
over Miss Bond, if she was ac-
tually appointed. If you had
not written or cabled out about
the family ^{when this reaches you} seemed, will you
please cable us?

I am sorry that I neglected
to tell you who Mr. Baker is.
He is now an adviser to the
government in the Ministry of
Railways. He was connected
with the Famine Relief Work
in North for some years, and is
very interested in Mission work.
Both Mr. & Mrs. Baker seem

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very nice and sensible person, so we felt probably their daughter could fit into Gleeing. If she can not be appointed as a regular member, she may be willing to come out just for one year without travel.

Physics - We have asked Mr. Gee to let Mr. Uziny postpone his trip to next year. So our most urgent need is met for one year, altho it is not any solution. I am not sure yet if I may succeed in keeping Miss Joh.

We have asked Miss Walmsley for one year to ^{fill} ~~give~~ Education, so we shall not ^{need to} look for people for that.

Am very sorry that I have to stop here.

With very best wishes for a restful summer

Most sincerely yours
Y. Songlin

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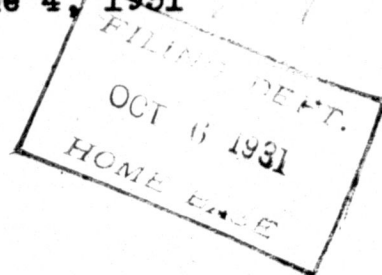
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June 4, 1931



Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
Ginling College Committee,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York City
U. S. A.

Dear Miss Hodge:

The Executive Committee meeting was postponed twice from May 2th to May 23rd, and I have also delayed my formal answer to your covering letters. I am very sorry indeed for this delay.

Constitution and By-laws. At the meeting I distributed copies of the G.C.C. actions in regard to Constitution and By-laws and also of your explanation in the covering letter. We fully appreciate the purpose of the G.C.C. members of wanting to safeguard the Christian Character of the institution, and are grateful for your vote to "acquiesce". The Executive Committee voted to refer to the Board of Directors meeting your recommendation of adding to the agreement between the Board of Founders and the Board of Directors the following provisions, "at least three fourth of the Board of Directors shall be professing Christians", and "the President and Treasurer, and, as far as possible all others holding teaching and administrative positions in the College, shall be professing Christians".

As for the changes in the By-laws as suggested by the G.C.C., the Executive Committee accepted them and will present them to the Board meeting for approval.

From the experience of the past five months since the College was formally registered, it is quite clear that registration is to our advantage and has not caused us any trouble. All the official groups speak of the institution friendly and with approval, and the former inquisitive tone concerning our relation with the government is now gone. Here in the capital as we deal with responsible persons in the Ministry of Education, we are not bothered at all by the young, fault-finding elements who may be present in local party quarters in small towns. And also from the experience of other institutions who have been registered for a longer period, we are led to think that once registered, the government does not come to interfere any more. So, to answer your question about our plan for the treasurer, I am quite sure there will be no objection.

Land and Building. I reported to the Executive Committee the G.C.C. actions on this item. The Committee felt the same way as did the Finance Committee, and since Miss Priest is writing fully, I don't need to repeat. I would like, however, to add that I wish very much that it will be possible to start

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the construction as early as possible. On one hand we must provide for the natural growth of the institution; if it were not for the "March 24th", these buildings would have been in use now, and from the financial view point, it is more economic to build them soon because construction cost will continue to come up. Personally I hope very much to raise part of the dormitory fund in China, but as to how much may be realized no one can tell. But it always takes time to raise money, so we should not hold up the building program indefinitely. Mr. Murphy is now making working plans for the buildings. As soon as we can get definite estimates according to these drawings, we shall write or cable to you at once.

Candidate Work. We are very grateful to have Miss Griest give her unsparing service to this important work, and we get her letters about progress very often. In my last letter to her I made one request that is, to cable us of the appointments made. This is because it effects our plan of inviting assistants. I am now waiting anxiously for word about the music candidate.

I have invited her to return to the History department. But her answer is that she will not come before she has had her degree. I do hope so much that she will be able to decide to come in the near future. I am sure she is welcome back any time she is ready to come.

These are busy days toward the end of a school year. Our Commencement is on June 24th. Eighteen girls will graduate.

With very best wishes for a pleasant summer.

I am

most sincerely your,

Y. F. Wang

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July 30, 1931

Dear Miss Giest,

Your kind letter of May 20 was received when we were busy with Commencement functions.

I talked to Miss Case right away as to how to answer your question about Miss Sorvik. ~~Both~~ she and I fully appreciate all the most difficult work you have done for P. E. candidates, and how both appointments failed; but we are unable just at this moment to say that we should appoint her. The situation, as you know very well, is that we are not sure that she is able ^{referring to her training} to head off the department so it depends on whether how Hwang Li-ming will manage the department. Do you think if we ~~are~~ ^{are} wishing too much to wait till November or so? I will remind Emily and Miss Hwang early in the fall, and we will

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write to you after the Board meeting. So far as her personal qualification is concerned, we all feel that she will fit into Gindling very well.

English. I wrote you in my last letter that we are quite anxious to get the fourth person for the Department. Partly it is because the program of teaching is too heavy for three, and partly because for the year 1932-33, Miss McKinnon will be the only person staying on if we do not secure the ^{4th} person for next year. Miss Hoffmann sounds quite promising. If her record shows her to have had extensive preparation in that field and if her recommendation letters show her ^{to be} ~~was~~ responsible and mature, we might seriously consider her.

Music. We are most happy to hear that Miss Bond was appointed and to learn from the cable that Miss Carl may be probable. If she is appointed, we shall be

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glad to manage the financial
side.

For a few weeks the Canton
situation appeared as if war was
unavoidable, and consequently
an enrollment may be some-
what affected. But it is getting
clear now that there will be
no fighting and we shall
have a quiet summer. ^{even} the
enrollment is about what we
thought this year, we shall be glad
to have Miss Carl here to take
charge of the department and
there will be enough music
students to keep them all busy.

Physics. As I told you before
that Mr. Huang has postponed
his trip to America for a year?
But Miss Loh has definitely re-
signed. The program of teaching
is heavier than usual, and
so we really need to look for
two persons for this department.
At present, I have not even a
possibility. Then, we need a

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full time for Economics & Political Science, and one for the Chinese. I certainly know very well how difficult it is in searching for candidates for the vacancies. Miss Grist, we certainly understand the untiring efforts you have given to this most difficult task; so please don't say any more that any other person could be more efficient. As for getting touch with more people, then of course Miss Vantin & Dr. Reeves may help you a little next year.

History Dr. Lin had to go to Wuchang next year and Mrs. Lin isn't a bit certain about their plans, so has formally resigned. For advanced courses we have ~~arranged~~ arranged to send the major students to the University, but we just must get a full time for the re-

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gained the Chinese course and another elective. I have just written to Mr. Zia (Grace's father) but I am not sure whether Eschschol University will release him. The other possibility is to go to Chicago, she is not returning to Chikang University because they have cut down history department to only one course. At the same time I can't help thinking about you. But this is so close to the time of college opening I hesitate to send any cable to you, for I don't know at all if you may pack up your things and leave the home affairs so suddenly. If we can manage it here, I would not appeal to you.

Lucile's husband is now in the South, because his immediate chief was there and cabled him to join him. He himself

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wishes very much to come to U.S.
again, but nothing definite
just now.

I came to Shanghai yesterday,
because I was asked to
talk at the McTyne Commence-
ment Exercise. Next Monday
is Miss Cogswell's wedding.
Ninnie and Dr. Reeves are
sailing on July 2nd so I am
here for a full week. Then
I must go back and finish
some of the things left undone.
I am still debating within ^{myself} as
to whether I should accept the
invitation to be on the Examina-
tion Board (The National Higher
Examination to be given in banking
from July 15 - Aug. 12). Personally
I certainly don't want to go, but
for the sake of getting to know more
people for the college, I feel I
ought to make use of
opportunity. Well, I probably won't
go for I am feeling quite tired
at the end of the year.

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Mrs
On train from Hangchow
to Shanghai
Aug. 17, 1931

Dear Miss Sandberg,

There is a fast mail for America this evening, so I must write you a few words. With my kindest regards. This very few writing:

It was such a joy and relief when your cable was forwarded from college to me. I was very glad to hear of the appointment of Miss Bond, Miss Carl, Miss Hoff-
sommer and Miss Thomas. Miss Giest has written to us about Miss Bond and Miss Carl, but we have heard nothing about the ^{other} two. They must be your new "find" and we are very grateful for all the work you have done in securing them. I suppose a letter is on the way to let us know when they are to arrive in Shanghai, for we certainly wish to have some one meet them and welcome them to China. I am sorry that Miss Mearns will be late, but with Miss Hoffsommer, I am sure the

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English Department can manage it till she arrives in Oct.

We certainly had a very successful year at giving. As you know we had to plan for putting up the new building. Last year we had not enough music teachers, now we are happy to have secured three splendid people, so the need for the music hall is all the more urgent. I am thinking now of doing something to a small old courtyard and turning it into piano practice rooms.

I have had over three weeks' vacation at Wokanchar - quite near Hangchow. There is a motor bus from Hangchow to the foot of the mountain, so it is very convenient to reach. I saw Miss Zimmermann several times on the hill.

I fully intended to do some reading and write some personal letters there, but my mind was kept on candidate work all the time and I was kept writing those business letters. It happens I have to fill quite a few vacancies in the faculty, and it took

much more time than I expected. I am glad to say that most are settled by now, but I certainly understand more the hard task of candidate work. It will be much more so with you, when the question of leaving home comes in. We do appreciate so much all you and Miss Guest have done for Finland.

Did you have a delightful trip ^{through Europe}? I am sure you enjoyed visiting all the various stations of the mission and meeting the people there. Then probably right after your return, you had to plunge into work again. I hope you managed to get some vacation during the hot days.

Floods in various provinces are causing suffering to many people and rice crop is destroyed in many places. How I hope that the waters will gradually subside, and I pray for some harvest in the fall!

I'll write to you after college opening, which is on Sept. 5th.

With very best wishes, I am
Most sincerely yours
Y. Jang Wn

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September 7, 1931

Miss Minnie V. Sandberg,
152 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

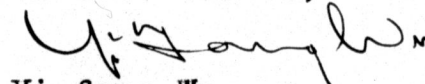
Dear Miss Sandberg:

Your kind letter of August the fifth was received a few days ago. We certainly are very glad to have all the new additions to our faculty. Miss Bond, Miss Hoffsommer, and Miss Thomas got here just before our registration. We are sorry that Miss Carl and Miss MacKinnon are not able to be here at the college opening, but the English department has made arrangements to take care of the work temporarily until Miss MacKinnon comes. Miss Carl's students will just have to wait about a week before starting their lessons.

Registration has finished and we have a student body of a little bit over one hundred and eighty. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Miss Hodge which will give you the figures in a little bit more detail.

Permit me to thank you again for your help to us in filling our urgent needs on the faculty.

With best wishes,

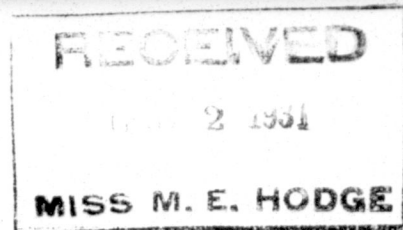

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September 7, 1931

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Hodge:

This is the first day of a new college year, and we are happy to report the largest enrollment in history. Our dormitories are taxed to their capacity, even including the two south verandahs. Every bed is taken and there are girls waiting to come in. This noon, one girl even suggested that she would buy her own bed if we would just let her have space in any of the rooms. The total number of students registered is one hundred and ninety. Although it is not many more than that of last year, yet there are only eight girls in the special two-year Physical Education course, so that means we have one hundred and eighty-two in the college.

As for the faculty, Miss Bond, Miss Hoffsommer, and Miss Thomas have already arrived from America, and Miss Scharle from Honolulu. We expect Miss Carl in about a week's time, and Miss MacKinnon is coming about the first of October. There are quite a few changes among the Chinese members also, and we are very happy to have a few of our graduates returning. Hwang Li-ming and Liu En-lan arrived this morning and brought with them an enthusiastic interest in their own lines that will mean much to the students.

The important problem in our own minds now is the building program. In May, when we had our Executive Committee meeting, we thought it might be possible to have a financial campaign here in China and raise at least part of the money needed for the dormitory. Now, with the terrible flood situation and the Government's decision even to cancel some of the building program in order to use the funds for relief work, we do not see any chance for a drive here now. Yet the housing situation, both for the faculty and students is waiting urgently for a solution. I am hoping to have another Executive meeting soon and shall be writing you later about the problem. With very best regards,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu
Yi-fang Wu
President

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September 8, 1931

How we do miss you these days! I do particularly because, besides Miss Mossman, I have to attend to all the work of the Curriculum Committee. She is taking over the Juniors, Transfers, and Specials; Mrs Thurston is doing the Seniors; and I attend to all the big Sophomore and Freshman class. I thought I knew the Sophomores ^{very} well, but I did not anticipate all the changes that they wish to make, either in their Majors or in other courses, and because it is such a large class it takes much time. However, the worst is over now, and this is our second day of regular session.

The problem Mrs ^{Tsen} Thurston and I have is how to find more space for students. Besides the two porches in 400 and 600 which provides room for sixteen beds, the last thing we thought of was to ask Miss Tappert to move back into 500, and then we have room in the East Court for four more beds. We ^{calculated} that when every-body comes in, there will be one hundred and ~~eighty-eight~~; but the surprise to you is that the Freshman class is no more than fifty-four or so. I am glad that the classes are much better balanced this year, but I am afraid that we will have a rather small Sophomore class the following year.

Most of the faculty members have arrived: En-lan and Li-ming were the last arrivals yesterday morning. Miss Carl and Miss MacKinnon will be a little late. Then you will be glad to hear that Miss Thomas is here to help me catch up with all the back work. Miss Hoffsommer is the fourth member in the English Department. We may be able to do more for the English in the Practise School later, but this semester we could arrange for only the two hours. Probably you have heard from some other source that Miss Malmsley was kept from returning to China because of health reasons. It certainly was a blow to me, and in addition to that, Miss K. S. Kao declined our offer. Because of the vacancies in our departments of Physics, Chemistry, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Education, Library, and Nursing, you can imagine what kind of candidate work I did during the summer. I was in Mokanshan for three weeks, but my Uncle teased me that I went there just to give the Post Office more business and not for my own vacation. You must be anxious to know a few of the members that are at last secured: Miss Dju Ao, History; Peng Ya Sui and a Mr. Li for Math and Physics; Dr. Wei's sister for General Psychology; Miss Tsien Yung Ho (who was the Principal of the Normal School in Hsuehowfu and later went to Chicago) for Education 41; and two part-time for the two Political Science courses, and a Mr. Swain Wool for Economics. I failed to secure anyone for Chemistry, so Mr. Pan, Mr. Wen and the new assistant are managing the department at present. Mr Shen at last found a graduate of their one year course for our library and we got a nurse from Margaret Williamson. Kuo Maida declined to come after she reached Shanghai a few days ago, and so I am still looking for a person to teach the sociology of the P. E. special class. I forgot to tell you that there were not enough students to open a new class in the special Pe E. course. Mr. Chu Hai-ju is back in the Biology department, but Miss Whitmer is going up to Peking for her minor operation, and so we have secured some help from Mr. Illick for Biology. Probably you have heard that Blanche Wu had another attack of erysipelas, and because of her reaction to the serum injection she was quite serious for a day, and so it took a long time for her to get recovered; in

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fact she is not back to her normal condition yet. I forgot entirely about the Library Science until Miss Tappert asked me whether there was any special request for class periods for it. Through the help of Dr. Y. G. Chen, we have a man now to give that class; he has taught the course in the University before, so I think it will be satisfactory.

The special district is also crowded to its capacity. The successor to Mr. Tsen is living in the back house, but the part time Chinese teacher also wishes to move his family to Nanking. They are trying now to see if the two families can live together. The middle room in the second house is fixed up and now there are two persons wanting it - that is, Mr. Wool and Mr. Li of the Physics Department. Then the two Chens, Mr. Chu and the new Chemistry assistant are in the front house.

This is a copy of my letter to Miss VanTine.

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September 26, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside,
Committee for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City, U.S.A.

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Dear Mr. Garside:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 26th, the joint cablegram from you and Mr. Cressy, and your letter of August 12th. I also received letters from Mr. Cressy of June 29th and August 17th. They asked the institutions to affirm or reaffirm their approval of the Correlated Program as adopted by the Council of Higher Education.

During the summer months it was impossible to call a meeting of even the Executive Committee of our Board, so I was unable to answer your letter earlier. The Executive Committee at last met on September 18th. I presented your letter and the points you raised, and they considered the whole situation very carefully. The following action was taken:

"Voted: To reaffirm by cable the action of Ginling College Board of Directors, November 1, 1930, in regard to the Correlated Program."

The following cable was sent you:

"Confirm action Board of Control November 1st of last year."

From the very beginning, Ginling has been ready to support correlation among the Christian Colleges, and our Board have voted approval of the Correlated Program every year. Even as early as 1928, when the plan of the East China Federated University had not been worked out, they voted that "We approve of the election by the Board of Control, Faculty and Alumnae of the respective representatives on the Board of Trustees and the Senate of the Centralized Federated University, not wishing at this point to hold aloof from the effort at closer cooperation."

In going over the Board action of last year, the Executive Committee found that it had answered the points you raised in your letter and also it expressed their present opinion. The following was that action:

"Voted: (1) That we approve the acceptance of the Correlated Program as a whole as recommended by the Council of Higher Education in January 1930.

(2) That we accept in general the correlated program so far as it affects directly Ginling College in planning its future program. However, we request that the financial program

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should be given further consideration in view of the fact that Ginling as the only Union College for women in China occupies a unique position in mission educational work."

Paragraph (1) stated clearly our approval of the Correlated Program as a whole. Paragraph (2) stated the acceptance of the part assigned to Ginling within the Program.

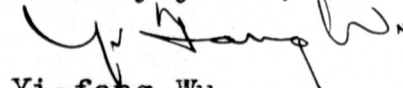
As for the request that further consideration be given to the financial share, a few words of explanation may be necessary. First of all, it is not a condition of our acceptance, but it is the expression of our honest judgment of the situation, and our hope for further adjustment in the future. We fully appreciate the point you brought out in your letter that, for the sake of the whole, each institution must lay aside its individual interests. But it is the strong conviction of the Board and of the faculty, myself included, that Ginling does not exist merely for its own interests as one more Christian institution, but for the broader purpose of receiving and training those young women who prefer a women's college to a big co-educational university. Huanan College, located in Foochow, can serve only its own province, and Ginling is forced into the position as the only college for women for all the rest of China.

The Council of Higher Education, at its meeting in January 1930, discussed the question of whether or not there was a place for one Union College for women in the whole program of Christian Education in China, and the consensus of opinion was that there is a distinct place for such a college and that it is up to Ginling to make itself equal to its task. The Board, therefore, considered it the duty of the College to the Christian Movement in China to provide a thorough and best training possible for the potential women leaders of the future. You may be interested to hear that at the Biennial Meeting of the National Christian Council last April, the four Chinese women delegates present happened to be all Ginling graduates.

When the Executive Committee reviewed the whole problem, there was not any hesitation about giving full support to the Correlated Program. But everyone was convinced that the proposed budget as approved by the Council of Higher Education is not adequate to run a college of high standard of 300 students. (Our budget for the present school year with a student body of 191 is over \$121,000. Mex., while the budget approved by the Council of Higher Education for 300 students is \$132,000. Mex.) However, for the purpose of supporting the Correlated Program, the Executive Committee was willing to again accept the share assigned to Ginling, trusting to the cooperative judgment of the Council to work out adjustments when possible. They also realized that because of the unusual gold exchange, the present financial values in general are very different from those of two or three years ago when the institutions when the institutions worked out their programs, and so it may require readjustment for other institutions also three or four years from now.

As for material for publicity work in America, we shall try our best to prepare and send it to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,



Yi-fang Wu,
President

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MISS M. E. HODGE

GINLING

Nanking, China

September 29, 1931

Dear family:

You will all want to hear about Lindy and Anne and their visit to Ginling - the great event of the season for some of us. Against the background of international troubles now stirring it seems of very small moment. There is great excitement among students over the Manchurian situation. [Yesterday a group of Central University Students made their contribution to the general mess by mobbing the Foreign Office and beating up poor C.T. Wang. We hear that there are eight Japanese gunboats in the River and that 500 Marines were landed and are guarding the Japanese consulate. They evacuated all Japanese residents some days ago. Are they trying to provoke war with China? No sufficient cause for their action in Manchuria is clear in the accounts we are getting. Are you getting anything that makes you feel that you really know what happened?

Lindy landed on Lotus Lake on Saturday afternoon September 19th. Plans were made on the expectation of receiving him at a pontoon in the river, although the swiftness of the current, and the flooded condition of the suburb near the river were all unfavorable. He decided for himself after flying around and investigating the general situation. Then there was a rush from the river into the city and across to Lotus Lake while Lindy and Anne sat in the plane and waited, sailing, to be officially received. It was one way of avoiding the crowd, but the Lake has been a place of pilgrimage ever since and every now and then the pilgrims have been made happy by seeing the hero and heroine boarding or alighting - have met Lindy in his shirt sleeves and seen Anne in her knickers. You can imagine the thrill of the American small boys and girls here in Nanking who have had this chance of getting a close-up. I do not know how keen the interest has been among the Chinese residents. The news of the clash in Pukden and the taking over of the city by Japanese soldiers reached us the day after the landing of the Lindberghs and, ever since, the Chinese attention has been focused on Manchuria. Even the flood seems to be discounted as a calamity.

The Lindberghs offered their help in survey work for the Flood Commission and when their offer was accepted they cancelled all social engagements and were without plans as to the length of their stay. They made several trips off to the north-east where the region east of the Grand Canal is a great inland sea. This region was caught by a sudden breaking of dykes and the loss of life is not known. Whole villages were wiped out and millions of people are involved in the tragedy. Anne drives while Lindy makes the maps and they go off with a few sandwiches in their pockets and come back in the late afternoon as quietly as we might take the car for a trip to Plymouth. Their maps are said to be a great help in giving a clear idea of the extent of the damage. One day Lindy took two doctors up with him to survey the scene. Another day they went south-west and saw the flooded region between Nanking and Wuhu, and south of Wuhu. Hankow was to be the next, and when Dr. Fu sent her invitation on Sunday evening the answer was they were going to Hankow tomorrow (Monday).

Monday was a threatening, gusty sort of day and about ten o'clock Mrs. Peck called up to say that they could accept our invitation and visit the College if we wished. So it was settled that they were to come about five, see what was going on in the Gym, inspect the buildings and stay to dinner. We made our final plans on this basis. Dr. Fu and Mrs. Tsen

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ordered a Chinese dinner for eighteen. Five students, Presidents of student organizations, faculty representatives, Chinese and foreign, the Lindberghs, the Pecks (of the American Consulate, also Councillor too the Legation) with their daughter, made up the party. You will see that that left only eight faculty places. We followed the order of appointment more or less closely and Eva Spicer and Emily Case were the two other foreign faculty favored. We had heard that Col Lindbergh talked chiefly about flying and related topics so we put Mr. Hsiung, our Physics man, and Liu En-lan, our Geographer, at his table. After the dinner we were teasing En-lan about her learned questions about climate and weather in out of way places. She says she learned a lot.

I had Anne at my table and she was altogether charming and apparently delighted with the whole experience. The dinner was not a feast but a carefully chosen selection of special Chinese dishes, with rice. We had mushrooms, shrimps, sharks fins, abalone, duck, kidneys, fish, eight-precious rice, pine seeds, almonds, watermelon seeds, honey dates and moon-cakes. (Saturday was the Moon Festival) After dinner, which was served in the guest hall of the Central Building - the Smith gift to Ginling as you know and as Mrs. Lindbergh knew, - we came over to the faculty house for an informal reception to which other faculty came, and at which we had Chinese music. They left fairly early since they were planning to start this morning at six o'clock for Hankow. I am writing this with the pen they used to sign their names in our Guest Book.

There is a good deal of strain in life these days for people like Dr. Su - she sees the problems from both sides. Her experience in the Institute of Pacific Relations two years ago gave her the Japanese view of the Manchurian question; and while she does not side with Japan she sees how it looks to them, as well as to the Chinese. She has very little patience with the rash student agitator, or with the group who broke into the Foreign Office so rudely this morning. Dr. Wang is in Chung Yang Hospital recovering from the effects of his beating. Isn't it distressing to have such things done in the name of patriotism? But all revolutions are stained by such madness. People like Dr. Wu and En-lan are so ashamed to have such things done for they see how it looks to out-siders, and of course it gives Japan an excuse for guarding her Consulate and increasing her force.

October 3rd.

One should be keeping a diary these days for the situation changes and things are only true if dated. C.T. Wang has resigned, on advice of his doctor, and his resignation has been accepted. At first glance, that looks like making a scape goat of him and giving face to the mad students; but he does seem to need a rest and Searle Bates, upon whom we depend for thoughtful judgment on politics, thinks he'll be back again before very long. Yesterday's paper says that Wellington Koo is in Hankow and that Alfred Sze has refused the post. Mr. Koo is an old Chinese diplomat who at least once before finished up work for C. T. Wang which he had all but carried through. As a man I prefer C.T. in spite of many disappointing things in his attitude as a Christian. I have not given up the hope that he will come back to his old loyalty to Jesus Christ.

One interesting thing has been done this week. Mme. Chiang invited a group to meet at her home on Tuesday afternoon at four-thirty, and they have met daily at the same house to pray for China and all the problems she is facing. Dr. Wu is included in the group and some of the city

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pastors - also a small group of foreigners. For one month before her death Mme. Sung had a daily prayer meeting in her home in Shanghai. Many Chinese are feeling that their hope is in God in this crisis. They believe right is on their side and there is no help in themselves in their present prostration. One good seems to be coming out of the evil in the coming together of Nanking and Canton - at least it looks that way now.

Dr. Wu has led chapel three times this week. She is doing some very hard thinking and feeling very deeply the seriousness of the situation. On Tuesday she used the passage on the Fruits of the Spirit as a responsive reading and the Story of the Temptation as the lesson. She talked on the use of the right means to attain our ideals, making it bear very definitely on ways and means of showing patriotism and arriving at the ideal solution of present difficulties with Japan. The example of Jesus in choosing the way of love and the Cross instead of using the other ways suggested by the Temptation was held up as the way for us to take. Two things we can do in such a crisis: (1) use our minds, understand and discriminate and (2) rely on God to save us when our own helplessness would make us despair.

On Wednesday she reported on some conferences with government people and educators called to consider the student activities which are not being encouraged by the Government. General Chiang offered some students who came up from Shanghai to agitate the choice of going into military training at the school here or returning to their classes in Shanghai. The papers reported him as promising to arm all students. As usual, the papers are doing their worst in producing confusion of mind. Japan gets one story and China another and probably both are departures from the facts.

We had a problem of our own in a proposal that we should entertain 200 women from Great China University in Shanghai in our Gym. We heard the students were coming up to demand war so it became a question of the Ginling attitude as well as the question of inconveniencing ourselves. Dr. Wu called a joint Chinese faculty and student meeting and their discussion resulted in a reply to the effect that we could entertain 50 over one night without food. In the end they did not come, being discouraged in Shanghai by indirect government pressure. A big student parade planned for Thursday was called off by the same tactful management - called off by the student leaders under advice of school principals who conferred with government representatives.

At the Thursday chapel Dr. Wu talked on Faith - as hope for the future much needed in a depressing situation like this; and as a force helping others in whom we had faith to accomplish what they could not do unsupported. She plead for faith in those who were carrying national responsibility at this time. Both talks were tremendously in earnest and most positively Christian in emphasis.

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Saturday morning we had no classes and students participated in some form of patriotic activity. So far this is the only break in our regular work. The University boys get a little more excited but on the whole they are keeping a fair balance. Their morning military drill is better attended and I suppose most of them are ready to fight Japan - as students in other countries in similar plight would be. It will be a miracle if the tension does not produce incidents in Manchuria which will serve Japan or China as excuse for further rattling of swords. But war would be too terrible - equivalent to suicide for China, in my opinion. She has nearly done for herself in her civil wars since 1911 and this would just give

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Just all she wanted. I'm sure the military party in Japan would like nothing better. Our hope is in the liberals and decent people like ourselves, who will work for peace. *fruit*

Sunday we had a Faculty Retreat. It is harder to have unity in the group than it was when we had fewer part-time and fewer new people. We discussed three questions - The Intellectual Life, Vocational Guidance, and Fellowship as a Source of Spiritual Power. Herieb Mossman led the first, Dr. To the second, and Eva Spicer the third. I had an opening devotional period and Eva closed the day. The questions prepared as a basis for discussion probably stimulated some thinking that found no expression in the discussion itself. [I'm never very sure what the sum total of such discussion is in new ideas or inspiration to new effort. I still carry some thoughts from Northfield addresses I heard thirty-five years ago. I wonder if we will come back to addresses as a new method, some day, and be done with discussing as a formal procedure for retreats and conferences? *fruit*

M. atilda C. Thurston

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October 9, 1931

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

Dear Miss Griest:

Your letter of August 14th was received a few weeks ago and I am sorry I have not been able to answer you fully. However, from my hurried note the other day you would know of the opening of College.

I need not tell you in many words how we appreciate the hard work you have put in securing the new members of the faculty. It was such a relief to me in Mokanshan to get Miss Sandberg's telegram about the appointments just when I was busy with filling vacancies in China. Now all our new folks have been with us for over a month and we certainly feel they are real additions to the faculty. It is quite a trying situation, nationally speaking, for them to start work in a new country, but no one is nervous, and they all go on with the work whole-heartedly. From the number of music students and from the fact that Mrs. Ho (Gertrude Chur) has not been able to teach on account of illness, you can realize how thankful we are that you finally did get Miss Carl and how indispensable she is. Furthermore, Miss Carl is teaching the Harmony class in which Miss Scharle is not interested. Mrs. Ho has had quite a difficult time; first with her own sinus trouble and then with the sudden death of her mother in the summer and her own bronchial trouble. Her doctor definitely advised her not to do any work for this semester anyway.

Now if we turn our attention to the future, I am sure from your end you would like to know as early as possible the vacancies to be filled for 1932-33. Last evening the Curriculum Committee just had a meeting for going over the teaching program for next year, and as our Board is meeting on October 16th and 17th, we shall be able to send you the final program a little bit earlier than in former years.

I promised you that I would let you know in the fall whether we should try to get Miss Sovick or not. Miss Case has been very busy lately, and we have not talked it over thoroughly enough to give you the answer just yet.

For English is the need quite definite. Miss Tappert is to be on leave and we are practically certain that Mrs. Meyer will not be able to continue teaching. Mr. Meyer's leave really is due in March, but as he also is anxious to have it postponed so that he may get a term of study while at home, it is quite likely that they may stay on in Nanking until next June. But for 1932-33 we shall definitely need two more for English. Sometimes I still feel that probably if we searched hard enough we might find a Chinese to come into the Department, but this should not interfere with your work for American candidates.

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Mr. Hsiung is definitely to sail for America next summer, so if by any chance there is any faculty member from the women's colleges on leave for a year, it would suit our program very well to have her or him. This kind of inquiry needs to be made quite early in the year, I know. This year, by getting Miss Peng Ya-sui and one of Dr. Cha Tsien's students in the Central University, we are able to carry the full program in the Department. But we certainly need to start on the search for an experienced person to take charge of the Department next year. It certainly has developed since Mr. Hsiung came: next year there will be six majors in Physics and Mathematics in the Senior class.

As for Psychology, I have practically given up hope of ever securing Miss K. S. Kao. All the time I had a feeling that she would not be interested in a Mission institution, and also I heard indirectly that it is her desire to help the family's finances a little. Of course, if Djang Siao-sung should continue to specialize in Psychology, we should be waiting for her return. However, probably we should plan for two more years without her.

For Education I have just turned my attention to Miss Carol Chen, for I learned that she was not invited to return to Hwanan. If you should happen to see her in New York, would you please push the matter? She lives in Seth Low Hall. She certainly appeared to me a very worthwhile person for Ginling to get, and I understand she is interested in Secondary Education. Miss Vautrin is continually wishing to have such a person join the Department. We have not given up hope of Miss Kuo Mai-da yet although the chances may be rather slim of getting her to Ginling. Her mother wanted her to be near home in Shanghai and she herself said she was not very strong physically, as far as taking full-time work was concerned, and so she is teaching a few hours in Fudan University now. We hope to get her for part-time teaching next semester. We always have a large number of students majoring in Sociology and it is only fair to Miss Mossman to have a Chinese in the Department so as to help in getting into the Chinese conditions and material.

You will be glad to hear that the Y.W.C.A. National Committee has invited Pheobe Hoh to start investigation for possible rural work in Wusih, so for a time at least she is settled. I saw her when I was in Shanghai about two weeks ago: she appeared to me to be about the same as she was before, but Mrs. New told me that she was easily depressed, and because of the dialect difficulty we fear she may not be happy in Wusih. When I saw Dr. King Chu, President of Cheeloo University, I learned about the beginning of their rural work in Tsinan, and I feel that is a real possibility for Pheobe, first because it is a Mandarin speaking section and second in the connection with an academic institution with which she has had no former associations. But Mr. Chu says that for the present, at least, the financial situation will not permit any addition to the personnel.

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu

Yi-fang Wu

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P.S. I stopped abruptly when some guests came. I thought of going on and telling you a little about the national situation. In a word, this is a very tense and critical time, not only in China alone but also to the League of Nations. But no one knows what will happen next.

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RECEIVED
MISS M. E. HODGE

October 21, 1931

Miss Margaret E. Hodge,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Hodge:

Your kind letter of September 14th was received when we were getting ready for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. This year, the date of the meeting was pushed ahead for about two weeks in order to enable me to attend the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, October 21st to November 4th. We had a very good meeting on the 16th and 17th of October. Mrs. Mills, the Secretary, will get the Minutes ready and send them, together with other material, pretty soon. I wish very much to be able to write a long covering letter, also, but I am afraid I shall have to postpone that until I have returned from the Conference.

As you said, we are very happy to have all the new faculty members this fall. Both from the standpoint of the faculty and the student enrollment, we are very happy to say that we can count this year a really fine one. Even under the strain of the national crisis we are carrying on regular work calmly and steadily. I am afraid it will take quite a while yet before a final settlement can be reached. We are certainly very grateful to the United States government and the League in standing for international justice, and in trying to settle the dispute through peaceful means.

On one point in your letter I wish to say a few words today. You question the advisability of building a big dormitory, and I am glad to tell you about the reasons we have for thinking of it. First, architecturally, Mr. Murphy recommends it quite highly; it fits into the scheme of all by standing back of the Central building which is also in three sections. As for the number of students in the dormitory, even though it is rather large, they would really be divided into two groups. There are two entrances in the two wings and so, with the two stairways and two dining rooms, it really is like two dormitories connected end to end. From the slow but steady growth in the enrollment of the last three years, we feel sure that by the fall of 1933, when we expect this building to be ready for use, we should be able to count upon an enrollment of two hundred and fifty, and that would mean one hundred girls in the new dormitory. Just this alone shows that if we add dormitories at all, we need to plan on a larger scale than our standard size for fifty girls. But the outstanding reason that led me to think about a three-story larger building was the economical one: it is very evident that three buildings of our regular size would cost more than this single building, to house practically the same number of girls.

The other point is that our style is more expensive than simple foreign buildings, yet it is worth the investment for the sake of preserving the beauty of Chinese architecture and maintaining a beautiful campus. The addition of the two academic buildings will com-

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plete the front quadrangle, and if we build this new dormitory, we shall complete the back quadrangle of dormitories. After this plan of the campus is complete we can decide upon the future expansion according to the financial conditions. By this I mean if we shall be unable to afford to keep up the same style, we may build simple and less expensive dormitories away from these two quadrangles, and yet not mar the plan of the whole campus. In fact, when the present faculty house is released for student use, we shall need room for only sixty more students to reach our total number of four hundred. Furthermore, when we build the Library and Chapel we of course need a skillful architect to supervise, and so it will be also economical to have the three major buildings going up at the same time. As for all of us on campus, we of course would rather have the campus torn up only once!

I am sorry I am unable to write more at this time, for I am getting ready to go down to the Conference.

With very best wishes, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu
(S. J. S.)
Yi-fang Wu,
President

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November 19, 1931

Miss Minnie V. Sandberg,
152 Madison Avenue,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Sandberg:

I am sorry not to have acknowledged the receipt of your cablegram "MacKinnon arriving one month before new term begins" which was received on October 18th. We were very glad indeed to get that definite word.

At the beginning of the fall term we made only a temporary arrangement for the month of September, expecting Miss MacKinnon to take over her classes in October. But, as we did not receive word of her arrival and she did not appear through the first part of October, we were quite anxious and so I cabled Miss Case in Nashville for a definite date. It was because one of our teachers carrying an over-load found it impossible to carry it longer, and we had to make other arrangements if Miss MacKinnon was not coming soon. After we received your cable and learned that Miss MacKinnon would be here only for the second semester, we tried to find a substitute here in Nanking, but we did not succeed and had finally to combine some sections into one class. It was just today from Miss MacKinnon's letter that I learned that you understood from my letter that her work had been taken care of. I am sorry I was not clear, but in a way this complete rest in America may prepare Miss MacKinnon better for her work.

As for vacancies in our staff for next year, I have written to Miss Griest, and I shall send you a little later a list of the faculty members needed, with full explanations.

With my very best wishes for a happy Christmas, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Yi-fang Wu
Yi-fang Wu,
President

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P.S. When your cable came, I was just getting ready to go to the Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, and after I returned we were busy for the Founders' Day celebration. Because of the Manchurian trouble, we have extra responsibility in guiding students' activity and in fulfilling our own duties as Chinese citizens. We can only pray for divine guidance in this most critical time.
Y. F. W.

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室公辦長校
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December 4, 1931

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

Dear Miss Griest:

I have just glanced through my last letter to you and realized to my horror that I have never sent you anything since the Board meeting. There certainly is no excuse for this, but I hope that whatever you are able to do these days has not been held up by this delay. Enclosed I am sending you the Faculty Program for 1932-1933 as presented by the Curriculum Committee to the Board. The following action was taken by the Board:

"Voted: To ask the Ginling College Committee to fill two vacancies in English to take the places of Miss Tappert and Mrs. Meyer; and also one place in Physical Education; and to help in securing, if possible, a visiting professor in Physios to take Mr. Hsiung's place for one or two years from September 1932

Voted: Because of the urgent need that we also urge the early appointment of a Librarian."

I have talked with Miss Tappert about the needs in the English Department. She suggests that we should keep two things in mind when we look for candidates; the first is, of course, special training for teaching English as a language to Freshmen or Sophomores. She feels that we have not paid enough attention to teaching the Freshmen how to express themselves orally and in written English. The students' foundation in English in middle schools is not as good as it used to be so we need to concentrate more in English teaching during the Freshman year. It is not necessary that the new teacher should have really specialized along that line, but if she should have an interest in it, she may find the best method through teaching. Probably you remember Gao I-feng, who is my cousin, and who had great difficulty with English when she was in Ginling. She transferred to Yenching to take a specialized Chinese course but she was unsatisfied with it and has since become a regular student there. She told me that the teaching of the Freshman English there seemed to her much better than that she had in Ginling. It may easily be that she had had enough preparation to enable her to be able to get more, yet it may be worthwhile for the English teacher to study the various methods used in China colleges in order to plan a really good course for the Freshman girls. The second point Miss Tappert mentioned was Drama. It happens that the staff we have now is not especially interested in that line, and so when we are getting two new persons, we might keep that in mind, also.

I am sorry to say that even now I do not know what Miss MacKinnon's special interest is. After she comes, I shall write to you again if she has further suggestions to make. Probably you

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know that she is expected sometime in January. Her second delay caused us some rearrangement in the class work because during September we made only temporary arrangements and when she did not appear in October, we had to rearrange some of the sections so that the three could carry the work through the semester.

For Physical Education, I talked with Emily this morning. She strongly feels that when we get an American out here, she should be prepared to handle some theory courses. Hwang Li-ming is, of course, well qualified to teach theory courses, but one person cannot and should not take care of all of it. Miss Hwang is giving "Anatomy and Kinesiology", corrective work, and "Theory of the Dance", so this new person had better be prepared to give "Principles of Physical Education" and "Administration of Physical Education". From this, it seems as if we were expecting someone either with very good training in such schools as Wellesley, or with teaching experience. It also indicates that Miss Sovik may not be the person for this need. However, Emily did add that if she is able to develop further and is a fine personality herself, she might do it by the trial and error method as Emily did it herself. She also said that if the situation should be as in former years and candidates are scarce, we had better get Miss Sovik rather than no one.

I am sorry that these indefinite suggestions leave you a very difficult job, but we are unable to say anything better at this moment. I suppose you have heard that Miss Yang Hsiao-rang has become engaged to Mr. Myi Tsing-yuan, the former Business Manager at the University of Nanking, so we do not know how long she may continue teaching here. Cheng En-tsi, Dr. C. Y. Cheng's daughter, who graduated just last June and is in that Department now, has become engaged and will be married next spring. So the situation is quite serious.

The need in Physics is a real one because we certainly cannot keep Mr. Hsiung for another year, and there are not many Chinese qualified to fill the vacancy. As for getting a visiting professor, it is merely a suggestion, and if you feel you can get letters to some of the colleges, we may know for sure early in the spring whether there is such a possibility. I had it in mind to ask Lu Shuh-ying but she has written to Eva to try to get a scholarship to go to England. If she succeeds, I am sure she would not return next June. But in the meantime, if you have any chance of finding out about her work in Mt. Holyoke, I should be very grateful for any information.

As for the Librarian and Secretary, you know the situation very well so I do not need to say anything more.

I wonder if you may know of some Chinese in ^{New York} college this year, or if you have some other way of finding out if there are any good women students there in Psychology or Sociology? We do need to add a Chinese member to Sociology, and we need badly a full-time person for Psychology before Djang Siao-sung returns. I just do not know how to look for the possible candidates now studying in America. I think I shall write to Djang Siao-sung and find out if they have the Chinese student directory as we used to have. So if you happen to hear of any possibilities, I shall be glad to get the names.

You will be glad to hear that our students have been having regular work and studying calmly in spite of the thousands and

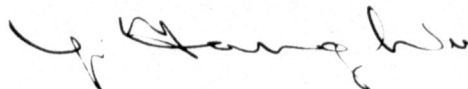
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thousands of students from other colleges who come in to present petitions to the Government. Yesterday the city organization of the "Anti-Japanese National Salvation Students Union" suggested that the schools in Nanking send delegations to Shanghai to urge Wang Dzing-wei to come to the Capital so that General Chiang Kai-Shek could leave for the north. Our students voted at once not to go. I am sure that we shall finish the term without interruption.

Hearty greetings for the Season,

Most sincerely yours,



Yi-fang Wu

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Ginling College,
Nanking, China.

December 4, 1931

Dear Miss Hodge:

I have thought of writing a letter to my friends in America about the present situation in China and in Ginling, but somehow or other I have not been able to do it. I know that you must have been anxious to know how our students have been through this period, so I wish now to tell you a little by this mail.

It is not necessary to tell you how the news of September the 18th struck all of us Chinese as a most serious blow. During the first few weeks we could not help being plunged into the so-called "Save the Country" movement. There was only one aim for everybody: that was to get the Japanese out of the occupied cities as soon as possible. Some thought of using force, but by far the majority looked to the League for the upholding of international justice and the settling of the dispute by peaceful means. Some looked up to the League because of necessity; that is, they realized that China had not the military strength to fight Japan and expect to win. Others, including us Christians, had our hope in the League because of our honest belief of "right over might". Whatever view we had, our feelings ran high, and naturally we sought outward expression. Mrs. New wrote me that even my old uncle, who had retired from active political life many years ago, was going around visiting friends advocating strongly the Japanese boycott as the only effective method of dealing with that strong militant power.

Here in Ginling we joined without discussion the city organization of all schools called the "Anti-Japanese National Salvation Association". The whole student body and Chinese faculty became members of the branch association in the college and without any hesitation joined the first big Mass meeting of September 23rd at the city Public Athletic grounds. Among ourselves, we have arranged special lectures on the Manchurian question with the purpose of enlightening ourselves on the present situation as well as on the historical background. The students read newspapers much more diligently and they subscribed to daily papers at the various dormitories themselves. Then, partly to follow the general practise and partly to have some actual activity, the students started the First-aid groups; Miss Chen Mei-yu and the Physical Education staff helped in giving the lessons and the whole student body was enrolled in the various classes.

As time went on, we were faced with the fact that no matter how the League wished to help, we could not hope to get a settlement in the near future. In the meantime, the city organization often decided upon general activities like demonstration parades, presentation of petitions and a general review of the student army, and our organization took time to consider them. Very often, the Chinese faculty and the students held separate meetings; this was to give a chance for each group to express itself freely and to get a more thorough discussion. The faculty discussed thoroughly the attitude and policy we should have. We realized our difficult situation but as faculty we had to face our responsibility, and so we decided to stay in the organization but to let the students be the main element with ourselves in the advisory and guiding position. In the general meetings, our stand was to state frankly our opinion but never to urge the students to adopt our suggestions.

For the above mentioned activities we had a general meeting every time, and the students faced the situation and discussed it before they finally made any decision. There were some who were strongly disapproving of such demonstrations which have no permanent value and do nothing but waste the students' time. There were others who strongly believed

we needed to express our sentiments and, for the sake of our own country people who have not awakened, join such demonstrations. Then there were the majority who were passive and contributed nothing. Very often it was the sense of loyalty to the city organization and the need for acting uniformly that made them vote to take part. However, whenever they decided to go, they took it seriously, and personally I expressed my hope that they would put meaning into whatever they did. I told them very frankly that the thing I dreaded the most through such activities was that they follow the form without giving their whole heart to it. For the building up of Christian character and the training of honest citizenship, I felt strongly we should guard against becoming hypocrites, and wherever we could we put in some constructive work. Take the inspection of Japanese goods for instance: we decided to appeal to the merchants for the promotion of home goods rather than to suppose the merchants to be unpatriotic and to search their goods for things they were not supposed to have.

During the past two weeks there were two occasions that showed how our students knew when to stop. All through last week there were thousands of students from cities along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway and the Peking-Pukow Railway, with a large group particularly from Shanghai, who came to present a petition to the Government asking General Chiang Kaishek to start north immediately. They said they would not leave the Government offices until the General had signed a statement promising to go. On Thursday of last week a notice from the city organization came about 1:15 to the effect that there was a farewell party for him at the Athletic Grounds, and asked the whole student body to attend it. There was no time for even an Executive Committee meeting of our own branch association, so I took the liberty of not letting the students know at the time. But of course I did not wish to keep this from the students, and also I wished to prepare them for any further requests, so in the evening I had a Chinese faculty meeting and also met with the Executive Committee. We took time to discuss what stand we should take because we had heard then that the University of Nanking and Central University had started a strike and joined the petition group in support of the Shanghai students. Although no action was taken, we discussed the situation thoroughly, that is, that the spirit of the Shanghai group showed that it was not in support of the Government but rather antagonistic to it, and that, when the Government was looking to the League for help, we should not embarrass them by demanding that they declare war. Early the next morning the Shanghai students sent two delegates to see the student chairman of the Executive committee, and of course blamed us for not joining them the previous day. Luckily she was prepared to meet him; however, we felt there was need for a general meeting because if they heard the criticism without having thought through the situation they would not be satisfied with the stand of the Executive committee. We cut short the chapel period and had a general meeting, and the decision was that we should not have a strike and should not support the Shanghai petition.

Thursday of this week the city organization decided to ask each school to send a delegation of fifty to Shanghai to request Wang Dzing-wei to come to Nanking so that General Chiang could be relieved and start for the north. Our student representative expressed at the meeting that she was not sure that our school would accept this, and that same evening the Executive committee had a meeting and unanimously voted it down. Another thing that we have been cautious about is in the organization of our First-aid group. The city organization wanted to have the First-aid groups from girls' schools organized as units of the student army, but I pointed out to our students that there were two factors in that needing serious consideration; first was our personal principle toward war, and second was that, once joined to this military organization, we should have to obey all orders. The students decided that we should not organize our First-aid group as a unit of the army, but as a purely Red Cross undertaking.

In short, this national crisis made all of us think seriously. At the beginning, we were anxious to do things for immediate result; gradually as we were made to realize the hard fact that this occupation could not be settled soon, we have been turning our attention to some of the fundamental things which we Chinese should endeavor to do for the upbuilding of a strong country within. I have had informal conferences with student leaders and the Y.W.C.A. has had discussion groups. We take up problems of things we could actually start here in the college among students in the practice of our high ideals of loyalty, cooperation, self-sacrifice, etc. These are intangible and much harder to do than to join a demonstration parade so we cannot hope to see favorable results soon. However, the start has been made and there are at least a small number of students seriously keeping this on their minds. In spite of the fact that both on our faculty and among the students there are a few comparatively radical people, I still have complete confidence in our group. I have found out that as soon as they went into the thing seriously and put in some honest thinking, they learned from the experience and were able to see the values of more permanent nature. Personally, I have been more anxious as a citizen for our own country than as the president of the college, and we are by no means past our national crisis. I have experienced more earnest praying than ever before, and we need your moral and spiritual support, too.

Most sincerely yours,

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