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Ans. July 14³⁶
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14 Dawson Place
London, W.2

July 6, 1936

+ Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

I intended to write to you
after I sent you the cable,
but the post box was very
full and I hardly wrote any
letters, so I was already sorry
for my slow-ness. Now a few
minutes ago I discovered
that the short note I wrote
you was never posted, but ly-
ing in a drawer all the time!
I am horrified and so disappointed
in myself! I only hope that
the cable was clear and that
you received that good news
promptly. The cable reads:

"Commencement a complete
success. Situation is not
so bad as has been represented.
Do not return before Hawaii
Cable in case of emergency."
I have written back that
if I am to attend the Harvard

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celebration at College
before the school year opens.
I may just as well stay a
few weeks of towards ~~the~~
a little promotion of work.
At the meeting of the SMC
Committee, I came to the con-
clusion that I should be back
for the Executive Com. Meeting
of the National Christian Council
which is from Nov. 3rd to 5th. This
fits into the time of the Founders
Day celebration at College, so
I think now that I better
plan to sail from Vancouver
by Empress of Canada on Oct.
17th. This leaves only a
month in U.S. including the
cross-continent journey, but
I don't think it right to
stay away much longer.

From the view point of the
promotion of work, September
is of little use, so I realize
that this sailing date gives
only 2 weeks for work. Best you

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please let me know what
your reactions are?

The rest of my plan is tem-
porarily as this. I'll stay in
England till Mrs. T. Emerson &
Miss Collier come on Aug. 3rd!
I expect to go to Germany on Aug. 5th
for a week, and to see Miss Tseng
Yu-lan (who is going to study at
Wellesley next year) and Henry
Li-Wing in Berlin. They are
coming with the athletic teams
from China to the Olympic
Games. Then I'll spend two
weeks in Switzerland. I hope
to have just a quiet time, but
Dr. Aldham is wanting me
to go to the Conference of the
Universal Christian Council
for Life and Work at Chauby,
Switzerland from Aug. 21-25.
Then after a few days in France
I'll sail from Cherbourg on
S.S. Duchesne & Richmond on
Sept. 3rd and arrive at Waukegan
on Sept. 10th. I am working in-

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James & I could enter U.S. territory at Montreal. But the travel agent is rather doubtful if I could secure a passage on any other boat at that busy period for Atlantic crossing. I certainly had no idea that two months ahead would not be time enough to get a passage to New York around Sept 10th. When I saw him on June 30, he definitely advised to stick to C.P.R. Company, and got word later that they could get me a passage on Duquesne of Richmond from Charbourg, Sept. 3rd.

If there is no hurry for us to come down to New York, I would like to visit the Paddocks again at Williams town as I did in 1933. The celebration at Harvard is on Sept. 16, 17, 18.

As for promotional work in England, I have considered

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your letter and lists, carefully,
but I still don't see how to
go at it. I admit it is I
that feel so helpless in
such matters, but it does
seem difficult to get to
know people in England.
Take last Saturday, for in-
stance, I went to the garden
tea reception to the members
of the Congress of all Faiths,
and it was through Mrs. Ash-
man's efforts that I met
a few people and talked to
them; yet the whole thing
was quite informal. In fact
I have not collected any names
that may be considered as
possible givers. And the film
I brought over I have succeeded
in showing only once, ^{on July 3rd} and that
was only to a small group of
the China Institute, and
arranged ^{for} as soon as I saw
Mr. Silcock on June 10th it seems

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That all things here are
 arranged weeks ahead,
 so the Royal Institute of
 International Relations did
 not find a date to have
 met them; and the
 Broad Casting Corporation
 found only one time avail-
 able for me in the afternoon
 of July 2nd. However, I am
 making use of opportunities
 of meeting people when they
 come. I have attended a
 meeting of the Women's Com.
 of the Baptist Missionary Society
 and a meeting of the General
 Committee. I am going to
 attend a meeting of Women's
 Com. of the Eng. Presbyterian
 Church. I'll try to see if Mrs.
 Cushman could suggest any-
 thing in regard to Smith
 graduates. I saw Mr. Crane
 on July 1st, but he did not
 seem hopeful, and only said

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I don't think about it. Our family fortune has been in a bad condition."

This is Miss Marion Spence's house, where I have been living in London. Olga was ill when I arrived, so I got here as my head quarters. But you better still use Edingburgh house as the forwarding address, for I am going to Birmingham and Edingburgh for short trips. Approximately I'll be in England and from Aug 13-28 and the following address may be used:

C/o Mrs. Wou Bao Fong
15 Rue de Contamines
Geneva

I have watched for news from China and talked with people in the Chinese Embassy, and still we can not be sure if civil war can be avoided. But I am inclined to hope that the quarrel may be settled at the meeting in Hankow on July 10th. With best wishes from W. H. H.

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If you can arrange it to fit my schedule, I shall be glad to go to Dorso School and talk to the girls.

I have visited during last week several girls' schools, but the principals never asked me to speak and the girls were taking "school certificate" exams. So, without your help, I'll get no where in promotional work.

I planned my program to be ready to make in July 9th, so I had a very full week last week - I am now quite ready for a let-down to get rested.

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July 15, 1936

Dear Rebecca,

I must write you at
once to tell you how happy
and grateful I felt at
receiving your two letters.
You have worked hard and
got wonderful results, I
praise you & will write to
Vivian about both
about Miss Sharp. I am
glad to tell you that the
Senior class next fall
is a good class - I remem-
ber there are several
strong English majors. I
certainly agree with you
that ^{we} must try our best
to interest a good Miss
Sharp for various reasons.
Confidentially, I feel we
must do something to raise
the quality of our English Dept.

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And the withdrawal of
Miss Shaw (Physical Education)
fits into the situation in
College very well, as Edith
might herself wish to
stay longer.

Missie is the department
we must work for good
candidates for 1937, because
Catherine's furlough will
be due, Stella Graves will
have served 3 years at
Giveling, finished her 7th year
during this term in China,
so she should have her
furlough also. Mrs. Rhoad
will not, I suppose, want
to stay longer than a year.
So, the whole department
will have only Miss Koo
left. I am glad to hear
that Miss Mackinnon thinks
there are good possibilities
in this line.

From the "Candidate
problems" I can see the
difficulties you have gone

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through in this difficult task dumped on you at the last moment. And it is the realization of this difficulty that kept me from writing you for news. I have not heard from Winnie at all on this staff problem, and have had no letter from Miss Lewis for several weeks. So I was rather anxious for news, as then your letters can't bring any such good news. You deserve a good rest just for this alone, not speaking of the hard labor you must be having for the promotional work.

Eva's eldest sister, Marion, has taken me into this establishment as my home, and I do feel perfectly at

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home here when in London.
 Besides Oxford and Cambridge
 I have been to Nottingham,
 Selby Oaks, and a few places
 near London. I have also
 given a number of schools
 and been to a few Women's
 Committee meetings of the
 various Missionary Societies.
 I can not help feeling em-
 barrassed, when identified
 as a Baptist for I really
 know nothing of my
 Church in England and
 am far from being in
 sympathy with the English
 Baptists!

I am going to Oxford
 again to visit with Mrs.
 Adams of All Souls College
 and then to Edinburgh. By
 the end of July, I expect
 to spend two days at the

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Student Christian Movement
Conference at Ipswich.
After Mrs. Thurston and
Miss Calder got here
on Aug. 4th, I expect to
go to the Continent on
Aug. 5th and sail from
Cherbourg for Montreux
on Sept 3rd in Berlin I
shall see Huang Li-ming
Tsai Ya-lan, Chang Hwei-
lan and 2 graduates from
our P.E. department now in
Physical Education School.

I was planning to have
two weeks' total quiet
rest in Switzerland, but
Mr. Aldham wants me
to attend a Conference
of the Universal Council
on Life and Work yet to be held
in preparation for the
Conference at Oxford next
year. So, first days will
be taken out; however,

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I hope to manage this day
any way to be entirely idle.
I often think it is me, my
make-up, that makes me
feel tired and not the
work. I ought to have a
peaceful & relaxed
state of mind - & get
the most out of this period
away from college; but
my mind keeps turning
to things which I can not
help and I take too seriously
even the trifling of appointments
to see schools. However, I
have gained in weight
since coming to England,
and that is a sign that
I have already got some
rest. 心宽则肥, "when the
heart is at rest, the body
increases in weight."

This morning's news
in Times contains an element
of anxiety - in reference to
the civil war. But I am
not to change my plans

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unless I get a cable from
College.

By the way will you
please ask Mrs. Macmillan
if she has got touch with
the travel agent in re-
gard to my sailing across
the Pacific? I forgot
to mention this when I
wrote to her last. The
tentative reservation
in August I have now
cancelled, & a definite
reservation be made of
a Tourist lower berth on
Empress of Canada, sail-
ing from Vancouver on
Oct. 17th. I am sorry not
to be able to stay longer
in the fall to help a little

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in your important work.
But in addition to the
reasons I told Mrs. Mac-
millan (the Executive
meeting of U.C.C. and the dedi-
cation of the firm at Founder's
Day), there is a thing out
from Mrs. New's letter
yesterday. That is, promotion
and actual campaigning
for money, should be
started as soon as possible.
She and Geo Ben-jing (1924)
as Alumnae Secretary are
making plans now, and I
should get back to attend
to that work in China,
before going to Java or
Singapore for money.

For the promotional work
in U.S. in 1937-38, I hope very
much to get Mrs. New over,
if at all possible. She will be
far better than I can be.

I must stop and write
letters to China now, for there
is good Sibelian mail going out.
With love, gratefully Wang

July 26, 1936

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,
Mrs. Shepard (a professor's
wife) in Cambridge has
just written me and asked
if I could spare her the
first fall meeting of the
International Research
Committee of A.A.U.W.
in Texas, Nov. 4-11.
For myself I don't wish to
visit A.A. and she dates
several things in
her manuscript to
Sept. 17, 1936, directing
B.C. to see me about that
it is a slight bit, but
I should consider it
before a final answer
could be given, and
I think that I should

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ask you to write the
directly in order to
not think. Her address is
Mrs. John F. Shepard
908 Oakland Ave.
Ann Arbor, Mich.

This started me to
think and I wrote
to Prof. R. P. R. and asked
if I should write to
him to arrange for
some work in the
writing of the book
I am about the world
of the future. I
told him that you
are a man of
this world to do in
the world, so I would
ask you to write to
Mrs. Shepard and tell
her that I am

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I want to be in Chen Oboe.
I don't remember if Prof.
Rosen speaks to the back
in time for the summer
session or not, so if you
judge from what you
now know of my program
in the east - that I want
to stay two days in A.A.
you may visit the firm
the same time you write
to Mrs. Shepard. If there
are more important
things to do, I don't
wish to stay 2 weeks
in A.A. But I do wish
to make a stop here
if a few friends wish
to visit friends.

I think I'll stay
too, but I have no con-
nections there. The only

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person I can think of is.

Mr. & Mrs. Fisher a
big Methodist Church
in Detroit. I know
formerly in Michigan
y. M. Church and saw
her in A.A. in 1933. He
is considered a very
fine preacher.

The other place I
want to go is Seattle
as I promised his
Walter Dr. F. W.

But a day or two
to be sure. h. W. then
has started promotional
work in China and writes
that I should be back
soon to get work started
among officials. I of an
evening last year's change
will be an again. But will
be sure to be there on Nov. 3rd.
I am in Seattle.

48 Clarendon Road,
London, W.11.

1st August, 1936.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan,

Your good letter of July 18th has been received. This reminds me that I may not have acknowledged the receipt of yours of July 6th. which was received some days ago.

I am very glad to hear that you and Rebecca are to have a vacation in Virginia, and I hope you are having a delightful and restful time together. I do admire you both for the strenuous way that you work, so, as you say, you both need to store up some reserve energy now for the hard work ahead in the fall.

I have had a delightful trip to Edinburgh, and had two days at Swanwick at the Conference of the Student Christian Movement. These few days I am getting ready for my trip to the Continent, in getting Visas, etc. I hope to see Mrs. Thurston and Miss Calder on Monday, August 3rd. I am looking forward to hearing more news about the closing of the College year at Nanking.

Yesterday I sent my forwarding addresses to Miss Tyson, so that if letters from China come to the office and there is time for them to be forwarded to Europe I may get them there.

I have just written to Mrs. Hiltner that I shall sail on the "Empress of Canada" and expect to

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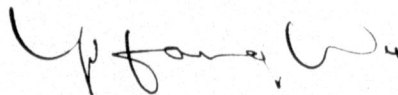
visit her for a short while before sailing. I have suggested to her that she writes to you if she wishes me to do any speaking in Seattle. I wonder if there is any possibility of doing some in Chicago. While there in 1933 I knew a Mrs. George T. Langhorne whose husband was then president of the Society of the Friends of China. I could write to her and suggest that I should speak to their society, but that could only be more for the general conditions in China and not exclusively for Ginling. If you should have some idea of the approximate dates when I should be in Chicago, perhaps I may try to write to her from Europe. However, it may not be of much use to write in the summer when they may be away from Chicago, and there may be time enough for me to write to them after coming to Williamstown, so I shall look for your suggestion on this point on reaching Montreal.

The Mrs. John Paul Welling whom I knew at Banff seems to be interested in China. You might also look up as to what sort of a standing that family has.

I have been dictating letters to College this-morning and my head is pretty tired just now, so I had better stop, and not go on with this uninteresting letter!

With best wishes and love to you and
Rebecca.

Affectionately yours,



Mrs. T.D. MacMillan,
Suite 903,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, U.S.A.

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Ack. by post-card, Aug. 14, fr. Springfield, Maine.

London

Aug. 1st 1936

Edinburgh House, 2 Eaton Gate
London, S.W. 1.

Dear Miss Hodge
Miss Priest,

I have just read over the
copy of Miss Priest's letter to you
which she sent home. I am both
glad and sorry that she explained
the salary-question in the way
she did. She made it clear that
the field did nothing but carrying
out the action of the Board of Founders,
and this confirmed what I stated
to you emphatically. But I am
sorry that she was used to a term-
inology different from what the
Bd of Founders used, and this
will make Miss Priest's explana-
tion to the new faculty members
difficult. Now that I am in London,
in the field now in close
consultation with the Founders, may
I suggest a compromise, or rather
a working formula for the time
being until the Founders meet
next time to consider the whole
problem? What I wish to offer
as a solution is really the
mathematical sign of equation =

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between the Founders' team in principle, "adjustment of charges" and the team used on the field in practice, "the cut." Because in reality the two teams, refer to the same results which are widely different in meaning. I fully appreciate the insistence from your side that the basic salary should not be compared with it and so this adjustment can not be called "cut." And, I am sure the foreign faculty all understand this important principle behind the Founders' action. The difference comes in the actual operation of the pay unit to the College by each foreign faculty, that portion of the gain in exchange in our salary as required by the Founders' suggestion. As we want to go through to "new college salaries" and the holding paying back to the College, each month after the 1st of January. Let's look further on this since the day.

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of fluctuation in exchange, the
Mexican money has been paid
in gold checks, so each person has
to wait till the U.S. currency is
changed into Mexican before he
can pay back to the College a
whatever portion of the gain in
exchange due to College. It was
wished to avoid such trouble
in the practical management
both for the College Treasurer and
the individuals of faculty that
that portion due to College was
figured out ^{beforehand} & deducted from
the pay checks in gold. It was
then, in this way, that the "cut"
got to be made.

I am very sorry for you, Miss Priest,
for this letter from Miss Priest seems
to make your task even harder
in explaining our salary system
to new faculty members. I hope
my suggestion of putting a line between
the two letters, and of explaining
that one refers to principles of
the college in practice may
save you the blame. That you
have not been fair. I remember

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I gave you a figure in U.S. currency
as what each foreign member
actually receives after the ex-
change in exchange is made.
Now I found I had you \$61 per
month and not \$62.50 as Miss
Pierce wrote in her letter.
This additional discrepancy
was entirely due to my
not having done it for Assistant
Secretary to Miss Sharp - a
man. Please note that the President
does not carry such figures
accurately in his book. I
am very sorry indeed, Miss
Graham, for this additional trouble
I caused you.

I proposed a new "for the
time being" in my suggestion for
the important is also for Sir
to face is to consider how the
Boards are administered their
salaries and. Since the adjoint
went of the Board was adopted
in accordance to what other
Boards were doing, our Board
of Trustees has to consider
the question when other Boards

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have modified their "adjustments".
 From the viewpoint of the practical
 needs of the people in the field, I
 fully support what Miss Priest
 wrote for I knew too that several
 took Chinese food for economic
 reasons and several had to stop
 scholarship or other help to Chinese
 friends. The other thing Miss Priest
 did not mention is that living cost
 is getting higher as work is be-
 coming less modernized capital.

In regard to the whole question
 of self-sustaining houses for faculty,
 I have not time to go into it today.
 Personally I still feel it is not
 practical, we should follow, in
 fact it is what such people as
 Anna Moffet and other singers
 have in do that by. I mean, the
 mission provided only the house
 and the individual, Missions
 gave support of business. I am
 going to write Miss Moffet for infor-
 mation so that we may have it for
 reference when this question is to
 be fully discussed by the Board
 of Trustees.

I don't know if anyone from
 College has written you about the

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encouraging news from several angles. The number of applicants for the Entrance Examination was 280, the largest we ever had, I remember about 80 more than last year. And we always have many more for the Entrance Examination in August. Miss Priest told me (on July 7) that the government grants were just announced and that we received \$12,000 Mex. for 1936-37, 2000 more than last year while the total of the grants to all institutions remained the same. Mrs. New started with her promotion of Committee ^{financial} campaigns among alumni, and she wrote me that \$7500 Mex. has been pledged. From her letter I gather that she hoped to get \$30,000 as endowment from alumni and students. She did not write fully of the plans, so I can not tell you all. However she did mention that she was so happy to hear of the endowment plan in America. And she wanted me

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to go back soon to start the
campaign among our friends,
friends of the College; as many
other institutions are asking the
same people we should not
wait after the "one topped
day" to see how it works.

I am getting ready to go to
the Continent for four weeks, and
I expect to have a long visit
with Mrs. Thompson before I
leave for London on Aug. 4th. I have
sent my forwarding addresses
to Mrs. Macmillan's Office, so
if you wish to write me this
month you may ask Miss Tyson
to address the letters. I expect
to reach Montreal on Sept. 10 on
S.S. Duquesne & Richmond. I have
enjoyed very much my stay in
England, and especially
Miss Spicer's family. I have been
very good to me everywhere
where I have been. I was to be here
for June & July from the beginning
a little more.

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In Berlin I shall meet six Sincere
Physical Education people - both
present - a former faculty and two
graduates in the department - and
a graduate that was to have
accompanied me to Japan for money
raising. I'll come with an
athletic group just for the tour.
One of the six is Tami Yaman (1929)
who is going on to Washington to
study at Harvard. Li-Ming, Edith
Harold, Li-Ming, Glad, B. A. G. in
China are among the six. And
Miss Ginn, you know Chang
Harris - can too. So I shall have
a real Sincere reunion in Berlin.
Mrs. Lucia, Tang Lin, etc. to invite.
Mrs. T. Condon, Miss Cadden, myself,
and a group of four (Glad, Sam, Ying)
to dinner after they arrive at
London on Wednesday.

This is a big holiday season in
England, and I can not help thinking
of holiday for my time as I hope
to work in each both during the
week and from - Sat.

With best wishes and looking
forward to see you in 2nd Oct!

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Minnich
Aug. 13, 1936

Dear Rebecca,

Before I go to bed to-
night, I must write
you a few lines about
one item of business that
has slipped my mind
and may be on yours, that
is, my academic dress
for the Harvard celebration.
I thought the best way
is to borrow a gown & cap
in the exact and borrow a
hood from Miss Linger.
I am writing Mrs. Kivi
(Mrs. Wood's daughter - a
Wichitan alumna) to
get a hood for me, and
I was to write Miss Ellen
Cook to borrow the other
things when I realized
I did not have her address.

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So I changed my mind
I decided to bother you.
I am afraid, however, that
most people are still on
vacation till middle of
September, so Miss Cook
may not be able to get
it. The other way is to
rent a room and copy
from Boston. If the latter
is more workable, do you
know of any person in
Boston that may be able
to do this for me? If not,
you may have to write to
my efficient hostess
in Boston to do this for
me: Mrs. Wm. Tudor
Gardner, 184 Beacon Street,
Boston. Or Dr. Constock Roddick
may be able to help me out.
I suddenly remember
that you said once it is

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best to have the outfit made, but I wish to assure you that I do have my own gown and cap in China, and no one should spend any money to get another "set" for me.

I am very sorry that I have to trouble you for this, but I know that if I leave it to myself I'd again delay - I won't do anything until the last minute. So, because of my procrastination, my friends have to do so many things for me. I ^{can} only feel grateful to you all. The last few days in Berlin were very

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first. Do you know that
Hsuan, Li-ming, Tseri Ya-
lan, An Yu-fai & An Jung-
yuen, (both finishing P.E. 1931)
Mrs. Grace Zin Chen, Chang
Hwei-lan, & two other
Y.W. Normal School gra-
duates, were all there?
They were among the
group of 30 that came
to observe & study the
Physical Education in
various countries, and
of course the Olympics.
My youngest cousin,
Chen Hwei's youngest
brother, was also there
having come to study
in Germany last summer
when. So, I had both a
family reunion & a
family visit. I better
stop to write to Mrs. Kivi
lovingly & say

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R.M.S. Duchess of Richmond
Friday Morning

Dear Eva
Rebecca,

Thank you ever so
much for your letter.
I also received your
kind card of welcome
yesterday afternoon.

I am hoping
to take the morning
train to Boston, and
I wish Mrs. Cosh-
man the time of
arrival in Prov-
idence.

I wrote "hoping"
because I am not
sure if there is time
to go thru the Im-
migration Office
before the train
leaves. I'll do my

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R.M.S.

Let me enter the
train, if not there
is a good night train
and get to bed
at night in time
for the morning;
and I shall not have
that chance of talking
to Mrs. Crossman
before hand.

The immigration
problem for the
Chinese is for ever
a serious one. Much
time and money
is being spent because
it is so easily
solved with a whole

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R.M.S. _____

for the month. Not
to leave the U.S.
to leave - but also
the ship goes -
our own people in
the ship. I'm not
going to the
the X. Office
for the last 2 days,
but I hope for
good luck.

My dear
I hope to hear from
you later when you get
to the U.S. to the White
House. Ann. Board.
(14 Beacon St.) is
calling a meeting.

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I have in V and
to his way and on
19th or 15th

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Sunday Morning
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Dear Rebecca,

I was just going to
write you a few lines
when your special delivery
came.

I can not thank you ^{enough}
for your most thoughtful
planning & concern
about me personally.

Please fang-sin, I got
over my madness long
ago and I stood yesterday
quite well. Mrs. Cochran
is doing fine & is certainly
backing Jim & me
enthusiastically. She
has made a fortune
to meet quite a few
rich people. While
she says we can

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Just ask any one how
you think the contents
are valuable. All those
present yesterday seemed
interested, - d. Mrs.

Cushman was, so is -
find with my showing

The two other things
left out from the

List are: a ~~box~~ ^{box} by the
Newport College ^{Warren} Club

where I spoke about G.C.
and a dinner Mrs. Cush-

man hoped to get this
evening - d. I did not

materially. Newport
is celebrating the 300

anniversary of Rhode I.
and at the religious

Service this afternoon

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I ~~was~~ I can find a
place on the platform.
Mrs. E. with the
phone and it has been
arranged that Mrs.
Cushman's car will
take me to Woods
Hole this evening
after the tea with
Mrs. Moses Taylor. To-
morrow afternoon 9:45
go to Boston and have
a night at the
Bellevue Hotel. Thank
you so much for the
suggestion, for I was
wondering where I
could find a day
before the full days
toward celebration. 26

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4.

it were not for rain.
I was sea-sick all
the way till we got
into St. Lawrence, ~~at~~
I ought to be in a
much better condition
to flying into such
a day as yesterday.
I have not had
a good sleep, - I can't
think of anything
special to ask you
to do. In Detroit
I do hope for some
possibilities, as I am
unusually good.
Could you write to Roper
for me if he could not
see the University?

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Women Club in Detroit.

To arrange a tea or
- meeting for me. Mrs.

Stark (a Methodist).

I have several
suggestions for presenting
to Warden, but I
don't know what is
the best way to
speak to Mr. Fisk.
Very truly a hint, if you
you and I will be
greatly appreciated.

I'll write to Mrs.
Thompson and Mrs.
from Boston before
going to Mrs. Gardiner.
I also hope to do some
thing for the
S. J. C. I'll be
in Sept. 15. Much appreciation
W. J. G.

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The Parkside

Eighteen Gramercy Park
SOUTH
NEW YORK

Sunday
9:45 P.M.

Dear Rebecca,

Miss Wainger & Miss
was so kind as to arrange
taking me to town in
her car, as she has to
come here & stay in
the morning anyway.

This morning my
talk was well received
and Mr. Wroughton seemed
satisfied with it.
Miss Winger, Miss
Hartledge were there.
I of course thanked
Miss Winger & told
her that I had had a
letter written when
I was in Boston.

I slept very hard
in Plainfield & am

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going to bed early
to night, so I shall
be ready for the
program during
this week.

Last afternoon Miss
Tayson met me, took
me to the Ferry. The
roads were bad
while I got there,
as they returned
from Washington
a day earlier than
expected.

There was abso-
lutely no way of
mailing the letter
on Friday, as I
knew Eva would
be visiting you, I
did not worry. Now
as I have no stamp

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at hand, I am using
that old ²spool.

Looking forward
with much joy to
seeing you on Tuesday.
Agate for Steve
W. Lang.

P.S.

Miss Tyson is
coming to take
me to the affairs
meeting tomorrow
morning. I'd do
my best to interest
Mrs. Jones.

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1. Last May when we gave the first entrance tests almost 300 applicants. A year ago there were not quite 200. Usually toward the end of August we have a second set of tests. We can take at the most only 80 new students.
2. Condition of the housing of faculty. After I left we plans were changed. One of the main factors involved was the large number of applicants. They have released one of the four regular dormitories for students. It had originally been built for them but had been used for faculty. Felt that there was so much crowding in the others that the students would resent the large amount of room given to faculty. If we have an enrollment of 250 some of the rooms will still have to accommodate three girls. The infirmary is back of Dormitory D and with full southern exposure.
3. The two roads originally planned will never be built through; have documents from the municipal and national governments guaranteeing this.
4. Effort of the Alumnae Association and Mrs. Nu, its head, started a campaign and within a few days in Shanghai she got pledges for \$7,500 Mexican; hoped to get \$10,000 Mexican before the end of this summer.

Attempt to start to encourage the taking out of life insurance policies by the alumnae and making Ginling the beneficiary. Two have been taken - one for \$2,00 and one for \$5,000, by two different alumnae members.

5. I have had word that our application for renewal of the government grant has been granted. Last year was \$10,000. This year to be \$12,000 which was the original figure. This is in the face of reductions in the same of some of the private institutions. The government has been checking very closely on the expenditures. The \$2,000 is for the purchase of a grand piano.



On Board S. S. Empress of Canada

Dear Friends:

While the boat carries me westward towards China, my mind travels eastward to the States. I find myself thinking of the many friends and places I could not visit and of those friends I visited but far too hurriedly. How I would like to write each of you individually! As that is beyond my ability, I hope you will kindly excuse me for using this impersonal method.

From experience I have found that the easiest way to give an account of anything is to start from the beginning. It happens that I am Chairman of the National Christian Council in China for 1935-37, and in that capacity I was called by cable in May to attend the meeting of the Ad Interim Committee of the International Missionary Council in London. It was quite an undertaking to leave College toward the end of the school year, with eight days' notice, yet the faculty and the executive committee of the Board of Directors in China were all in favor of my going, and they were willing to take on extra responsibilities during my absence.

Under the Chairmanship of Dr. John R. Mott, we were to plan in London for a World Conference to be held in China in the autumn of 1938. The decision to hold this at Hangchow is gratifying, for the Chinese saying, "Above is heaven, below are Soochow and Hangchow," indicates the scenic beauty of the city. Furthermore it is easily reached from Shanghai by rail or automobile within four or five hours, and on the quiet shores of the West Lake the conference can have undisturbed deliberations and fellowship.

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I was invited after this meeting to attend the conference of the British Missionary Societies. I was very glad to learn something of their extensive work and of the British way of managing a conference. Toward the end of August I also attended the summer conference of the Student Christian Movement at Swanwick. It was a large gathering of over 400 young men and women, and I was impressed with the program and their thinking on religious matters.

It took some time to understand the educational system in England. It may be that the strength of their education lies in the diversified types of institutions and in the freedom for individual development. At Oxford and Cambridge one cannot but be deeply impressed with the rich heritage through the centuries and the atmosphere of learning in the different Colleges. I understand more fully than before that the Great War wiped out a generation in England, because in every college, school, and church I saw the rolls of honor on the walls.

Mrs. Thurston arrived in London on the big bank holiday in August. Since she had left Ginling two months after I had, I learned from her about the closing of the college year and the preparation for the fall opening. The list of Government grants to Universities for 1936-37 was out, and Ginling received the sum of 12,000 Yuan, which represented an increase of 2,000 Yuan over the grant of last year. The construction of the new faculty house was going on smoothly and it was expected to be ready in September. This was to release for student use the dormitory used for thirteen years by women of the staff. Even with this additional provision we are not solving the problem of student housing, because the dormitories were planned to take care of 200 girls, while we have, according to a recent letter from the college, a total enrollment of 260 students this fall.

My two months in England went by too swiftly. Miss Eva Spicer's sisters and other friends made me at home the moment I arrived in London, and they helped me in all sorts of ways to see England and to know the English. I saw too in England Chinese friends. In Oxford I had a delightful visit with Miss Li Chi, Ginling 1931, and Miss Z. N. Loh, Wellesley 1924, who was formerly on the Ginling staff, and is now doing special work in mathematics at Oxford. Li Chi is a British Boxer Indemnity Fund scholar through successfully passing the competitive examination. I was very glad to hear from her supervisor that she was doing splendid work and was just completing her thesis on Shelley and Li Po, the famous poet of the T'ang dynasty. Just before leaving London I was greatly surprised to see Dr. Shan-ming Tao, Ginling 1922, Johns Hopkins Sc.D. Dr. Tao is the technical expert and vice-director of the National Epidemic Prevention Bureau in Peiping. She has been sent by the National Health Administration on an investigation tour to Europe and America to keep in touch with the latest scientific developments in the preparation of vaccines and sera. She was then in London, as the only representative from China, at the International Congress for Microbiology.

For a vacation I went to beautiful Switzerland, but attended too while I was at Chambry the meeting of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, and the Universal Council for Life

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and Work of the Church. On my way to Switzerland I visited Berlin. It was the time of the Olympic games. With the Chinese teams was a group of 30 official observers, who were physical education directors. There were nine women in this group and only one of them was not connected with Ginling. Four were alumnae, two were formerly on the staff, and two were graduates of the Y.W.C.A. Physical Training Normal School, which became combined with the college department in 1925. It may be of interest to you to know what these four graduates are doing. Mrs. Chen Hwang Li-ming, Ginling 1927, Wellesley M.A. 1931, is the head of our department; Miss Ya-lan Tsui, 1929, has given valuable service on the departmental staff and is doing graduate work at Wellesley this year; Miss Du Lung-yuen, 1931, has been on the staff of the Hopei Women's Normal College in Tientsin; and Miss Du Yu-fei of the same class is Principal of a Girls' Physical Education School in Shanghai, the school rated first among all the Physical Education Schools by the inspector from the Ministry of Education last year.

I must come to my wonderful experience in the States and first to the Tercentenary Celebration of Harvard University. The two elements of space and time were well represented there. The long history of 300 years of Harvard itself was significant enough, but among the delegates present were those representing institutions dating back to the tenth century in Egypt and in Italy, the eleventh century in France, and the twelfth in England. Ginling College appeared as an infant, coming as the 465th in the chronological order of the 502 institutions represented. At the luncheon given by the President and Faculties of Harvard, Dr. Hu Shih spoke for China and said that we had had academies as early as the second century B.C., but from the lack of self-perpetuating organization, universities in China date only from the last century. Throughout the three-day celebration we were deeply impressed with Harvard's achievements, its educational program and policies, and the loyal sentiments of its alumni. We went away strengthened in our conviction concerning the lasting influence of educational work. I personally had a warm feeling of gratitude for the opportunity of being present and for the delightful hospitality which I received in the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Tudor Gardiner.

In New York the Board of Founders met with me. I was deeply touched, having gone through the last few difficult years, with their keen satisfaction with the growth of the college, their full confidence in me and my colleagues, their thorough understanding of the situation of the college, and their determination to increase its support with the projected \$300,000 endowment fund. Now I return with renewed courage to the task of training women of ability, of character, and with a Christian conception of service. Such workers are in great demand in the tremendous reconstruction program of China today. In my few days in New York I was also honored with important opportunities for speaking of the women of China, and I had the pleasure of meeting old friends and making new ones.

In Newport Mrs. James Cushman of the Board of Founders of the College took me to her home. There I met many distinguished people, among them Mrs. Maude Howe Elliott, the daughter of Julia Ward Howe. Admiral Kalbfus, the president of the Naval War College, and Mrs.

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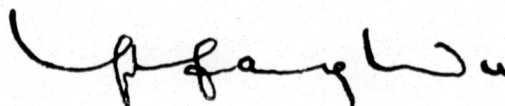
Kalbfus welcomed me to their home. I was given there the special honor and privilege of speaking to the prominent and experienced men who compose this College.

I am especially indebted to Smith College women, who showed every courtesy to me and deep interest in their sister college. Mrs. Gleason, the President of the Alumnae Association, greatly honored me by inviting me to her beautiful home and by sponsoring the impressive and delightful Smith luncheon in Boston at which I met so many splendid women. In Woods Hole I had the pleasure of visiting Mrs. Blount, who had much to do with Smith's adoption of Ginling. In Chicago I had the pleasure to meet Miss Ellen Holt who gave of her time to me, time very valuable because of the preparations for the Smith-in-Chicago week-end. Frederica Mead Hiltner, Smith 1911, and Ginling's longtime friend, gave me a happy two days for me.

I carry away from America a most precious memory of the warm friendship which greeted me everywhere. From Newport, where I was met immediately after landing in Montreal, to Seattle, where I made my first stop before sailing, I was overwhelmed by the reception given me by friends old and new. Keen interest in Ginling and in China was evident from the ready response to what I had to tell, whether about the work of the Chinese women in general, or the conditions in China today.

May I express my grateful thanks and deep appreciation to you and all, in Newport, Woods Hole, Cambridge, Boston, Williamstown, New York, Plainfield, Dobbs Ferry, Rochester, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago, and Seattle. I wish that time and space would permit me to share with each of you how greatly my life has been enriched by your friendliness and through the experiences in these different places, but I must be content to mention but one more. While in friendly Detroit and Ann Arbor, my American home, I spoke at a dinner on October the tenth, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Republic of China. Memories carried me back to my student days in Michigan, and still farther to exactly twenty years ago when, a Sophomore at Ginling, I made my maiden speech on the National Holiday. I had high hopes as a young enthusiast for the new Republic, and I today have high hopes for China. It is not blind optimism ignoring facts nor complacent belief in the absorbing powers of our race. It is hope based on the remarkable results of reconstruction of the last few years and strengthened by our new spirit of determination for self-preservation.

Sincerely yours,



YI-FANG WU.

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Rec'd Sep. 17th

Boston

Sept. 15, 1936

Dear Miss Hoag,

I wish to thank you
very much for your good
letter to the boat.

I had found intention
to prepare a docket for
the B & F. Lawrence, writing
when I cross to
Atlantic. But I am
ashamed to admit
that I was so busy
all the way until
we entered the B. Lawrence
and then the immigration
~~problem~~ of train-connection
took much time &
energy, - & I did nothing
whatsoever on the boat.

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Consult the before meeting

2. 4-15-36

After I come to h. if
if it should be possible
for me to talk to you
before the meeting, it
may help the matters
concerning faster at the
meeting.

Items for Agenda

Registration

Land registration
is of course a very im-
portant matter. The
other points I have
thought of just now
are: 1. Candidate Com.
2. Foreign salary, which
you have in mind to take
up. Could you or Miss Tyler
secure information from
other Women Boards for
an reference at the
meeting? 3. Points raised
at the Annual meeting

Agenda

3. 9-15-36 last April

yell Red y Founders: a.
Personal - houses by Foundry
b. age limit, c. Foundry
houses, self-sufficient.
(That is, those living there
to pay for services, light
heat, water, etc.)

a. & b. should be con-
sidered again, in view
yell fact that several
members - Mrs. T. Amerson
Dr. Reeve, Mrs. T. Amerson
capable workers, are all
over 60. - & Mrs. T. Amerson
had in mind to build
a house for herself.

c. does not need im-
mediate decision, because
letters from College
indicate that temporary
arrangement has been

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made for next year..

Point no. 1 is a very
delicate question & I
wondered whether to open
it at the meeting.
Miss Workman is so
much interested in
helping Sirling & really
knows about the need,
but the actual difficulty
is that she is too busy
herself - & the work
has to be left in the
hands of her secretary.
Last year if Miss Sirling
had not stepped out at the
last minute, there
might not be any
concern of a sort of
going out from this
summer. I mention

5.

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This here, I tell you
may advise if the
Board need to open
the question at all.

Will you kindly
excuse such a hurried
note?

Looking forward
to seeing you so soon
Most sincerely
W. J. Langley

P.S.

I received your postal
card and want to
thank you for it.

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September 30, 1936

Dr. Yi-fang Wu
% Miss Rebecca W. Griest
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Dr. Wu:

This letter is coming to you through Miss Griest together with the enclosed amount of \$100.

Ginling Board does not wish you to be in any way embarrassed by expenses in connection with your travel in this country. The Board wishes to underwrite all the expenses to which you have been put, aside from the \$1,000 set aside for this purpose by the International Missionary Council. This will include extra travel, hotel, meals, taxis and tips, and so forth. The expense account does not need to be made out in great detail and if you could generalize it would be perfectly satisfactory. I am enclosing a little expense record which I have found helpful. Do not try to do this day by day or in any way that will mean great work for you and do not use it at all if you can do it in a simpler way. I only enclose this in case it might simplify things for you.

It looks to me now as though I would not see you before you leave for China. I am terribly sorry about this but know exactly how full your time has been and we shall have to postpone our visit until your next trip. My love and very best wishes will accompany you as you go West and we shall be loving each other whether we are close together or far apart.

I shall hope to send you the Ginling minutes at the boat, if not before.

With deep affection,

Sincerely yours,

Florence G. Tyler, Secretary

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