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Dr. Hu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.  
July 5, 1946

Dear Dr. Hu:

Cables. Your cable has just been received and I have replied with a cable saying that we have appointed Miss Helen Plaum as your secretary, that Miss Foster will not be coming, that the Methodists have appointed Dr. Reed and that we still think Juilliard is the best place for Miss Hu Shih-tsang. My letter of June 24th, which I hope you will have had quite promptly, explains about Dr. Reed, Miss Foster, and Miss Plaum. We are all most happy indeed about securing the latter as your secretary. Everything that we have heard about her is good and I like her letters very much. I think she is going to be a real comfort to you. Mr. Evans is working on the arrangements to get her out and we hope that there will be no delay. In my letter I also explained why Miss Foster is not coming. The more she and her guardians thought about it, the more they were inclined to agree with the recommendations of the Ginling Board, that is that she do her graduate study and thus acquire a little more age and experience before she starts out to China. She has all of the youth and charm and enthusiasm that I want to see on the Ginling campus, and I am sure that she will develop into a very fine person. She has promised to keep in touch with us, and I am hoping that in a few years' time, she can go as a regular faculty member. For the present, however, I am sure that the decision not to go is the best. I also wrote you that the Methodists definitely appointed Dr. Reed and are assigning her to Ginling, and we all rejoice. I have just been talking to Louise Robinson and she says that Dr. Reed is anxious to get started as quickly as possible and the Methodists are making all travel arrangements for her at once. I am sure she will bring strength to the entire child welfare program in Nanking, and I am very happy that she is to be a part of the Ginling faculty.

Hu Shih-tsang. I gather from your cable that Miss Hu has some reluctance about going to Juilliard and would prefer either Oberlin or some school in St. Louis. I have had word from Oberlin that they are completely full and cannot consider any applications before the fall of 1947. My correspondence with Catharine Sutherland would lead me to believe that Miss Hu might be accepted in some studio in St. Louis, but I felt from Catharine's letters that she would consider Juilliard preferable. I therefore gave you that information in the cable I sent this morning. Another thing to be considered is the fact that Juilliard was very kind in giving Miss Hu the permission to register at Juilliard before they had seen her transcript. I think it was done because of Stella's work at Juilliard and her recommendation to Dr. Wedge. Since the choice seemed to be between St. Louis and Juilliard, and since Miss Hu was already accepted at Juilliard for the coming year and the time for correspondence with St. Louis was so very limited, it seemed definitely best to me for Miss Hu to plan to go to Juilliard.

As I have said to you in my previous letter and again in the cable, it is very important for us to have some indication of the approximate date of Miss Hu's arrival in America. Housing is really desperate here and we have to have some information to go on if we are to get her a place to live. I hope your next letter will bring me also some information about her financial resources. As I said to you before, Mr. Corbett thinks we can get some help for her through the Scholarship Committee of the Associated Boards. I have not yet made definite application for such aid, as I have been waiting to hear from you about her resources and how much additional she will need.

Hung Dah-ling. Hung Dah-ling and her husband left America a few weeks ago, bound for Nanking. They were not sure how long they would be in Nanking, but I know that Hung Dah-ling herself jokingly said that he could move around but that she expected to stay put. The point of this is that I think it is entirely possible that ~~she~~ she would be available for piano teaching at Ginling. I did not make her a proposition; in fact, I did not talk

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to her definitely about it, as I did not know your ideas on the subject. I did find out indirectly that she would be very much interested in teaching at Ginling and also that she hoped to stay more or less permanently in the city. I understand that she is a very good teacher and she may be able to give just the help that the Music Department needs during the coming months.

Beds. Mr. Evans has just told us that 5,000 beds are on the way from one of the South Pacific Islands to China for the Christian Colleges. The few hundred for Ginling are certainly in the lot and we rejoice.

Refresher Scholarships. The application for scholarship aid for Dr. Djang Hsiang-lan and Dr. Lung has been put with other similar applications in the hands of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. At present a subcommittee of this Committee is handling this matter. I do not think there is a great deal of chance that any of these refresher scholarships can be awarded for the fall of 1946. There are two reasons for this. One is that it is practically impossible to get anyone into American colleges now for the term opening in September, and the other is the regulations that must be formulated and met before such scholarships can be awarded. I hope very much that in another year's time all of the difficulties will be overcome and that a number of the people from China, including Dr. Djang and Dr. Lung, will be in America on these refresher scholarships.

Hsiung Ya-na. Since Miss Highbaugh has been largely instrumental in getting Miss Hsiung into Cornell, I am going to take up with her the matter of a room for Miss Hsiung. I am sure that Miss Highbaugh will be able to find something for her. We will let you know what luck we have.

Louise Shoup. When your cable reached me, it read "Urge approach Louise Shou teaching major English." I interpret this to mean Louise Shoup, and will do what I can to get in touch with her. We lost her address, or rather she was not at the last address we had for her, and now I do not know how to reach her. I interpret your cable to mean that the English Department is desperately in need of at least one additional experienced teacher. I have been trying to find such a person all spring and summer, and will continue the search. Of course, if we can get Miss Shoup, that will be splendid, but if that fails, we will do our best to find someone else.

Liu En-lan. I have heard nothing from Liu En-lan since she arrived in America. My last letter said she was due in New Orleans June 25th and would go straight to Washington. I look forward to seeing her but am now beginning to be afraid that she will be in New York while I am away on vacation.

"Dance". We will see that the magazine "Dance" is ordered for Peggy Lin.

Best wishes to all.

Cordially yours,

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Via China Clipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Ginling College  
Room 903 - 150 Fifth Avenue  
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Dear Sirs:

I enclose herewith check for \$100.00 as a gift to Dr. Yi-fang Wu for Ginling College from the Faculty Women's Club of the University of Michigan.

It was at Michigan that Dr. Wu took her Master's Degree in 1924 and her Ph.D. in 1928, in preparation for the educational leadership for the women of China, in which she has since taken so outstanding a part.

Now, after the close of this disastrous second World War, we wish to extend a helping hand to the women of China, and to Ginling College, whose campus has suffered so heavily by the Japanese invasion.

May I request that this sum be sent to Dr. Wu directly, not as a part of any general fund. We should like it to be spent at her personal discretion, for some project for which she might otherwise not have the money.

At some later date, we should be glad to hear from Dr. Wu directly, as to how this money has been used.

If her plans mature so that a letter could reach us early next April in time for our Annual Meeting, it would be greatly appreciated.

The newly elected President of the Faculty Women's Club for 1946-47 is Mrs. Alexander G. Ruthven, wife of the President of the University.

Yours very truly,

(signed)

Helen F. Bradshaw

Mrs. J. W. Bradshaw

President 1944-46

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July 8th, 1946.

Dear Eric Mills,

I am writing this letter at the request of Dr. Lu, she has gone over the main points and will read the letter through, but she did not dictate it, owing to lack of time. There are so many things to be seen to just now, and there are so many callers that here life is terribly full.

His letter is to follow up the cable that was sent about approaching Louise Brown to see if she could possibly come out this fall. The cable was only sent after a conference between Florence Kirk and Bill Penn regarding the position of the English Departments in both places.

At present the situation is as follows. The University of ranking are in communication with a young Ph.D in English, most being Dr Penn seemed to think was about 50% likely. The addition to this possibility Mr Eugene Johnson, the acting head of the Department in French Language, can give 6 credits of the required amount of major work. We have Floren Kirk who gives her full time to major work, and in addition Evelyn Walmsley could at the maximum perhaps give one course in major work, but her time is really fully occupied with the work of a graduate research assistant and sophomore so that Florence calculated that if the Ph.D. came to the University we would still need one full time person to meet all the required work, and if he did not we should need two.

Dr. Lee Sharp showed a good possibility to follow up. She has already been here before and we know her, and the students liked her as a teacher when she was here before. She has been studying some part of the time since she left here, and is well up in her subject. We should, of course, be glad for her to come for three years, and in that case college would pay the travel, if she came for only one, she would have to pay it herself.

In addition to asking you to approach Louise Shoup, I have written to a niece of mine in England who teaches English, but we are not following that up if Louise can come. In any case it is extremely unlikely that Rosemary could come. If Louise cannot come, are there any other possibilities? Bill Fenn is flying back to the States this week, so you will be able to consult him and see if the Ph D for the University of Nanking has been secured. You will see that the situation is rather desperate, and we open on Sept 9th. If Louise can come, we know that you will do all you can to secure her a passage. In the meantime we will keep you informed as to whether or not we hear of any possibilities out here or in England. But Florence and Bill did not have any suggestions to offer.

Dr Wu asked me to thank you for your last cable, which informed us that a secretary- Miss Plaum- had been appointed at which news Dr Wu was delighted and greatly relieved. It also said that Miss Reed was appointed, which is good news, but that Miss Foster was not available. She sounded like a good person, but I think it might have had its difficulties. Thank you for the information also about Hu Shih-tsang, it is extremely difficult to say when she will arrive, as there are at present no definite boats in view, though everybody seems to think that there will be one in August. With all good wishes, Yours sincerely, *Shih*

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2 enclosures (1)

(1) Letter to Chi Meng  
Miss Fu Shih-tsang

Dear Mrs Mills,

Dr Wu has asked me to write to you her behalf. There are two enclosures in this letter. The first is a letter from Dr Wu to Dr Chi Meng of the China Institute. I think it will explain itself. Dr Wu saw a representative of the China Institute, who was then in Shanghai, and asked him to engage a room at the International House for the Miss Fu Shih-tsang. I gather that you also are looking, and Dr Wu is anxious that if you do find anything, which I am sure is very difficult these days, and it is cheaper Miss Wu should take what you have found, and then the room at the International House should be cancelled, and this letter is to be sent to Dr Meng if need arises to cancel the room. Dr Wu tells me that she added a few lines to the letter I wrote you at her request about Louise Shoup, and I gather it was on this matter. I am not sure exactly what she wrote, however, with what she wrote, with what I have now written, and the enclosed letter, I hope it is clear.

The other enclosure is an account of the trip of our fifth bus, which was so bad, written by the girl who was the leader. She is Miss Dju En-dien, one of our own graduates and now working in the Physical Education Department. She is the daughter of L.D. Dju (sometimes romanised in Shanghai I think L.D. Djo) who worked for a time in the National Christian Council, and more recently in the Christian Literature Society. I am not sure whether he is still with them or not. She wrote the original in Chinese and it was translated by another member of our Faculty into English. I have left the English with one or two small exceptions as it was, it is a little more vivid this way I think, and suggests the Chinese rather more. A knowledge of Romanisation is not a thing that Chinese know, where I knew the standard Romanisation I have used that, but where I did not know what name she was referring to, I have left it as she used it. The person whom she refers to as General Chang, first, I think be the station master at Sian, whose daughter has just graduated from Ginling, I think probably the official term in Chinese is more dignified in sound than our Station Master, but I don't believe he is a general. Governor Dju of Sian's daughter also graduated from Ginling this year.

Dr Wu wanted me to explain a little about her present position, and why she just has to tell me what to do, and has no time to deal adequately with her correspondence herself. She really is in rather a deperate position. She hoped that both the treasurer, ~~the~~ Bao, and her Chinese Secretary (who was also in Chengtu controller, but won't be so here) would be here by the end of June. They had gone down to Chungking to see about our freight there, and got there just at the time when the river block was at its worst. So they decided to come by the northern route. They left Chungking on June 19th, and owing to the heavy rains and the broken bridges they did not arrive in Baochi until July 6th, so they took even longer than the others who had such a bad time. We had a telegram from there, but even now I am not sure that their troubles are at end. We hear that the bridge over the Yellow River has been broken, so that will be further delay, and there are also now rumours, though they are only rumours, that the Communists have got off part of the line. So that heaven knows when they will arrive. With Laie gone to America, it means that Dr Wu has to take some responsibility for the paying out of money. One of the assistants in the office is doing a little of the work, but she can only do exactly what she is told.

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The lack of the Chinese secretary is also serious, as Mr. King is very familiar with the affairs of the College, and can write a good many of the letters with the minimum amount of instruction. So you see in addition to all the thousand and one problems of rehabilitation and refurnishing, and the business of engaging new faculty (and owing to the number that are going abroad etc we have an unusually large turnover there) other duties which are not hers by right have been added to her. And then of course there are endless visitors and a certain amount of necessary social duties so that the poor dear is really in a pretty bad way. She also has visits to Shanghai for various reasons. The last week of June she was there for the Presidents' meetings with Van Dusen etc. Now she has gone off again for various reasons, but especially for meetings with the alumnae about the possibility of raising money in Shanghai for the College. She was due to have gone last night, but owing to some mishap on the railway last night's train did not go, in fact three trains (4.30 pm, 9 pm and 10 pm did not go). It has been suggested that the trouble was that the Communists pulled up some of the rails, but again that is only rumour, I do not at all know whether that is true or whether it was a genuine accident and a train was derailed. Dr. Wu has started off by this morning's train - 9 am - as she has a speaking engagement at the Y.W. enlarged National Committee at 5 pm, but whether she will make it or not is rather doubtful, as even if the train starts all right, it is likely to be later, and it isn't due until 4.30 pm (I think).

When we first came I was sick for about three weeks, and Florence acted as her English secretary, at the end of last week Florence got sick (also tummy trouble) and I have been doing it since then. Florence, of course, is first choice, as she types much better than I do, and her letters look more professional, even when I really try to make everything look right, (and then it takes me a long time) it never does look at all professional. Fortunately most of the letters I have been doing for her have not been of the very official type. Florence is on the mend now, and I think by the end of the week should be back to normal again. Harriet has also been a little upset.

I do not know whether you knew that the sometime in April or May I think it was the State-Department Cultural Division of the American Embassy asked 26 institutions (universities and colleges) to recommend two of the younger faculty (under 35 I think) for fellowships in the U.S.A. We recommended two, Miss Chen Yu-ting of our Biology Department, and Miss Pan Yao-tsun of the English Department. We heard last week that Miss Chen Yu-ting had been selected but not Miss Pan, we had never really hoped for two. Apparently they put all the applications in one subject together, and then had a specialist look over them, and select. They did not take into consideration from what University they came, so that some institutions had two and some had none. I do not think they have published any list as to who got what. The University also got one, in the Economics. We are very happy about it, as we think Chen Yu-ting will do well. She has been doing some advanced study while she was an assistant with us, and has practically completed her work (if not quite) for an M.A. at Cheeloo. She has been working in the field of Parasitology, and asked me on her application to study at John Hopkins, I think her second choice was Chicago. She is a graduate of St.ilda's School Yuchang, a very active and good Christian, and intelligently interested in politics and other matters of public concern; so she is from our point of view an excellent candidate. We are glad that they



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chose them in this particular way, as it does not make it seem so much like a competition between the two. They were both graduates of 1941, and have both been on our faculty ever since, so that in many ways they were very much on a par. Miss Pan has not had quite the same opportunity as Miss Chen for advanced study, as there was no institution at Chengtu offering advanced work in English. She is a good steady worker, and a very charming person, but I think perhaps Miss Chen has more initiative. We hope that Miss Pan will find some means of going abroad next year.

You will probably hear of Dr Van Dusen's visit to Nanking direct, he, Dr Macmullen, and Bill Fenn arrived up here on the morning of Monday July 1st and left on the night train Wednesday July 3rd. We had a joint meeting with them and the University of Nanking on cooperation on Tuesday afternoon, and Dr Wu had had a previous discussion of the matter on Monday morning. They also came to see the campus on Monday afternoon, and had tea with us, and Dr Wu invited them to supper on Wednesday evening. Ruth and I were quite pleased with the meeting on Tuesday afternoon (there were three from the University, three from here, and three of them). We didn't get down to many concrete details, but we did decide on a general procedure, and we did have a fairly frank discussion of some of the difficulties; and I think the whole meeting would give Dr Van Dusen some added insight into the total situation. Though it may be that he was already pretty aware of how things stood.

Dr Wu was pretty well occupied with them during their stay, as in addition to the meetings I have already mentioned, she dined with them at the Ministry of Education on Tuesday evening, and arranged for interviews for Dr Van Dusen and the others with Madame Chiang on Wednesday afternoon, and Sun Fo on Wednesday evening, after our supper on the way to the station. She also borrowed a car for them and took them out to the Ming Combs and Sun Yat-sen's tomb in the earlier part of Wednesday afternoon; and she went with them to the interviews. A good deal of that telephoning she had to do herself, as when you are asking higher up people for things you more or less have to do the asking yourself.

On July 4th her social program included a tea meeting at the Y.W. where Mrs Chu (Grace Zia) was giving a short report of her experiences with the World's Y.W. in Washington and future plans, and the July 4th reception at the Embassy. On July 6th there was a reception at the Australian Minister's, and she also went out for a drive with Mrs Marshall. On Tuesday July 9th she (with our help) entertained Mrs Marshall to tea, and took her round the campus, and so it goes. You cannot avoid all social events, and very often you can do some business at them, as you see a lot of people.

The great problem at the moment is the question of salaries, and as Dr Wu had got a good many new people to ask it is a real problem. The Chinese faculty have been receiving during the war years about 10% of the purchasing power of their pre-war salaries, and according to investigation the Nanking faculty (mostly married of course) report that their salaries paid 50% of their necessary expenditure. As you know the Associated Boards has approved of doubling the purchasing power, but that will still only be 20% of pre-war purchasing power, and it is doubtful whether they can get along on that (without taking other jobs) as though their salary in Chengtu covered 50% of their necessary expenditure, it was at a relatively low level of spending, and people were using up supplies of clothes of

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of better days, always thinking that they were living through an emergency period which would sometime come to an end. If the purchasing power is now doubled, it is highly unlikely that it will be sufficient to prevent the almost universal practice (among married people, at least, and of course some single people too) of taking some other kind of job to supplement their income. If the Christian Universities want to have whole time teachers again, it will, I should think, have to be raised even higher. At the 'residents' meeting in Shanghai they passed a report asking for a salary rate which would give them 50% of their pre-war purchasing power, which would mean almost five times their present amount. I say almost as it is perhaps a little over 10% of the purchasing power.

"We had a joint meeting with the University of Nanking last night discussing this problem, and while it seems as though the 50% of pre-war purchasing power is too great a sum to find anywhere, it does seem as though the doubling the last years' standard is not enough if we are to go back to a real effort to pay faculty a genuinely living wage, so that we shall have full-time workers. The question of fees is another headache. In Chengtu working on an emergency basis with relief funds to cover our expenses, the amount asked for fees was really hardly worth the collecting, last term it was 3,000.00 dollars. Now they want to raise them to the point where they will cover some small percentage of the budget, in order to do that a tremendous increase will be called for, probably a minimum for tuition fees and all incidentals of \$100,000.00, which of course is a tremendous jump, and yet even then it would mean that compared with pre-war standards we were collecting only 25% of what we previously collected in fees, of course these are rough figures, not accurate. These will have to be settled before we hold our entrance exams in the beginning of August, but prices are so fluctuating that it is very hard to decide even now what we should charge in September. We discussed these matters (with just one or two other smaller questions) for over two hours last night, and came to no final decision, though we did make one or two recommendations. So you can see some of the headaches that beset College administrators at this period.

We are rather pleased at the proportion of Ginling graduates that you have got scholarships under the Child Welfare Council and U.N.R.R.A. Of the five candidates being sent abroad, under the Child Welfare Council two are Ginling graduates (Miss Hsiung Ya-na who has been working in our Rural project, and Miss Chen Siu-djen who has been head of a War Orphanage, I think Florence has already sent you some account of both of them), one of the others - Miss Pearl Chien - is a graduate of Shanghai Baptist, I do not know where the other two come from, but one I think is a nurse. Of the four women chosen by U.N.R.R.A. (I think the total number is 36 or 32, and four are women) two are Ginling, one Yenching, and one a nurse. The two from Ginling are Miss Wang Yin-an, who was for a time in our Social Service work in Chengtu, and left there to go to this work in C.N.R.R.A. (I am not quite sure whether she had the job there before she left or not), and Miss Li Djen-i, so that is quite a good proportion.

I will show this letter to Dr Wu before it is posted, either by posting it to her in Shanghai, or showing it to her there, as I am planning to go to Shanghai at the end of this week. I hope to see our mission secretary who is out from England, I have a trunk to collect which came round from India, and I would also like to attend the Alumnae meeting on July 14th.

I hope this letter will give you some news of interest, Yours sincerely

*Eva Spicer*

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1.S. There is one piece of information which we should like to remind you if possible to hand on to people coming out who are planning to bring anything in the way of electrical appliances, and that is that the voltage in Nanking is 220 not 110 as in the States, and that when buying electrical appliances this should be remembered. We are now completely on the city current and have none of our own. It is alternation current. We are hoping to be wired for power, and it may be that this will not be an expensive way of getting a little heat for oneself or cooking, that is as expenses go, everything will be very expensive, but it is possible that ~~the~~ electricity may be cheaper than some other forms, but they should remember this about the voltage.

Another thing I might add is that that General Chang whom has been mentioned as treating us so well in Sian was given that special title because he helped save the Generalissimo's life during that period in Sian in 1936. I feel there was something else I wanted to add, but I cannot at the moment remember what, if I do I shall have to add it later.



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July 10th, 1946.

To Dr Chi Meng,  
China Institute,  
125, East 65th Street,  
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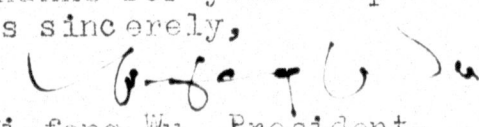
Dear Dr Meng,

From a letter from Mrs Mills of our Ginling College Committee in New York I know that she is concerned over Miss Hu's living arrangements while she studies at Guillard.

Since she did not know that I asked Mr Yang to make room reservation at International House for Miss Hu, she may have made other arrangements for her. If that should cost less than being at International House, she will send you this letter to cancel the reservation that has been made for Miss Hu.

I am very sorry to have troubled Mr Yang, but I am sure that with all the demands for living quarters in New York, International House will have a long waiting list, and will not mind cancelling a reservation; and I am also sure that you will both understand why Miss Hu needs to live as economically as possible.

With many thanks for your help in this matter,  
Yours sincerely,

  
Yi-fang Wu, President.  
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Dear Dr. Wu:

Dr. Liu En-lan came into the office yesterday morning. She has been in Washington for two weeks and has made good use of her time, as you can imagine. She will be in New York only three days, then goes on to Worcester, Syracuse, Chicago, and from there on an extended trip to Indian Reservations all over the west and southwest. She expects to be back in New York about the end of September. We are already making plans for her to visit various campuses and meet different people. She looks well, and says she is getting fat though I wasn't able to see that. It is good to have her here.

Louise Shoup. Dr. Van Dusen brought me the letter from Eva, that you asked her to write, and one from Florence, both dated July 8th, and delivered to me July 15th. That makes China seem very close. Eva's letter dealt largely with the necessity of securing an English teacher, and of the great hope that Louise Shoup would be interested in the position. You had mentioned her in your cable also. As I have already written you, we do not know where Miss Shoup is now. For more than six months, first-class mail has been returned from the last address we had for her, and inquiries that I have made among her friends have produced no results. We have written to the Red Cross to ask for information, but have not had time to hear from them yet. I think it very probable that Miss Shoup is overseas in Red Cross work and therefore not available for Ginling. I am trying to find someone else who will be acceptable to the English Department at Ginling.

Miss Kao and the Library Scholarship. Some time ago when I got Miss Kao's application for the library scholarship and your letter of recommendation, I took the matter up with Miss Witmer. I enclose a copy of her reply for your information. I have recently had a letter from Miss Kao saying much the same that she said to you. I have replied to her that the matter now rests with Miss Witmer, who wants more definite information about Miss Kao's future plans. I have heard nothing from Miss Witmer for some time, so do not know what the result of her conference with Dr. Yen was.

Edwin Kwoh. Edwin Kwoh was in the office a day or two ago, talking about his plans for going to China. I hope that he will get off about the last of September. He does not seem willing to go before then. He spoke of his plan to order books in the field of Personnel Guidance, after consultation with Mrs. New.

Miss Plaum. Mr. Evans has just told me that he hopes to get Miss Plaum on a boat that sails late in August. Miss Treadley should get off about then too.

I have not had a chance to talk to Dr. Van Dusen yet, but am looking forward to the report he will make to the Executive Committee of the A.B.C.C.C. on Monday.

Who is Mrs. Wei Wang Ren-tsi, and what is her official position?

Miss MacKimon is off on another trip to Africa.

Gift from the Faculty Women's Club, Ann Arbor. I am enclosing a copy of a letter we received recently from the President of the Faculty Women's Club of Ann Arbor. We have asked Miss Cloud to send the \$100.00 through the usual channels for you and have acknowledged the gift to Mrs. Bradshaw.

Dr. Wu Yi-fang

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July 19, 1946

Peggy Lin's Subscription to "Dance". We have just had the bill for the subscription to "Dance" for Peggy Lin. Foreign postage increases the price, but we get a reduction on the subscription price, so that the total comes to \$3.65, U.S. currency, for one year. The magazine is being mailed to Ginling for Peggy. As you requested, in your letter of June 21st, we are paying this and charging it to the field account. Peggy can settle with the Treasurer for the amount.

Best wishes to all.

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

Enclosures: Copy of letter from Miss Witmer

Copy of letter from Faculty Women's Club

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Ginling College, Nanking, July 28, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills,

It seems ages since I wrote you last. Really these past few weeks have been so full that Ruth Chester has found it difficult to get in a conference with me on important matters. It is not merely college business, but there are always calls coming from outside, some of them important things, which I should not avoid. For instance, the interviews which Dr. S.C. Liang, (Y.M.C.A.), Dr. Tsui (general secretary of CCC), and I have had with various people in Nanking were for the Christian group and because of the national situation. In fact, it was Mr. Mills who first talked with me about the need to consider how best might be expressed the concern of individual Christians about the national crisis. During my visit to Shanghai I had several meetings with different people on this problem, and after my return to Nanking on July 17 I spent much time arranging for interviews, and going with these men to see the following people: Minister Chen Cheng, Head of General Staff; Mr. Shao Li-tze, secretary-general of PPC and one of the active members in all negotiations with the Communists; General Wu Beh-chen, secretary-general of the Kuomintang; Mr. Chen Li-fu, director of the Organizations Department of the Kuomintang Party; Mr. Liang and Mr. Loh of the Democratic League; Mr. Tung Bih-wu of the Communist Party; Dr. Leighton Stuart and General Marshall. I have not the time to tell you about these interviews, but our general conclusion is that these leaders are fully aware of the serious situation and the difficulty of a permanent solution, but they all feel that there is still the way open for settling the immediate problem through discussions and not by force. Of course, we could sense that at least one of the group was of the opinion that it was absolutely impossible to trust the Communists, so his idea of the solution may be that force is necessary -- even though he did not put it plainly. From the papers I am encouraged the last two days that a beginning has been made to re-open the negotiations, and that will be a starting-point to stop the fighting in the various areas.

Then unexpectedly four days of last week were spent in meetings. The first day I spent at a meeting of the Child Welfare Committee, and the other three at the informal conference of Higher Education called by the Minister of Education. If this conference had dealt with big policies and questions in higher education, I would have been happier to give three days to it; however, we discussed only specific questions brought up by the ministry, questions which they themselves had to answer, and on which they wanted the opinion of educators. The Minister presided over the Conference himself, but because he talked rather much himself, and was very lenient when others talked at length, the meetings dragged on for three days. One thing accomplished is that a few corrections in the Regulations about the Organizations of Universities have been made. It seems to me that at this time with the general political situation what it is, no ministry wants to make drastic changes. Ever since the PPC meetings held last January, many people expected changes in the Executive Yuan to take place in the near future.

I have just glanced over your letters which have not been answered: June 11, June 24, July 5. Now I shall try to cover the points which should be answered, and bring up other business which has long been delayed.

Miss Flaum. I cannot tell you what a relief is the news of the appointment of a secretary, a relief both to me and others. I cannot thank you enough for securing such a splendid person for the College. Now it will be "up to" Ginling to make her happy here, and to keep her for the College. I wish also to thank Mrs. Sherman and others who helped in the investigation and in making the decision.

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Miss Foster. I agree with you that it is the best for her to stay longer in America and come to China after her post-graduate training. If you put her on your mailing list, she will get news letters about Ginling which may keep her interested in China.

Dr. Reed. We are grateful to the Methodist Board for having appointed her to Ginling. You mentioned that her programme of work should be to strengthen the Child Welfare programme not only in Ginling, but also in the University of Nanking. In fact, the Child Welfare Committee has appointed a sub-committee to study the programme submitted by Ginling and the University of Nanking. There will surely be close co-operation. Both Mildred Trice and Miss Virginia Lewis (Child Welfare specialist of UNRRA) were consulted before I cabled you asking for the assignment of Dr. Reed to Ginling.

Little Chin. I am glad that she will be made a full member of the I.L. staff at Smith. This will give her much prestige. I understand that in connection with her personal question of marriage, we do not wish to urge her to return to Ginling. I am very happy to tell you that we shall have Dr. Chiang Hwei-lan to head up the I.L. department for the year 1946-47. After she arrived at Shanghai she found there were serious problems at home requiring her to stay near Shanghai. Furthermore, she felt that with the general conditions in China what they are, Dr. James Yen may not be able to launch his programme right away, and that she might utilize this time to get to know the present conditions in China. When I heard that she was asking leave of absence from Dr. James Yen, I approached her at once to see if she could relieve our desperate situation. I use "desperate" because up to that time I had no one to head up the P.E. department. Mrs. Chen Hwang Li-ming has been so absorbed and interested in Ping Teh that she is continuing there as principal. Mrs. Chen Cheng-en-tse who served during the last two years very effectively as chairman in Chengtu has definitely asked to be relieved of the position, partly because of health, and partly because her husband may be working in Shanghai and not Nanking. While we can have Chiang Hwei-lan only one year, we are very happy to have her to restart our P.E. work in Nanking.

Professor for Nutrition. I am also glad to report that we have the possibility of securing Dr. Lu Gwei-djen to give nutrition courses this fall and to get her to do full-time work from January, 1947. It will be splendid for the College and for the Child Welfare Programme to have such an experienced person to join us.

Hu Shih-tsang. I am not quite sure how much I told you in my last letter, so I shall give you briefly the present arrangements for her. She is definitely going to Juilliard, and has a reservation on the General Weigs scheduled to sail on August 31. Since it is a fast boat there is the possibility that this group of students going on that boat may arrive in America in time for the opening of the fall term. I asked the China Institute to help her get a room in International House. Will you please check if this has been done? Or if you should happen to know some less expensive place, will you please reserve that and cancel the reservation at International House? With the problems of housing, I am sure they would welcome cancellations.

In regard to her financial condition, the College has granted her a Tuition Scholarship at Juilliard and will continue her on half salary, according to the Board of Directors Regulations for Sabbatical Leaves, for Chinese professors (She was promoted to assistant professor in 1944, I think.) She fortunately bought U.S.\$1300 at the 20:1 exchange, and she told me that Miss Sutherland made her a gift of U.S.\$200. She has then \$1500 on hand. The passage will be about \$150., but even so it will be risky to think she can

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meet all travel expenses to New York and living expenses for a year with this amount she has on hand. I wrote, therefore, to Dr. Chih Meng and applied for financial help, but I do not know at all if he has any funds available. If I get no reply from him before Miss Hu sails, she will go to see him and then get in touch with you to tell you the outcome. I am sure it would mean a great deal to her if you should be able to secure some grant for her from the Associated Boards Scholarship Committee. Miss Hu is apt to worry and that may be one of the reasons why her health has suffered. During the war years she worried over her parents in Shanghai, one brother when coming to the interior caught in Japanese campaign in Chekiang, and over her sister who in the Phillipines lost her home, one child and her husband. So I feel that if we can relieve her mind of financial worries while she is in America, this will help her to build up her health and to get the full value out of her study.

I should add that in order to help her secure an American visa, I wrote a letter to the American Consulate to guarantee - if and when she needed it - additional money, the College to be responsible. At the same time I told her I was trying to secure financial help from the China Institute, but if she actually needed the College to help out, this money should be considered as a loan. Before she sails I must get clear with her whether her half-salary is to be used to support her parents, or turned into gold at the present official rate for her own expense in America. If it is for the later, I shall let you know the amount to be paid her in gold by Mr. Evans.

Louise Shoup. I hope that after you wrote me you found out from the office files how to reach her. I am sorry that Ettie and I did not leave you a better list of people in San Francisco. If we had, you would have known that her brother Jack lives in Palo Alto, and another brother teaches right in New York at Columbia. I do not know how far you have succeeded in approaching her, or whether there are other prospects for this vacancy. We are anxiously waiting for a reply because Eva Spicer's niece has been approached tentatively to come out for a year. Will you please cable the prospects? In regard to the teaching programme for English majors for Ginling and the University of Nanking there is a definite need for one full-time person, even if the young Ph.D. should come to the University of Nanking. Dr. Penn promised Florence that he would cable about this candidate as soon as he had definite information.

Typewriters. I am disappointed that Miss Graves did not bring an office typewriter. ~~Perhaps~~ It was my fault that I took it for granted that since there was not time to have Harriet bring it, it would surely come with Stella. I should have written specifically that we are in desperate situation with regard to office typewriters. Will you kindly arrange to have four sent out at the first opportunity? This reminds me of my own things left with Mrs. New. I shall write Mrs. New to have my suitcases and boxes of books delivered to the Birling office. Could I impose on you to see that they are sent me either with people coming out, or as freight? We have heard of the missionary ship leaving on September 1st, and I hope that my belongings may be shipped then. *Very sorry indeed.*

College Calendar. The Joint Committee of Ginling and the University of Nanking has decided to postpone registration to Sept. 25 and classes to Sept. 30. We found this necessary because of the delay of our freight from Chungking and the non-arrival of the equipment and books from America.

Faculty/Graduates Going to America. I shall now give you a list of  
finishing people going to America this summer. During the war I discouraged  
people going abroad, so now it seems many are going at once:

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- Hu Shih-tsang(1934) - Juilliard for Music  
 Wu Pei-ling(1938) - Oregon, for Nutrition  
 Hsiung Ya-na(1941) - Cornell, for Child Welfare - UCR Child Welfare Scholarship)  
 Chen Yu-ching(1931) - Probably Johns Hopkins, for Parasitology - Dep't of State Fellowship  
 Chen Shih-dzung(1936) - She has a Home Economics Association Scholarship, but has not yet completed other arrangements, so it is not sure that she can go.  
 Li Djoh-i(1931) - She worked for many years under Eleanor Hinder for Child Welfare in Shanghai Municipal Council. Now granted an UNRRA Fellowship.  
 Wang Ying-an(1935) - She was in charge of Ginling Child Welfare Centre in Cgengtu for 2 years. She joined CNRRA in 1945. UNRRA Fellowship.  
 Chen Siao-sung(1932) - In charge of Warphans Home near Whengtu for over 5 years. UCR Child Welfare Scholarship.  
 -she has changed her name from Siu-djen  
 Hu Siu-ying(1934 and - On faculty of WOUU since 1938. Goes to M.A. Lingnan) Radcliffe for Botany.  
 Dju Mei-yu(ab. 1930) - Rochester, to work in a Distilling Co.  
 -sister of Dju Yu-hao  
 Chen Mei-yu(1920) - formerly on G.C. faculty, recently on staff of Military Medical College. Calif. M.A. Nebraska  
 Liu Kai-yung(1941) and - Minnesota for English(at Ginling, Chinese Yenching, M.A.1946 a major, and English minor)  
 Sie Wen-mei(1931) - Connected with Nurses' Training School, -sister of Mrs. S.M.Dju P.U.M.C.. Going for medical examination, but hopes to study.  
 Loh Pei-fang(1939) - Albion, for Biology  
 Wang An-djen(1946) - Boston for Biology Sociology  
 Liu Mei-li( ) - Fellowship by Methodist Board, to Union Theological Seminary  
 Liu Ying-bao(1925) - to join her husband; may study  
 Mrs. Wei Hsioh-ren  
 Hsiung Gueh-djen(1942) - Michigan State, for Bacteriology

Mr. Ming and Mr. Chen Erchang left Chungking on June 19 and arrived here on July 16. They had a bad trip, with lots of delays due to washed out bridges, both on the truck route and along the railway line. The northern route is very difficult once the rainy season comes. It was so good to see them both here, and to have someone to give responsibilities to. Sun Djen-ming has had trouble getting here too. I made a special arrangement for her to get a plane passage on a Chinese airforce plane, in line with my policy to get plane passages for those with children or who had poor health. She unfortunately arrived a day late in Chungking, and already the order had come that civilian passengers could not be transported. She has been waiting in Chungking since early June. Dr. Helen Djang could have gotten a plane passage because of her position as Dean, but she could not get a plane passage for her old mother. The northern route is too difficult for her mother, so Helen is trying to get accommodation on boat or plane, but when she will arrive is anybody's guess. Wu Mou-i and Luch Yeh have arrived this weekend.

Our repairs are going along slowly. The Government has started a building programme, and it is more and more difficult to secure workmen.

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Ginling College, Hanking,  
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Aug 16th, 1946.

Rec'd 9/4/46

Dear Mrs Mills,

Your cable concerning Djou Meng-tsi was received yesterday, the negative reply from Welles College, and the Connecticut College for women was both and I expected. In fact we told the girl from the beginning that it was too late to do anything for the fall of 1946. However, since her grandfather, one of the elders of the Party, is now in New York, and her father was able to finance her, and she wanted to go as soon as possible we felt we had at least to make the attempt. She has been in Ginling for two years, she has not been working hard, but she should be able to do college work in America if she applies herself. I do not know now whether she will stay with us for another year, or go to America and stay with her grandfather in New York.

I am not sure if I answered your letter of July 19th but I wish to be quite sure, so I will reply now to the items that need comment.

Faculty Women's Club, Ann Arbor. I have written to Mrs Bradshaw thanking her for the gift, and have told her briefly that I plan to do with it, which is to use it for magazines etc for the Faculty Ladies Room. Since I am furnishing in the Central Building, as I think it is, is very important to have a place where they can have informal fellowship together, and without magazines and other attractions they will not use it.

Mrs Wei Wang Wei-tse. Mrs Wei was the Executive Secretary for the Child Welfare Training Program in Hanking 1940-46. She took up this work after Mrs George had resigned and went to Chungking. When in Hanking we have asked her still to be on the staff for the Child Welfare Training project. We have not yet decided what official title to give her. Her work is doing the work mostly here, but only some exchange of students with the University of Hanking, there is not the need for an Executive Secretary in Hanking. However, there will be connections with outside organizations in the city, and the regular teaching staff will not have time to attend to these. Perhaps for the time being we might call her secretary for the training program.

Ms Shih-tsang. Elsie Priest has written that you are very anxious about the financial situation of Miss Lu. I remember that I wrote you about it in my last letter, but I wish now to give you the complete picture as I know it. The College is giving her half salary from 1946-47, this is according to the regulations of the board of Directors for members of the Chinese Faculty who have been granted sabbatical leave. However, if Miss Lu should wish to stay longer than a year, I doubt if this salary could be continued for a second year. I have written and asked Miss Lu whether this money is to be for her own use, or to be sent to her father for her family. If it is the former, I shall certainly write to Mr. Huns to have the money paid to Miss Lu in New York. At the present rate of exchange this half salary will be quite some help to her. Last March she was able to buy \$1300.00 U.S. currency from the Government at the official rate of 20 to 1, just before the new rate went into effect, but <sup>some of</sup> this money has to do for her travel. I told you in my earlier letter that Catherine Ortherland had sent her a gift of \$200.00 US, but I hadn't later told you that that was for her travel, and had already been spent. The other additional grant that College gave to her was tuition scholarship at Willard.

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files & files. I'd like to have an order for us .2000 sheets of light paper, and 25 boxes of staples (25 also 111 in each). I thought Edwin von could bring them back with him.

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Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
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Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N.Y.  
September 12, 1946

Dear Dr. Wu:

Letters Received. This will acknowledge receipt of the following letters, all of which were waiting for me when I returned from vacation last week: Your letter of August 16th, which was received September 4th; Eva's letter of August 19th, received September 5th; the letter of July 11th, written for you by Eva, received August 9th, (there were two enclosures in this letter, namely, yours to Mr. Chih Meng and Dju En-djen's account of the trip to Nanking); your letter of July 28th, received August 7th.

We have also received the copy of Florence's letter to Miss Plaum and Dr. Reed, dated July 29th. The originals of this letter were mailed to Miss Plaum and Dr. Reed on August 7th. Yesterday I also received your cable regarding air passage for Miss Plaum and Miss Treudley if the strike continues and asking about Miss Robinson's decision on Dr. Reed's departure.

Hu Shih-tsang. I am very happy to know that Miss Hu is on the General Meigs, which is due to arrive in San Francisco in another day or two. Miss Hu wrote me from Shanghai, expressing her anticipation of her year's work in America. As you know already, Mr. Meng was not able to make reservation for Miss Hu at International House. There is a long waiting list there and very few rooms are available. I have arranged with Ruth Phillips that Miss Hu stay there upon arrival until she makes whatever permanent arrangements suit her best. Miss Phillips would be glad to have her stay permanently if Miss Hu finds it convenient. I think that she may find this is best, since there is a piano in the apartment, the place is quiet, as Stolla knows, and the expenses would probably not be great. At least it is a comfort to know that there is a place for Miss Hu when she arrives and until she finds something better she will be well cared for.

Thank you for writing so fully and carefully about Miss Hu's financial arrangements. I think that it is quite evident that she is going to need some additional help and I am trying to secure a monthly grant for her from the Scholarship Committee of the Associated Boards. I am putting in a preliminary request, as Mr. Corbett fears that the entire amount available will be allocated before Miss Hu has time to make her own application. Mr. Corbett has assured me, however, that he thinks it will be quite possible to get as much as \$50.00 a month for her. Please understand that this is not a definite grant as yet, but I am hopeful that it can be arranged.

I have been in communication with a friend in San Francisco who will meet the boat and do anything necessary to help Miss Hu. I hope that she can get to New York without delay, since Juilliard examinations are to be given the 16th, 17th and 18th of September.

Hsiung Ya-na. I am glad to know, too, that Hsiung Ya-na is on the General Meigs. We share your pride in her appointment by the Child Welfare Council and feel sure that she will benefit greatly from her year in America. We are also happy to learn that Miss Chen Siu-djen has been awarded a similar scholarship. I look forward to seeing her also when she is in America.

Miss Irma Highbaugh has made arrangements at Cornell for Miss Hsiung. She is to have a room in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Christie. This seems an ideal arrangement, and we were very happy that Miss Highbaugh was so fortunate as rooms are as difficult to find at Cornell as they are in New York. Cornell's opening has been delayed a few days, so Miss Hsiung should be here in good time if she does not tarry in San Francisco.

September 12, 1946

Other Scholarship awards. Thank you for telling us about the honor that has come to Ginling in the award made by the Cultural Division of the American Embassy to Miss Chen Yu-tsing. We also are happy to learn that Miss Wang Yin-an and Miss Li Djoh-i have been awarded scholarships by UNRRA. This is all very gratifying and makes us feel that our work is receiving recognition. I hope that all of these girls will get in touch with us sometime while they are in America. As yet, I have no information about where they plan to study.

Physical Education Department. I am very glad to know that you have secured Dr. Djang Hwei-lan to head the Physical Education Department for the coming year. I am sure that she will be a great addition to the faculty and will get the Department started off on the right foot. I have not seen Ettie recently and have nothing more to add about her plans. Certainly she will not be available for some time yet. I am sorry to learn that Mrs. Chen Hwang Li-ning has become so absorbed in other work that she is not able to take charge of the Ginling P.E. Department again. Perhaps as things become more normal in Nanking, she can help us out another year. It is also good news to know that there is a possibility of securing Lu Gwei-djen for some nutrition courses. No one could be better than she for this work.

I had a letter from Lily Tsien, telling me of her decision not to go to Nanking for another year. Mrs. New also sent me parts of a letter that Lily had written to her. I am very sorry that Miss Tsien has reached this decision, but after reading her letters I think I understand the reasons why she feels she must stay with her parents this year. I do not think it means she is lost to Ginling entirely, but it does mean that we cannot count on her this year and perhaps not even next.

Purchasing and shipping of supplies. The stencils and flight-post paper that you requested in your letter of August 16th have been sent to San Francisco to Edwin Kwoh. I do not know exactly when he is sailing, but he will take them when he goes. In the same box, we are sending the food chopper, grater and lemon squeezer that Eva wanted.

Your boxes and suitcases left here in the office have already been packed in cases and sent to China. Perhaps you have them by now. I am sure that long before this, the matter of the bill of lading for the 73 boxes for Nanking and Ginling has been straightened out. Bill Fenn took this bill of lading with him when he returned to China in April. I hope that long before you get this letter, all of those boxes will be safely on the campus.

We have still not had much success in purchasing electric heaters. Eva and Florence have both emphasized the fact that these must be 220 voltage, and of course I know this too. That is really the reason that they have been hard to find. We will ship some when we can get them.

The magazines that you wanted ~~with~~ ordered with the Ann Arbor faculty gift money will be sent. I have talked to Mr. Evans about baby organs, typewriters and victrolas. He says it simply is not possible to get four typewriters, and he wonders how long it will be before he can send you one. He has been working on the baby organs, and is now waiting for a reply from the Estey Co. The kind that he prefers is not available yet. He says he can get a victrola and this will be attended to as soon as possible. If the order for the stove comes through Stella's niece, we will attend to it.

Sailings from America. As you know, Miss Plaum and Miss Treudley are scheduled to sail on the Marine Lynx, which is being delayed because of the shipping strike. Your cable asking if they could fly has received serious consideration but I find that it is not possible to get any air priority for these two women. We can only hope that the strike will soon be settled or that some other arrangement can be made for the Marine Lynx to sail soon.

Miss Robinson tells me that arrangements are being made for Dr. Reed to sail on one of the October boats. I do not have the exact date, but I think that she and Edwin Kwoh will be on the same boat.



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English Department. I am sorry to report that Miss Elizabeth Bole cannot go to Ginling. Her family felt so strongly about her leaving the country again when she had just been in the South Pacific for three and a half years that Miss Bole yielded to their wishes and promised to stay in America a year. This does not mean that she will not consider an invitation from Ginling later. She is well qualified and most attractive, and I hope that after one year with her family in America she will feel free to go to China. This decision on Miss Bole's part leaves us without an English teacher for Ginling. We are working hard on this problem, but as yet I have not been able to locate a suitable candidate. I have heard nothing at all from Louise Shoup and hesitate to press her under present circumstances. The whole English situation in Nanking is very much on our hearts and we have been working hard to get reinforcements. A very personable young man was in this morning, and Bill Fenn, Mr. Corbett and I had a long interview with him. Another desirable candidate is being considered for the University of Nanking, and I hope we get him. This decision will be made by the end of this week, I think. Of course, if we can reinforce the English Department at the University of Nanking, that will also help Ginling. I am sorry that we have no more encouraging news to send you at the moment, but you may be sure that we are doing our best to meet this very urgent need.

Thank you for the information about Mrs. Wei Wang Ren-tse. I am now armed if someone asks me about her again.

I am glad that you gave me a little sidelight on Miss Chou Meng-tsi. Is she by any chance known as Mildred Chou? I had a letter from Smith a day or two ago, saying that a Miss Mildred Chou wanted to transfer from Ginling to Smith and asking about the grading system at Ginling. I think that it must be the same person and I am therefore especially glad to have your comments on her.

I sympathize with all the problems you face in all the repairs to be made on the campus and in finding suitable houses for the faculty. I wish there were more that I could do to help you. Perhaps the greatest contribution we can make along these lines is to raise that \$15,000,000 that we want for all of the Colleges. Our plans are getting under way, and we hope that they will be successful.

I am very much interested in your letter and Eva's dealing with the matter of increased college fees and the necessity for increased faculty salaries. At an Executive Committee meeting yesterday, the matter of salaries was given very serious thought, and we hope that plans are under way to insure relief for this faithful and hard-pressed group.

Dr. Van Dusen arrived in New York in July and gave us a very interesting and stimulating account of his trip. Dr. McMullen arrived early in September and is taking hold here in the office in a fine way. I am sure that he is going to be a great leader for us in these difficult days just ahead.

You will be interested to know that Miss MacKinnon is back from her trip to Africa. I have not had an opportunity to talk with her yet, but it is good to know that she is at least on this side of the water.

I look forward to seeing Ruth. I wonder what her plans for her furlough year are. She needs a good long rest, and I hope that she can go to some quiet place and forget all of the strains and stresses of these past years.

I think I have not acknowledged the list you sent me of Ginling girls arriving in America within the next few weeks. This has already proved most valuable and I am sure that I shall refer to it many times.

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Will you please send me as soon as possible a list of faculty for 1946-47? This is always valuable to us as we are constantly being asked about faculty in Ginling.

You will be glad to know that we received \$1,000.00 from Miss Yang Pei Dju in Manila. Miss Yang requested that this be applied to the gift from Ginling alumnae in America to be used for rehabilitation of the College. Such generosity is always heartening.

I hope that by now all of the Ginling people have arrived from Chengtu. I know that it was a very difficult trip for many of them and that difficult days face them in Nanking, but it will be a comfort to know that at least the whole college family is together again.

I appreciate very much your outlining to me the many responsibilities that you have faced as you began work again in Nanking. I know what a strain these outside contacts are, but I also know how important they are at this particular time in China, and I rejoice that you can have a voice in the affairs of the nation when such a voice is so desperately needed. I hope that you will not undertake more than your strength will stand. We were happy to know that you went back to China better physically than you had been, and I covet for you continued good health.

My warmest regards to all of the faculty in Nanking and my best wishes for a good year.

Cordially yours,

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Via China Clipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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GINLING COLLEGE

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September 19, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills,

*Rec'd 10/7/46*

It seems a long time since I wrote you last, and I have not heard from you for several weeks. I hope you have managed to have some vacation in August. I am very sorry that we had to trouble you and Mr. Evans with several cables recently. I learned from Mr. Evans' recent letter that his vacation was spoiled by business in connection with securing beds for the University of Nanking and Ginling. Post-war conditions are certainly far different from those of normal times, and no one could have imagined what is involved in doing anything. This has been our experience on the campus during this summer in the tremendous task of getting the College in shape. The Rehabilitation Committee have been hard at work, and now when registration is just a week away, there are still many things which are not ready. The faculty have been very patient in living temporarily here and there until they can move to the rooms or houses allotted to them for the year. Students have been arriving, and have been asked to sleep on the floor upstairs. When more students come, they will be put on cots on the ground floor because of the dampness. This leads me to mention the specific items which we wish to get clear.

BEDS. Dr. Lewis Smythe called me up to say that Mr. Evans cabled that double-decker beds have been ordered and are expected to be delivered in New York in the winter. What I am anxious to know definitely is, how many beds have been allotted to Ginling in this first order, and approximately when they may arrive in Shanghai. Our original order from Chengtu was for 500 iron cots, 100 of these with mattresses for faculty use. This number is not enough to take care of our needs, and the following numbers will make this clear.

College students	-	320	
Middle School	"	120	
Faculty (including			
Middle School)	-	100	(This means only the persons actually engaged at Ginling, and does not provide for the other one of married couples).
Infirmery	-	16	
Total		556	

I should add that last May I succeeded in getting 200 army camp cots in Shanghai. These meet a very important need at the present - for the students sleeping on ground floors in the dormitories and for faculty. However, we do not want to use these permanently, so shall be looking forward to receiving the iron beds. I do not mean to discard the cots: they will be useful for overflows of students in the early fall in the College and the Middle School, for Summer Service Corps, for guests, trips, etc. Do please thank Mr. Evans for me; we are grateful for all his labors. Our hope is that after all his work the beds he has ordered will arrive before long.

Dr. Truedley and Miss Plaum. The latest cable I sent you was when we heard of the seamen's strike and feared they might be held up indefinitely in boat transportation. Dr. Lung has accepted a good offer from the Sun Yat-sen University in Canton, and was granted a million dollars for travel, so I just could not hold him any longer. He has been waiting to see

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how much we could increase our salary by the end of August. Dr. Lewis Smythe has written you that the increase we managed to make was approximately 20 % of the pre-war salary values, and approximately only one-half the salary in a government university. Dr. Lung's leaving is why I am very anxious to have Miss Truedley arrive as soon as possible. Even though she will be here only a year, she can help us meet the immediate need, and give us time to find a successor for Dr. Lung. In regard to Miss Plaum, I don't need to explain how badly I shall need a secretary when neither Eva nor Florence can give time for letters after school opens.

Lily Tsien. She cabled me from Paris, and later a letter came saying that because of her mother's weak health she family strongly urged her to stay at home, and asked for a year's leave of absence. At that time, we felt it would not handicap us much if she did not come now, for Miss Reed was coming. Then the unexpected thing concerning Miss Reed developed. Since I have not had any word from Miss Robinson about their final decision, I included her name in the cable. I hope that Miss Robinson got in touch with you as I requested, so that you understand the whole situation. If it were not because of the very complicated political situation in China at the present time, I would not have let one letter influence me so much, but, as I wrote to Miss Robinson, we will still welcome Miss Reed if after investigation the Methodist Board is satisfied to send her as a regular missionary.

English staff. From the passenger list of the "Marine Lynx" we see that neither Miss Bole nor Louise Shoup are coming, nor has any cable come from Dr. Fenn to tell of other candidates coming out for the English departments. This means that for the combined programme of English majors in the two institutions, the University of Nanking furnishes 11 hours, and the chief burden is left with Florence. In desperation, I have invited my cousin, Dr. Karl Chen, to come for this semester, and he has agreed, just because Central University is not opening before December or January. We would like to know whether we can count on someone for the second term.

Rehabilitation. The task has proved more time-taking and expensive than we had at first anticipated in May. Mr. Chen Er-chang has spent much time in putting together the rehabilitation accounts kept by various people before he arrived in Nanking. He told me the total expenditure up to the present is over one hundred and fifty millions, and it is probable we shall have to pay ten millions more to complete the absolutely necessary things for this school year. The total government grant of one hundred millions, plus U.S.\$20,000. drawn by Miss Priest last May, plus the amount realized from sale of equipment in Chengtu and some things left here by the Japanese make a total of a little over \$155,000. I have asked Dr. Hsiung to prepare a detailed report, and I hope that this will be ready to be sent very soon. He has been very good to help the College in this emergency need and I hesitate to push him too much.

Perhaps I should make it clear that when I say "minimum" repairs I mean the word literally. Take furniture, for instance. In the reception room hall of the Smith Building, we have put only some stools formerly used in dormitories in student bedrooms, for guests to sit on, and which were recently claimed from Ming Teh School. In the Social Rooms of the Student Dormitories, we have spent no money for furniture, and we are putting there odds and ends of furniture, and even at that, very few pieces of furniture. In the student bedrooms, because we knew they would likely have to sleep on the floor, we did have chairs made, but as for tables, they are very rough

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and of various sorts - things left here by the Japanese. In the student barrooms we have furnished no chests of drawers, but have put a few "kwei-tze" in the hallways for the students to hang their coats in. For those faculty members who have no closet space there will be "kwei-tze." Because of this condition, as soon as contributions come in from your campaign, I do wish to apply for an appropriation so that we may gradually have the necessary furniture added in order to make conditions livable.

Salary Situation. I haven't time to go into the details of this important question. Furthermore, Dr. Lewis Smythe has written regularly to Dr. Fenn, so your office will be well informed of the actual condition. The only thing I wish to add is to show you the difficult problems I am facing. Take for instance the new person we have been trying to secure for the Chemistry Department. First, one of our own graduates was to give full-time, but then her husband's plans changed and she had to go with him to Kiangsi. Then we invited another woman, and because we had not adequate housing for her and she lived some distance away, she resigned because of the danger to her health and the money that would have to come out of her salary for rickshaw fare. During these last few days we have been trying to invite another experienced woman with a Ph. D. in Chemistry. She has been a very good teacher at the Government Normal College for Women in Chungking. When we told her of the work, she was very enthusiastic and wanted to come, but the salary we offered made her give further consideration. Both Dr. Wu Mou-i and I are "keeping our fingers crossed" and hope she will decide to come on the strength of my hope that in the near future we may be able to increase our salaries.

This is merely to illustrate that if the Christian Colleges wish to keep good faculty we just have to offer better salaries. Yesterday a University of Nanking professor, the husband of one of our girls, talked to me, and said he was leaving because the inadequacy of the salary to meet the minimum expenses. The comparison is not only with government universities, but also with the salary scale of some of the universities in Shanghai. At least one institution there is offering even better salaries than government universities on the sound basis that then they can secure real full-time service from their faculty. That institution can do this because they charge high tuition, and they have had a successful financial campaign by their students and alumni. Shanghai is a place with much money, and their alumni are in business or money-making professions. Confidentially, I refer to the University of Shanghai. I do hope Dr. Fenn will come soon so that he can study the whole situation and make recommendations for improving our situation in Nanking.

I am going to Shanghai to-night, and have much to attend to to-day, so I must ask you to excuse me for stopping so abruptly.

With all good wishes,

P.S. I forgot to sign & mail this before I went to Shanghai, & now I have some good news for you. The campaign I started in Shanghai in Aug. is bringing good results. By corner telegraph the help of good friends as Mrs. New's brothers. There are about 110 million C.H. pledged & we hope to be able to collect it within two months. This is to be invested & so as to get the interest & help current budget.

Sincerely,  
Wu Yi-fang

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Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.  
September 27, 1946

Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Wu:

At Mrs. New's request I am sending you the enclosed copies of correspondence relating to Edwin Kwoh and his plans for returning to China. These letters, with the information that Mrs. New has already sent you, should give you as complete a picture of this situation as any of us has at the moment. There are still one or two missing links, and if we get more complete details, they will be sent to you.

Some days ago Mr. Evans sent you a cable which I hope was delivered promptly. In it he advised against granting to Mr. Kwoh the additional \$180.00 for a return trip to New York. Mr. Evans added that this represented the unanimous judgment of all here, meaning that to include the office and Mrs. New.

I do not know whether you have yet received Mr. Kwoh's letter of September 11th and what your reply to him was. It is a very complicated and baffling situation, and a wise decision is going to be difficult. As I review the entire problem, I feel compelled to say that developments of the recent months have raised in my mind a very serious question about his fitness for the position that we hoped he would fill in Ginling. May you be guided to the decision that will be best for all concerned.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Via China Clipper

Enclosures: Copies of the following letters: Edwin Kwoh to Mrs. New, Sept. 15, 1946  
Edwin Kwoh to Mrs. New, Sept. 19, 1946  
Mrs. P. W. Kuo to Mrs. New, Sept. 23, 1946  
Chih Meng to Dr. P. W. Kuo, Sept. 16, 1946  
Dr. P. W. Kuo to Dr. Chih Meng, Sept. 20, 1946

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Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
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October 17, 1946

Dear Dr. Wu:

Your letter of September 19th reached me early in October. It was the first word I had had from the College for a long time and was most welcome. I hope that by now you have had some of the several letters I have written you recently.

Beds. Mr. Evans is writing you about the beds. I understand that Ginling's order is to be filled from the first shipment of 636 which left New York on October 13th.

In your letter you say that 120 beds will be needed for middle school students and you also include middle school faculty when you list 100 beds for faculty needs. The question has been asked if you are planning a permanent middle school on the Ginling campus, or are these provisions for the temporary sub-freshman class that Dr. McMullen recommended to help keep college standards as high as possible.

Dr. Reed. Your letter of September 19th was the first that I had heard of any doubt about Dr. Reed's qualifications. Ruth was in the office soon after the letter arrived and I got the whole story from her. I have since also talked with Miss Robinson who assures me that she is more than happy to appoint Dr. Reed as a Methodist missionary. Miss Robinson feels that Dr. Reed is one of the finest candidates that the Board has ever had and that they are very fortunate to get her. She is scheduled to sail the last of this month or the very first of November, on the next trip of the Marine Lynx, I think. There seems little to be gained in further consideration of a letter that is unusual, to say the least, and there is much to be thankful for when Ginling gets so fine a person at a time of such great need.

English staff. Dr. Penn, Mr. Corbett and I have had many conferences on the matter of English teachers for Ginling and the University of Nanking. We have interviewed several candidates, and have reviewed the papers of others, but up to the present we have not been able to secure a suitable person. I have never had any answer to my letter to Louise Shoup, though I feel sure it was delivered since it was not returned by the post office. I was delighted to learn from Ruth of the help that Mrs. Adler and Mrs. Powell are willing to give, and I sincerely hope that nothing has interfered with this plan. We are continuing to try to find the right person as promptly as possible.

Dr. Penn should reach China well before this letter and will talk over the whole situation with you. We may be fortunate enough to get someone out by the beginning of the second term, but I must say that it does not look too hopeful now.

Miss Plaun and Miss Treudley were on the Marine Lynx which sailed September 29th and I am hoping that they are in Nanking now. I am indeed sorry to hear that Dr. Lung has resigned. How fortunate we are that Miss Treudley can be there this year!

Shanghai Campaign. The news that your Shanghai campaign resulted in C.N.\$110,000,000 is wonderful. Not only is it good news for the college, but it makes grand publicity here, too, and will help us in our efforts to raise funds in the U.S.

Financial situation. The whole financial situation, the need for increasing salaries, for more than the barest minimum of repairs and reequipment and for the reestablishment of a normal program is constantly before us, and has been the cause and subject of many long conferences. The salary situation seems the most urgent, and before this reaches you Dr. Penn will have told you of the efforts the A.B.C.C.C. is making to insure an increase in salaries.

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We are all glad to hear of the decision to increase fees. That will not only provide additional income, sorely needed, but will also reestablish a sort of relationship between fees now paid and those paid before the war. When we are seeking to raise salaries to something like prewar value, it seems a first and most natural step to put fees also into a realistic relationship with the cost of living, at a level that approaches the prewar basis.

I have seen Ruth several times since she got here, and am happy to say that she seems very well, though she admits that she is tired. I have urged her to rest and eat and sleep, and not to think about any work for awhile. Miss Hu is getting into her work at Juilliard and I hope will find the year a satisfactory one.

All best wishes to each of you.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.  
October 24, 1946

Dear Dr. Wu:

Liu En-lan. Before you get this letter you will have received the cablegram informing you of the accident to Dr. Liu. Briefly the story is this. She was in a taxi on her way from the New Weston Hotel to the State Department office of International Information on West 57th Street to make a recording. When the taxi stopped, she was across the street from the building she was to enter. Instead of getting out on the pavement, she got out on the street side of the taxi and started across. The light changed just at that moment, and she was knocked down by an automobile. She suffered serious head injury with a fractured skull. Her left leg was broken and there are other minor injuries. She was taken immediately to the Roosevelt Hospital where she has received every possible care and attention. When I phoned to the hospital a little while ago, 26 hours after the accident, she was still unconscious. Everyone at the hospital, from the Director on down, has been most kind and helpful and considerate, but no one has been very optimistic. The one bright spot in the whole picture is that her pulse has steadied since yesterday and they say her heart action is good.

I have been to the hospital several times, and of course I am keeping very closely in touch with the case. Mr. Evans has been in touch with the State Department in Washington and in New York, and you may rest assured that all of us are doing everything that can possibly be done. Naturally we will keep you posted by cable of the developments.

I do not know anything about Dr. Liu's family, but I suppose that you got in touch with them when you received the first cable about the accident.

Kalamazoo College. I have just had a letter from Kalamazoo College, asking for suggestions about a speaker for their annual Ginling banquet. After telling me the approximate date of the meeting and the kind of speaker they would like, comes the following paragraph:

"There is another problem which has come up in relation to this program. I do not know if it is to you whom I should write about it, but not having the address of any other person or office connected with Ginling I shall trouble you with it. For more than fifteen years now, I am told, the women of Kalamazoo College have been contributing in a small but regular way to Ginling College. For the entire four years during which women students are associated with our college they hear the name of this other college. And each one of those years each girl contributes something to the other institution, under the impression that the two are sister schools with a feeling of real friendship between them. The remark has been made to me several times in discussion of advance plans for this year's banquet that in so far as any of us knew, no word of acceptance or appreciation had ever been received by our students from the administration or students of the other institution. And when I made the suggestion that we increase our gift to Ginling, or enlarge the support by making it the object of our yearly Christmas project in addition to our banquet gift, there was objection. Some of the League Council members recalled the fact that our very well-liked speaker from last year, Miss Helena Djang, had admitted in her speech that, until she received our letter inviting her to speak to us, she had never even heard of Kalamazoo College.

"The feeling is that it would be better to put our added support to a cause which gives us some sign of recognition and appreciation - not only for the measure of satisfaction we should feel, but for the success of the campaign, which is somewhat dependent on the spirit of enthusiasm and cooperative feeling experienced by the group being called upon to give. As a person who believes in the worthiness and need of such colleges as Ginling, I wonder if there is a remedy or at least an explanation for this disappointing situation."

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Of course, we have acknowledged the gifts from Kalamazoo College and each year I have attempted to be as appreciative as possible of this faithful support for Ginling. The gift has usually been designated for the Scholarship Fund. Apparently a word from you or something directly from the College is what they want and would make them feel closer to Ginling and more interested in continuing their support.

Perhaps you would like to write a letter directly to Kalamazoo College. Naturally you would not refer to her letter to me, but you could write a nice letter that would make them feel that Ginling girls really appreciate this scholarship help. Would it be practical to have a scholarship girl at Ginling regarded as the one who receives this \$50.00 contribution from Kalamazoo and then ask this girl to write a letter to Kalamazoo College. The person who wrote to me is Miss Inez B. Goss, 716 Forest Street, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Magazines ordered by Miss Graves. I had a letter from Stella Marie Graves, asking me to order three magazines to be sent to her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Renesen Chu, in Shanghai. Stella asked that this be charged against her personal account in the New York office. As you know, there is no personal account for Stella here. This amount has therefore been charged against the field account and Stella can settle with you out there. It comes to:

Good Housekeeping (1 year)	\$4.90
House and Garden (1 year)	4.90
National Geographic (1 year)	5.75
TOTAL	\$15.55

I have not written to Stella about this, but will mention it to her in my next letter.

I hope our next cable will bring you better news about Dr. Liu.

Cordially yours,

CSM:ef  
Via China Clipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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GINLING COLLEGE  
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October 26, 1946

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

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I wish you to know how happy I am to do my first letter with Miss Helen Plaum, and I wanted that to go to you. When I went to Shanghai for the day on October 17, I went to see her and Miss Treudley at Harriet Meyer's home, and I do not need to tell you that it was a most happy moment for me to know that both of these ladies were right in Shanghai after so many weeks and weeks of waiting. Miss Plaum was already drafted to do some of the unavoidable things which should not have been expected of a newcomer, and she took over the task readily and happily. I refer to the difficult task of getting luggage through customs for herself and Miss Treudley. This was because we had asked Miss Treudley to come as soon as possible to take up work as acting head of the Sociology Department. I believe I told you that Dr. Lung resigned in September, and we had to impose upon Miss Treudley for this important work in taking charge of the large number of girls majoring in sociology.

To finish the story of Miss Plaum's arrival on the campus, she appeared in front of the library building without anybody having met her train. Her telegram came after she arrived because it was delivered to Nanking University first. All the pieces of luggage were at the station, and a college servant went to bring them up. This account will show you how quickly Miss Plaum has become adapted to meeting all sorts of situations in China. She has come at the right moment, because next week I must get things ready for the Board of Directors meeting on November 9th. It will be the first meeting of the Board as a whole since the last one in the spring of 1937.

Now I have to come to the bad news of Liu En-Lan's automobile accident. Mr. Evan's cablegram was received on Thursday afternoon. It was a real shock to me, and I told only a few of our senior members of the faculty. The next morning, I showed the message to her sister, En-Hsuen, who is on our library staff. Then Mrs. Fairbank came yesterday afternoon to show me a cablegram from the State Department. The message was as follows:

"Liu En-Lan struck by taxicab New York City  
October 23. Suffered skull fracture and  
broken leg. Condition grave. Receiving  
best care at Roosevelt Hospital. Please  
notify Ginling College and relatives.  
Embassy will be kept informed."

We are all very sorry indeed that En-Lan suffered the skull fracture, and we are holding our breath for further news, and

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I hope the doctors have given her all the care possible. We also hope there may not be a permanent injury to the nervous system. If she can escape such ill effects, it will still take her weeks to get over this accident. I presume the State Department will send further word to Mrs. Fairbank in regard to her improvement, and the next ten days will probably be the most crucial. I do not know how the medical and hospital expenses are arranged. If neither the taxi company nor the State Department is paying the bills, I trust that you or Mr. Evans will arrange to take care of them. In regard to her health condition, I had thought of writing to her to have an examination during her stay in America. She had occasionally had some stomach trouble and some of us have suspected there might be an ulcer condition. I am telling you about it now so that, when it is convenient, you may make some suggestion to her doctor to give her a thorough medical examination before she leaves the hospital.

Could I myself trouble you to send her some flowers or some other gifts for me? I shall ask Mrs. New to leave ten dollars in your hands for this purpose. I have not written to her for such a long time, I cannot be sure that she has been able to live on in her apartment.

I have received your letter of September 27th, together with correspondence in regard to Mr. Edwin Kwoh, and Mrs. New has written me and Mr. Kwoh himself. I am terribly sorry to confess that thus far I have not written nor sent a cablegram to him. I should also apologize to Mr. Evans for not having answered his cablegram. At first, I was waiting to get letters in order to know the whole situation. After the letters arrived, I simply delayed writing. I am very grateful to Mrs. New, and to you and Mr. Evans for having attended to this complicated situation so carefully. As Mrs. New explained in her letter to Edwin, there must have been several factors involved in his wanting to stay in America long after he knew there should be a further revision of his thesis. It must have been hard to have decided at the beginning to start for China soon after his wedding. I am glad that he has decided to do the revision in California, and take a boat in October. Now I hope the strike will be settled soon. During all these months of rehabilitation, and the opening of the College, I certainly wished many a time that Edwin were only here, but even now in the setting up of the business office and other matters of administration, I certainly hope he will reach here soon so that we can make more permanent plans together.

We have been having wonderful fall weather in Nanking--clear, bright, sunny days. It is such a pleasant change from the cloudy days in Szechuan, or the hot muggy days in September.

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As we are planning for the celebration of Founders' Day two weeks from now, we have received letters from alumnae expressing a desire to come back and be present at this celebration--the first after the war. We had intended to tell them to bring their own bedding and be provided with campus cots. After some inquiry among students, we found we shall be able to provide some quilts, so we have told returning alumnae to bring only their sheets and pillow cases.

This leads me to wish to write a few words again about the iron cots which have been ordered for the campus. I remember I asked in my last letter for the definite number which had been assigned to Ginling. Now I wish to say that, if, in this first order, we could not get all, could you please add orders for Ginling? Recently we have been considering the natural growth of the student body, and, at the same time, considering the dormitory problem in the near future. This made us think that during the next two or three years we should plan to house our students in the four permanent dormitories. Since the iron beds you have ordered can be set up to serve as double deckers, we can put two double deckers in each room, and thus house about one hundred girls in each dormitory, making a total student body of four hundred. Of course, I would not mean for the college to increase the enrollment to four hundred before the fall of 1947. However, I decided to write to you early because we have all learned how long it takes to get such necessities in America these days.

In my last letter to you, I mentioned that I had the pledge of CN\$100,000,000 in our financial campaign in Shanghai. I am happy to tell you that CN\$40,000,000 have been paid in and at least CN\$30,000,000 more should be paid within the next few days. This campaign was managed through the help of Mrs. New's two brothers and Dr. Tsu Kwoh-Mo, and a few others who know me and the College. The general economic situation in Shanghai has not been good in the fall, and there have been too many appeals to the public in general, so these friends advised me not to make a general campaign, but only to approach a small number of people who were apt to make large contributions. As you know, I have never raised any money before and I found it so difficult to make a start and speak to people personally myself. However, I was so surprised to find how these friends received me and I was really somewhat alarmed at the way they referred to my prestige and the name of the College. That should challenge us to develop our work further to meet their expectations.

In fact, one of my embarrassing tasks this fall was that of refusing politely the requests of high officers who wanted their daughters to enter Ginling. Of course, if they pass the entrance tests, we should welcome them. But when they do not, it is not easy for these people to accept the refusal. One illustration may amuse you. General Lung, the former Governor of Yunnan,

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came to call upon me himself and entrust the education of his only daughter in my hands. But the girl failed in the tests. His secretary made many efforts to see me, and all the officers, many a time. The only concession we made was that she could be an auditor. That means that she is to live at home and receives no credits whatsoever. When we gave second entrance tests to take girls into the two-year short course in physical education, she tried that, and passed. However, she did come on Registration day. Then the secretary called on me again to say that she had been admitted to the Catholic College in Shanghai, but her wish was still to enter Ginling. So she wanted to apply for transfer a year ahead to Ginling. Miss Plaum tells me this situation is quite universal, so this case is enough to tell you how Miss Z. N. Loh and myself have to spend much time in handling such affairs.

I wish again to express to you my deep appreciation for having secured Miss Plaum to come to Ginling. I am sure she will be a real addition, and will fill a long-felt missing link on the College Staff. I truly hope she will be happy to work with us in Ginling.

Most sincerely yours,



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*Wu Yi-fang*  
Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.  
November 1, 1946

Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Dear Dr. Wu:

I wrote you last the day after Dr. Liu's accident. At that time things looked very black indeed and the cables which Mr. Evans sent you during the next few days gave you little ground for hope. The accident had occurred on Wednesday, October 23rd, and she held her own apparently until about noon on Sunday, October 27th. But for the following two days she lost ground until by noon on Tuesday, October 29th, the doctors gave us no grounds at all for hope. Late that evening, however, she began to show some signs of returning to consciousness, and during the night she made several efforts to speak. By Wednesday, she had said several intelligible words. She has continued to gain and the doctor has just been talking to Mr. Evans, assuring him that we have good reason to expect steady progress.

I was up at the hospital yesterday afternoon and I am sure that Dr. Liu recognized me. When the nurse told her that I was there, she opened her eyes briefly and smiled. She was too drowsy to talk. When I was there this morning, she was asleep, but the nurse told me that she was doing very well.

You may be sure that we are all rejoicing in this good news. Friends all over the country have been solicitous about her and messages and prayers have flowed out for her. We have tried to keep everyone possible informed of the progress and are just now sending out bulletins telling the good news of gaining strength. It will probably be quite a long time before she is really well, but in the meanwhile, she is comfortable and receiving every care and attention.

Both Ruth Chester and Mrs. Thurston have been in constant touch with us, and as soon as Dr. Liu is able to see them, they are eager to come to New York to be with her.

Cordially yours,

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Via ChinaClipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.  
November 8, 1946

Dear Dr. Wu:

Dr. Liu. Since I wrote you last, Dr. Liu has been making some progress, though it is naturally very slow. I believe Mr. Evans cabled you yesterday, saying that Dr. Liu was improving physically, but that her speech was still somewhat incoherent. There seems no doubt now of her physical recovery, and of course we are earnestly hoping that she will also recover completely mentally. The doctors tell us that there is at least an equal chance, but that it is still too early to give us any definite assurance. The best neurologist in New York has been in consultation on the case, and Dr. Liu is receiving every possible advantage offered by medical knowledge and science. I see her practically every day. Sometimes she is fairly clear and talks coherently. At other times she is hazy and says that she does not know what happened to her. The nurses assure us that this is a perfectly normal development in such cases, that there are always ups and downs before the final outcome is clear. I am therefore holding on to the good periods and hoping that they will increase in number and length.

Program for the World Day of Prayer. Under separate cover I am sending you the program for the World Day of Prayer. The Committee has asked that this be sent out to Ginling.

French Books. Some time ago we mailed by parcel post, the French books that Florence had requested. I am afraid that the strike has held all such parcels up, but I still hope that they will reach you in time to be of some service for the first semester.

English Department. I know that the English situation in Ginling is desperate and we are trying to find a teacher for you. I have not heard anything from Louise Shoup at all, and therefore assume that it will not be possible for her to accept your invitation. A very pleasant young person was in the office yesterday, and Mr. Corbett and I had a long talk with her. She has not had any experience in teaching, but has had a good deal of other experience that should be valuable in China. She is a Methodist and the Methodists have also interviewed her. It may be that we can secure her for Ginling. I will keep you posted.

Founders' Day. We will be thinking of you especially during this month as you will be celebrating Founders' Day. I do not know the date that you have decided upon, but I know that it will be very soon. Founders' Day in Nanking this year will be very different from other years, but I know that it will mean much to all of you to be celebrating another such occasion on the Nanking campus. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Cordially yours,

CSM:ef  
Via China Clipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Longfellow

Nov. 10, 1946

Dear Mrs. Mills,

Before I left college for the summer, I heard  
the possibility of asking Miss Peck to  
take a letter to you, so I brought a  
copy of my report & an agreement  
in cooperation between Longfellow & you,  
it was a copy, newspaper, which  
Helen Brown wrote immediately. I am  
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The letter is a copy of the report  
which I wrote to you. I am sorry  
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Dr. Wu Yi-fang  
Ginling College  
Nanking, China

Ginling College  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N.Y.  
November 29, 1946

Dear Dr. Wu:

Mail. I have just received the letter you sent in by Miss Mildred Price. It is dated November 16th and brings us the latest news that we have had from Ginling. I was very glad indeed to get the report you made to the Board of Directors and also the agreement on cooperation between the University of Nanking and Ginling College.

Just for the sake of the record, I have received, to date, the following letters from you: July 28, received August 7; August 16, received September 4; September 19, received October 7; and November 16, received November 29. In addition, I have received two letters from Stella, dated October 20th and October 28th, and one from Florence dated October 26th. Since returning from vacation, I have written to you on September 12, September 27, October 17, October 24, November 1, and November 8th. I also wrote to Florence on September 30, and to Stella on November 1. I am giving you this record as it has seemed to us that mails have been unusually slow and irregular this fall, and I fear you may not have received everything we sent.

Dr. Liu. You will be happy to know that Dr. Liu continues to improve. This last week especially, she has shown great progress and now the doctors and nurses seem to feel assured of her complete recovery. She has taken a few steps, holding onto the nurse and seems to gain strength each day. Her mental condition is greatly improved. When I saw her last, two days ago, she seemed completely clear and rational. There is no way of knowing how much longer she will have to be in the hospital, but now it seems only a matter of time until she is perfectly well again.

You can imagine what a relief and joy this is to us. She has had a bad five weeks, but since she is going to be all right, we won't think about that part of it. She has spoken with appreciation of the letters she has received from you and Miss Spicer and Florence and other people in China. She told me that she got a number of such letters through the State Department.

Ruth Chester and Mrs. Thurston were here about the middle of November, and both of them spent a good deal of time with Dr. Liu. I am somewhat worried about Ruth. She tires very easily and did not seem too well to me. She got the final report from her medical examination while she was here and found that she had a fairly heavy infection of amoeba. She is under doctor's care, of course, taking all sorts of medicines and injections, and we hope that with these treatments and plenty of rest, she will soon be all right.

Kalamazoo College. I went out to the meeting of the United Council of Church Women in Grand Rapids, November 11th to 15th, and returned by way of Kalamazoo. I spoke to the meeting of the Women's League of Kalamazoo College, at their Ginling banquet, on the evening of November 15th. I had some pictures and publicity with me and found the girls greatly interested in everything about Ginling. We have a good contact there and I think, with some careful cultivation, we may be able to persuade them to increase their contributions. They are considering making Ginling the object of their special Christmas collection. I think that I was able to straighten out some of the misunderstandings that I wrote you about earlier in the fall, and there is a good spirit among the girls now. It would help, however, if some of the Ginling girls, or some of the faculty members, could write a little note to the Women's League of Kalamazoo College. Miss Inez Goss is the person to whom to write this year. She is a senior, so will not be there after June.

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November 29, 1946

Ginling Fall Publicity. We have just gotten out our fall booklet and hope that it is going to bring in large and generous contributions for Ginling. The material that Florence and Eva and you have been sending me during the summer gave me the information that we needed for this booklet. I hope that our friends will find it as interesting as I found your accounts.

My heartiest congratulations to you as a money-raiser! I think that \$180,000,000 from your single-handed, quiet campaign is nothing short of marvelous. I know that Ginling needs all of this and much more and you may be sure that we are making every effort to secure the amounts needed. I am sure that Dr. Fenn, Dr. McMullen and Mr. Evans have been keeping you informed of the financial situation to date, so I will not go into it again.

I have just had a letter from Marjorie Causer, in which she tells me that L.M.S. has agreed to her transfer to Ginling. She says, "I am looking forward to seeing Nanking in the fall of 1947." This is good news indeed, and we rejoice over it. She will mean additional strength to the English Department and will bring to the College knowledge and experience that will be most helpful. I am still working on another English teacher, but at the moment have nothing definite to offer.

I am very happy to know that Miss Plaum has gotten into the work at Ginling, and I hope that she is going to be increasingly helpful to you.

Thank you very much for the newsletter about Founders' Day celebration. All of this makes excellent publicity. America still has not conquered all of its shortages and right now we are having trouble in getting mimeograph paper. As soon as we can get a supply, I am having this newsletter and your report mimeographed and sent out to the Ginling Committee and to other friends.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy Christmas, this first year back on the Nanking campus.

Affectionately yours,

CSM:ef  
Via China Clipper

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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*Mrs. Yi-fang*

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GINLING COLLEGE  
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December 8, 1946

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills  
Secretary, Associated Boards  
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New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Mills:

I am very sorry that, even with Helen Plaum here, I have not done better in my correspondence. It seems that the unexpected always interferes with my plans and intentions. I certainly hope, however, that, after my return to Nanking, I shall be able to give time more regularly to writing letters and reduce the bundles of unanswered mail.

I am dictating this letter in Mrs. Paul Meyer's apartment. I have come to Shanghai for the National Christian Council Conference--December 3rd through 11th.

Right after Founders' Day, I had a most difficult question to decide--whether to join the Assembly or not. Then, later, an even harder one--whether to accept the nomination to serve on the Presidium. There was a great deal of work on the campus, and I really wanted to be able to stick to the College work. And if I served on the Presidium, it would have meant a full-time job with meetings through the whole day. Furthermore, when I looked through the names on the Presidium, I found that Dr. Hu Shih and I were the only independents. Dr. Hu had said before that he could be in Nanking only for a short while for he had to go back to Peking University soon. That meant I would be the only one to be called upon to preside over sessions when there were delicate issues with opposing ideas. After serious consideration and consultations with friends, I decided to decline. However, when I felt a great relief, because my resignation was accepted, there were grumblings expressed by the women members of the Assembly, scolding me for not considering women's prestige. From the viewpoints of Protestants, I could also be blamed for giving up this position while Bishop Paul Yu Ping made a great deal of his being on the Presidium.

I wish there were time for me to continue dictating a long letter to you, but I want to get this letter to Bill Fenn, so I must stop.

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Mrs. W. P. Mills

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Please find enclosed a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting. I asked Miss Mildred Price to bring you a copy of my report, so gradually I am getting these materials into your hands.

With very best wishes for a Happy Christmas to you and Harriet and Angie, I am

Most sincerely yours,



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Yi-fang Wu  
President, Ginling College

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