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FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

The Board of Founders of Ginling College has the responsibility of maintaining for women in China a Christian college of educational excellence.

Decreased annual income and no general endowment have placed a serious burden of uncertainty upon the College in recent years.

In order to make safe this College and to lift from the shoulders of its distinguished President, Yi-fang Wu, grave financial stress, the Board of Founders finds it necessary to increase the annual income by \$10,000. This is to be secured either through annual subscriptions or through gifts to a capital fund of \$300,000.

Will you assist in safeguarding this intercollegiate, interdenominational, international, and interracial project by filling out and returning this card?

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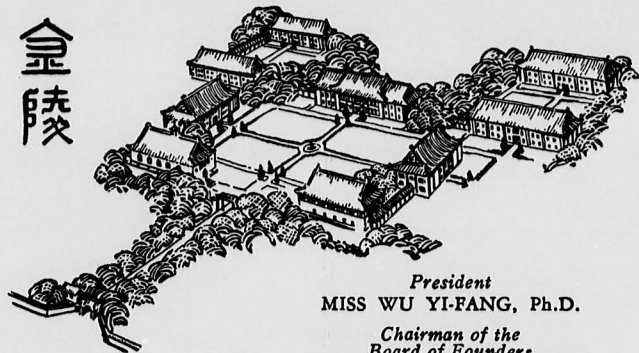
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Eva Adams Macmillan, 1915  
Katharine Richards Rockwell, 1913  
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Smith Alumnae Committee  
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Agnes Woodhull Raudenbush, 1928  
Mary V. Thayer, 1890  
Lucy W. Titcomb, 1913

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MISS WU YI-FANG, Ph.D.  
Chairman of the  
Board of Founders  
MISS MARGARET E. HODGE

To Smith Alumnae Friends of Ginling:

You have become friends of this college in China through various doors. Some of you have known Ginling since its foundation twenty-one years ago. Some of you have visited Ginling and have seen for yourselves the curving roofs, the pink cherry blossoms of spring, or the proud chrysanthemums of fall. Some of you have seen it through the eyes of Smith women who have served there. All of you have found in this extension of Smith in the Orient a satisfying expression of our college's high standard that we should share intelligently in world affairs.

Smith is proud that each of the 34 Seniors of the class of 1936 - like the Seniors of all previous classes at Ginling - had awaiting them upon graduation not only a position but a choice of several positions; that employers in China when they want a job done with intelligence and devotion say, "Give us the Ginling girl." Smith is proud of Ginling's popularity in China. Three hundred girls took the entrance examinations for the places to be vacated by the 34 members of the class of 1936. Smith is proud of the distinction of Ginling's president, Dr. Yi-fang Wu, who during her brief visit in America when she represented Ginling at the Harvard Tercentenary, was entertained by Smith women from Boston to Seattle. Whatever door was opened to her, she passed through with dignity and grace, including the great honor of being the first woman to address the Naval War College.

On the campus at Northampton, the undergraduates put Ginling first in their annual Community Chest fund. Are you one of the Alumnae who follows this excellent example by making Ginling an annual gift? If you have not this habit, no time is better than now to begin it. Mrs. Dwight Morrow after her visit to Ginling said at Smith: "I speak as a grandmother when I say I feel it isn't in any sense generous for us to give to an institution like Ginling. We must realize that our children and grandchildren must live in an extremely difficult world if there are not such colleges. If we hold back our money and don't give, we are making it harder for our own children. We give to them when we give to an institution like Ginling, because we help to build a fairer world."

Yours sincerely,

*Marjorie B. Leavens*

Marjorie Browning Leavens

Chairman Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling

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Mrs. Scott's appeal to New York Smith Club

GINLING COLLEGE  
CHENGTU, CHINA

(114)

金陵女子大學校刊

27 March 1941

Yes, I really truly am twenty-five years old! And never in all my life have I had so much attention - such grand parties and flowers and a lovely silk dress - and special birthday gifts! My heart is full of love and gratitude. Truly it is. So please forgive me if I breathe a humble confession that is really a very humble prayer. I love flowers - but my shoes are wearing thin and new ones cost so much. Everyone says I look stunning in my new silk dress - but the days are so cold in this mountainous New Ginling in faraway Chengtu. I need a new padded coat - just a cotton one - so badly. I hate to say it, but if I don't get some of the regular everyday necessities pretty soon, bread and butter things - you know what I mean - I'm afraid the promises and extras will be too late. I don't see how I can wait even till June first. Last year you helped me and I really had a fine, happy year, in spite of bombs and crowding and insufficient equipment. But this is a new year and prices are still soaring and China's suffering is too terrible to write about and help from my own people so uncertain, because of all these facts. But I want you to know that they are giving generously, and at a real sacrifice. Please forgive me, but I do so need your help now - just to "carry on".

such as yours!  
(added to those who had given to Annie)  
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Your grateful friend,

*Ginling Nütze La Hueh*  
Ginling College

P. S.

Mrs. Scott told me that it would be all right to write this letter. She knows how many extra appeals there are this year with these awful wars and all, but she believes, and so do I, and so do General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, that it is more important now than ever before to keep our Colleges going, in order to train leaders in my country for the day when Peace surely will come. Important for the world, too, not just China. Yes, even for your United States of America. You can always reach me at the same old address - care of Mr. Evans, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York.

*Ginling*

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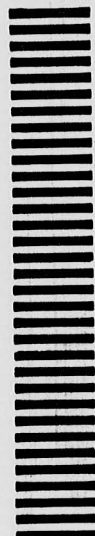
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Chicago Smith Club Appeal

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Chicago, Illinois  
April 10, 1941

Dear Smith Alumnae of Chicago:

About a fifth of you came to the Ginling birthday party at Albertine Valentine's last month. If the rest of you could have been there you would not need to be told anything about our heroic sisters in China, the Ginling girls. Two of them were there and spoke to us, with modesty, charm, humor and ability. They have already done their bit toward the new China for which they hope and are here at the University of Chicago preparing for more expert service in the future.

The girls of Ginling today are putting up with crowding and discomfort, keeping up their study with meager equipment, enduring bombings and going out to give aid and training to the villagers, so that they too shall be ready for the New China. I think that one of the things we heard which impressed me most was that Ginling graduates are already filling so many important posts that Mme. Chiang Kai-Chek complained that she could not get any of them for her educational rehabilitation projects. Dr. Wu could not find any of the older graduates unoccupied but sent to Mme. Chiang five graduates of the last class. The report is that they are doing splendid work.

We too are graduates of a college which has trained us for service. We do not know what the immediate future will demand of us, but while we are still at peace and have some surplus of comfort and ease can we, may we, will we send gifts of friendship and appreciation to the girls who are facing a difficult, courageous future, as they build New China?

Many of you have heard that Ginling is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year and that Mrs. Morrow and Mrs. Hoskins are heading a committee to raise for Ginling a gift of \$25,000.00. We sent something over \$100.00 to that committee after our meeting at Mrs. Valentine's and since only a fifth of our membership was present we should be able to send \$400.00 more.

The Birthday Gift must not in any way interfere with our regular subscription which helps Ginling to carry on through thick and thin. Last year we gave \$239.00 for that purpose and we must not miss out on this regular support for 1941. Remember that each \$1.00 of American money means \$16.00 in China.

It now seems best not to send our gifts through the Chicago Committee for Aid to China but to send them direct to the Ginling Committee in New York, as we have for the past few years. In filling out the enclosed envelope please make it clear what part of your cheque is for regular support and what part is for the Birthday Gift. It is important that there should be no confusion.

For Ginling and for Smith may I say "All together for the New China!"

Yours sincerely

*Ellen Holt*

Chairman for Ginling  
Chicago Smith College Club

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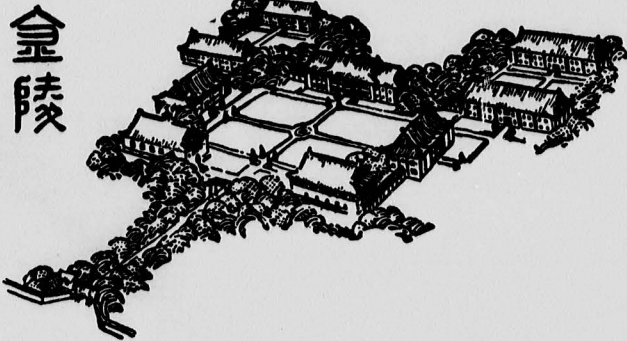
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January 9, 1942

Dear Smith Alumna:

The news from Ginling shows that they are carrying on in their usual splendid fashion, with an enrollment of 210 students this fall.

The Anniversary Gift last year greatly strengthened their work, both in a financial and in a spiritual sense. We want this year to continue this bond of confidence and friendship.

You have given generously of your help in the past. We hope you will feel you can do so again this year. Probably we can all understand today better than ever before the extent to which we share their problems.

Sincerely yours,

*Sara Comins*  
Chairman

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# GINLING NEWS

January 1942

## GINLING CARRIES ON

### Curriculum a La Guerre

During the present period Ginling is operating in an atmosphere of instability with such an unpredictable future that the college program has necessarily been changed in policy and practice. The faculty strives to give the students a program which will educate them to meet life's demands satisfactorily and rightly. An outgrowth of this is an extension of the college course to cover not only a program of study on campus, but also a rural "laboratory" center to discover the needs of the rural population of China and how best to fill these needs.

### Rural Service

This rural service station materialized two and one-half years ago in Jenshow, a small center in the hills about eighty miles from Chengtu, where Ginling is now situated. It is an isolated district where human activities have always been attuned to and limited by the natural surroundings. The population seemed to have no knowledge of profitable use of leisure nor regard for the value of time, seemed to lack healthy organized recreation and failed in utilizing what their environment and circumstances offered. Through speeches, demonstrations, dramas, singing, and games, the Ginling "land army" sought to gain the confidence and friendship of these people, and to bring them what help was possible.



*Working Among Villagers*

### Exhibits Here and There

The major activity of which we have learned to date was an exhibit held on the last Chinese New Year. Exhibited were handicrafts, children's clothing and toys, and vegetables and poultry - all contributions of the rural population. The exhibit was attended by 18,000 people over a three-day period and interest was heightened by awards for excellence. The students also go into the homes and learn thus of rural conditions and do what they can to help - in the fields of literacy, nursery group work, and club work. On the shared campus at Chengtu, a tremendous amount of activity is carried on. The Home Economics display in May was the result of a great deal of work and study, and the success was a tribute to the two teachers in charge and interested majors.

### A Cooperative Store

The Ginling girls have started a cooperative store for candy, towels, soap, ink, paper, which previously they had had to go into the city to buy, or else must obtain from the "gatehouse" where terrific profits were enjoyed by the storekeeper at the expense of the students. Another successful project has been the Peanut Butter

Project of the Sociology Department, where fine quality butter of great nutrition value, especially valuable since the price of milk has risen, has been made available to the community.

### Bombs and Classes

In the early spring, to meet the almost certain interruptions of classes due to bombing, the campus adopted a new schedule; 7-11 a.m. and 2-6 p.m. It took a little readjustment, but most people preferred it. Class time lost was only a few days. Baccalaureate and Commencement were carried on to the tune of sirens. The bombings were at the airfields, with few casualties.

### The Spirit of Ginling

The spirit of Ginling, with the inspiration and guidance of President Wu, can never be praised too highly. In the face of what might seem to be insurmountable obstacles, this group of 210 students "carries on", giving priceless service to their countrymen and gaining for themselves a substantial basis for lives of worth.

### Since Pearl Harbor

In spite of Pacific developments, Ginling continues work with others on the West China campus. The program at Nanking presumably has been interrupted, but there is no definite word available at present.

Ginling College, Chengtu, China (Home Campus: Nanking)  
American Office: 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.



*Pres. Wu Yi-fang*

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*Tea Invitation (with Pledge Card) To all N.Y. club donors who  
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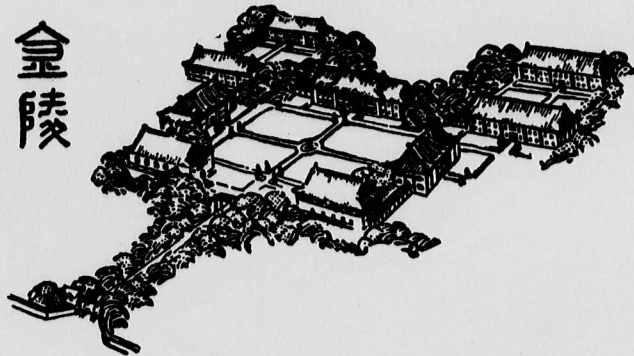
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Dear Club Member:

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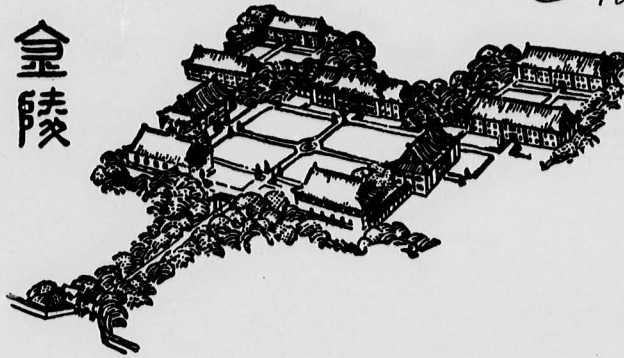
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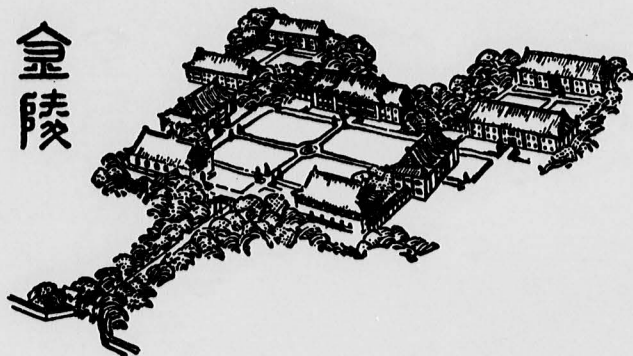
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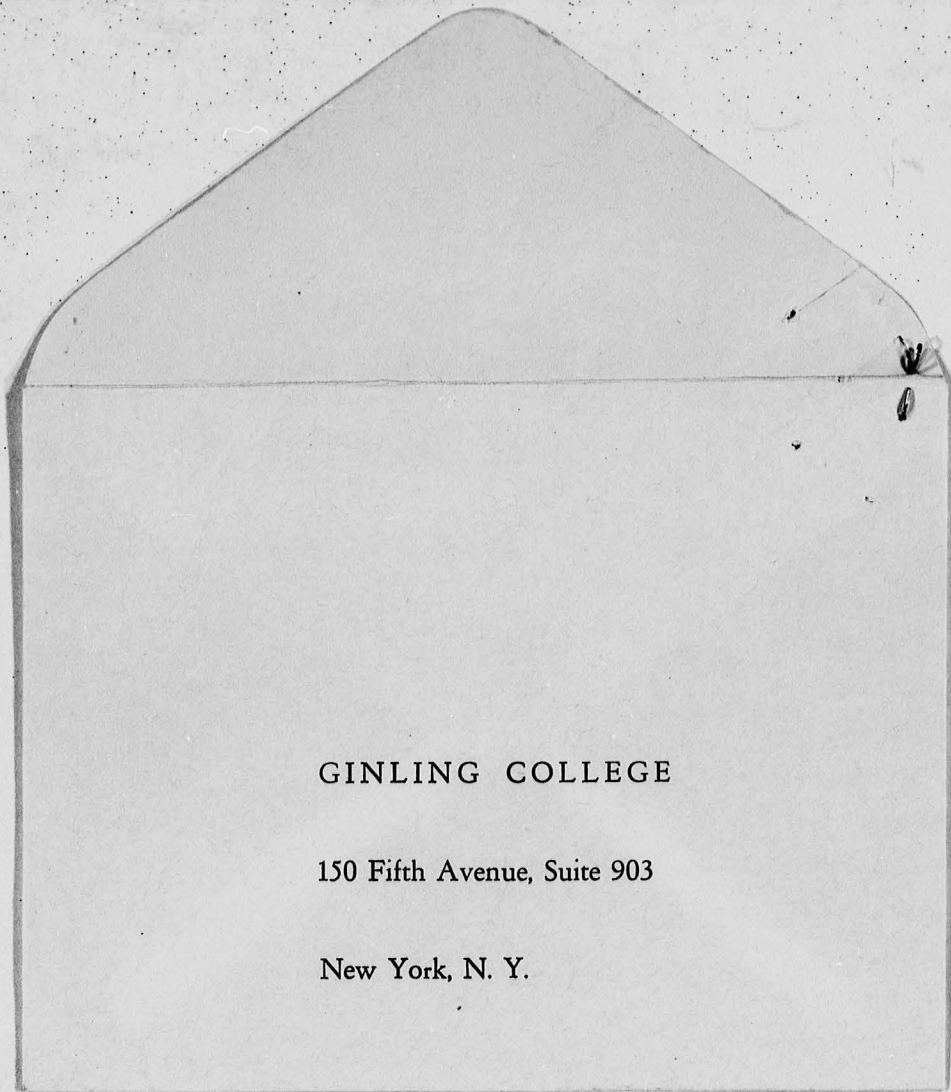
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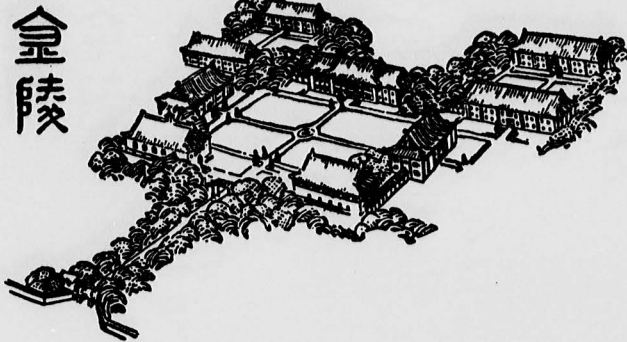
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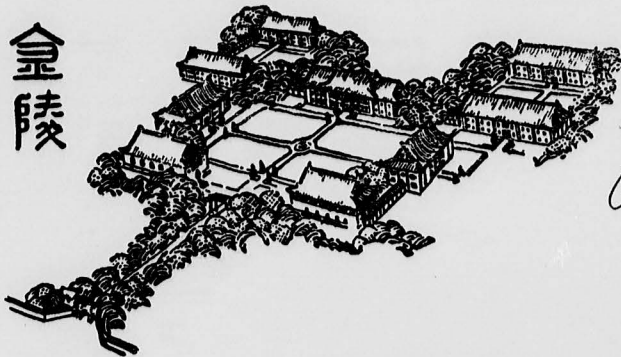
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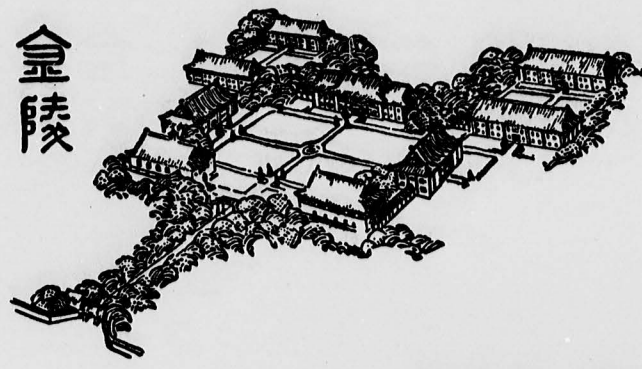
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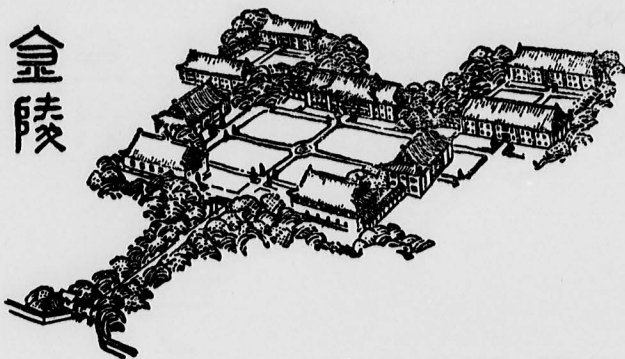
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All the letters from the college strike the same note. There is work to do and Ginling takes the lead in the doing of it. Winter vacations were short this year, by order of the Ministry of Education, but there was a winter Student Christian Movement conference as usual, and again a Ginling girl was the chairman. The Szechwan Branch of the National Association of Chinese Women for War Relief needed help in distributing their New Year's parcels to soldiers' families near Chengtu, and Ginling girls were the ones invited to share in this project. The classes and clinics at Jenschow and other rural centers need help, and Ginling students gladly spend their vacations meeting the need. The staffs in Homes for War Orphans find Ginling girls able and efficient helpers.

Creative work goes on within the college itself. Miss Graves has composed the music for an anthem based on the words of Luke 4:17,18, and Miss Hu Shih-tsang had original music to add to Founders' Day celebrations. There is a plan for instituting a special training course for child welfare workers, as a joint project on the West China campus, and Ginling naturally has a large share in it.

Steadfastly they press forward, and we rejoice in their high aims and records of accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

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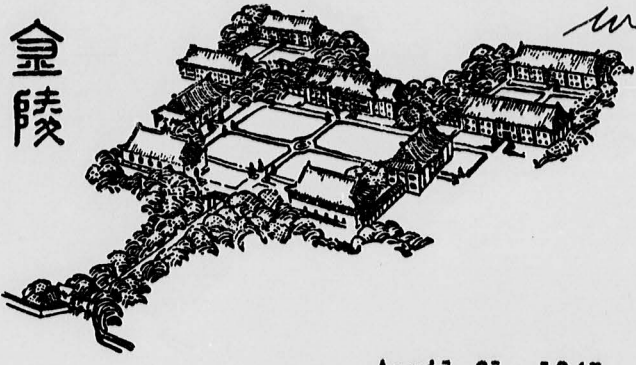
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Dear Smith Alumna:

The enclosed little booklet tells of some of the work that Ginling College sponsors. When you have read it, I am sure you will be proud of our sister college in China, and of the service it is able to render in spite of war.

In Ruth Chester's last letter from Ginling, written in November, she says: "One of our present misfortunes is the enormous increase in costs. So far not many of our group have really suffered physically, though there is some undernutrition and T.B. is much too prevalent, but the more universal effect is on our thoughts. We seem forced to think of prices and salaries such a large part of the time, caused by fear of real inadequacy. The steady increase, month after month, is the thing that worries people more than the present situation."

Won't you help allay these fears by aiding Ginling? The college depends very largely upon support from America and a check sent now will help us to reach our goal for the current year.

Sincerely yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*  
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Dear Friend of Ginling:

I am very happy to give you, as  
a donor, an advance invitation to a meeting  
in honor of Dr. Wu, to be held at the home  
of Mrs. James S. Cushman, 815 Fifth Avenue,  
December 14th at five o'clock.

This is the only notice you will  
receive, except the general one in the next  
Club Bulletin. Please make note of it and  
tell other Smith women now.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George T. Scott

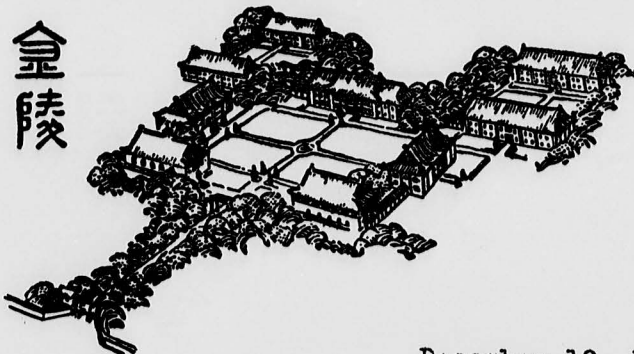
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Dear Smith Alumna:

This letter is a message straight from Ginling's President to you, a friend of Ginling. Simply and directly she tells of a college "running smoothly", taking inflation and privation and personal sorrow and national tragedy in its stride, and still maintaining high standards and a triumphant spirit.

It is a privilege to be associated with such a group. From them we learn courage and endurance and an uncalculating devotion to a standard.

We in America have just been asked to express our own devotion by giving to the National War Fund. Ginling will share in the generous response to this campaign through its connection with the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and United China Relief. However, salaries and expenses have so increased due to war that regular income is totally inadequate. We must, therefore, look to Ginling's special friends for further help.

In the past Smith women have stood loyally by their sister college, and the Ginling budget is built with the confident assurance that the \$5,500 pledged each year will be raised. Last year there was in addition a generous surplus, and we hope the same will be true this year, since we are eager to send some special aid to a hard-pressed faculty. When food and clothes are over 100 times their normal price, and there are not sufficient funds to increase salaries at the same rate, such necessities as dental work, glasses, or extra vitamins, are apt to be crowded out. If we contribute generously this year, we will have a balance to put into the Special Faculty Aid Fund, which is used to meet such important personal needs of the men and women who are keeping Ginling going. I am sure that we will want to express our concern for them and pride in their work by making as generous a contribution as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*  
Ruth Tomlinson

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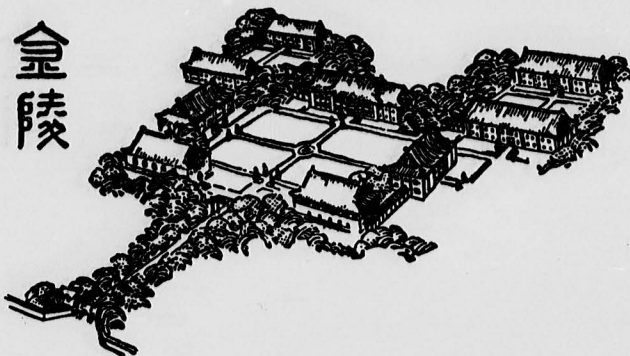
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March 13, 1944

Dear Friend of Ginling:

Dr. Wu, the President of our sister college, has come and gone! She came bringing with her cheerful greetings from Ginling and also a great burden of need, with stories of suffering and sacrifice and the problems of an uncertain future. She has returned to a country ravished by six and a half years of warfare, bearing with her equally cheerful greetings to Ginling from friends (you and me) living in a country comparatively untouched by war. She also bore an optimistic hope for more adequate aid for the college in its dire need.

Dr. Wu left us a tremendous challenge. Can we - will we - try to convert her hope into a gift worthy of the more privileged college women of America? As we study our checkbooks and budgets for gifts, let us remember that in China the cost of living has gone up at least 210 times. Smith Alumnae have pledged \$5,500 toward Ginling's current budget for 1943-44. Any surplus over this amount will go into the Faculty Aid Fund, which is used to meet the special medical, dental or nutrition needs of the faculty. When we read the February "Readers Digest" and the January "Atlantic Monthly", we realize that this is a group that always suffers most in any period of inflation.

The New York Smith Club has always responded most generously to the need in Ginling. Last year 69 members sent gifts to Ginling, many of them large amounts. This year we are anxious to have a still larger number of gifts, and of course a larger total amount. Will you not pass on this letter to a possible new friend? At the same time, maybe some of us could add a little extra because of the extra need.

With sincere assurance of Dr. Wu's deepest gratitude for all that the New York Club is doing for Ginling,

Your Ginling Representative,

Mrs. George T. Scott

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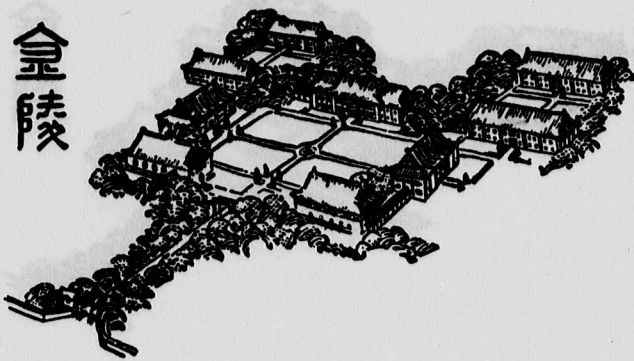
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April 10, 1944

Dear Smith Alumna:

With this latest news of Ginling we send our thanks for the loyal and generous support you have given the College in the past.

We are very hopeful from the contributions thus far received that we shall have a substantial sum, over our pledge of \$5,500, for the Faculty Aid Fund, a project so close to the heart of Dr. Wu. We feel sure that you will wish to have a part again this year in aiding Ginling and its faculty.

Sincerely yours,

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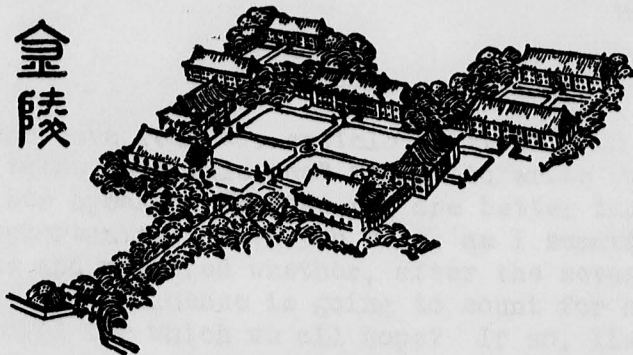
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December 11, 1944

Dear Smith Alumna:

Again we are privileged to send you news recently received from Ginling.

The need of Ginling for our help becomes greater each year with China's soaring inflation, which bears most heavily upon the salaried classes, particularly professors, who are never well paid. In July Dr. Wu reported that prices in Chengtu were 560 times what they were when the College first moved west in 1937. The official rate of exchange on American money has risen somewhat, but it is not at all comparable to the rise in prices.

Never have we had a greater opportunity to share our democratic ideals and way of life with our friends, the faculty and student body of Ginling. May we count on your continued support?

Cordially yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*

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Chicago Club Appeal  
(Sent out direct from Chicago to approx. 400)

Lake Forest, Illinois,

May 1, 1945.

Dear Smith Alumna:-

If you have read the article by Ettie Chin in the Smith Alumnae Quarterly for February there is little need for me to write you anything about Ginling. If you heard her speak in Chicago you are better informed than I am, because I missed that opportunity. Have you felt, as I sometimes have, that China is very far away from us and wondered whether, after the seven years of war that she has already endured, her influence is going to count for a great deal in the setting up of the new world for which we all hope? If so, listen to the story of the wide-awake, courageous girls at Ginling and you will know that there is something very much alive in China today that will add immeasurably to the world that is to be.

In the midst of discomforts and inflation the Ginling faculty and students go on with the business of education. To it they add war-time training and war-time jobs. The classes in physical education take two hour hikes and learn to jump ditches and climb walls so that they will be prepared if they should become refugees again or meet war face to face. Training in first aid and nursing occupy many hours of the school week. Students are studying rural social work and child care, so that they can go to the neighboring villages and open a new life to the ignorant peasants. An experimental nursery school has been opened in a nearby village by the staff and because of its success the students are going to be put in charge of nurseries for the children of farmers during the harvest season, so that the mothers can work in the fields.

General Chiang recently issued a call for two thousand girls to become what we should call Wacs. Forty Ginling girls responded and were to have gone into training in February. It is hard for them to give up their college training, but if they have the skills that are needed they want to add their part to the war effort. Seven Ginling students are acting as typists and interpreters in an American Army camp. What a surprise it must have been to the Americans to find, in far off West China, a group of girls who knew English and were trained for jobs with the army.

Of special interest is the fact that President Wu of Ginling, an outstanding woman of China and of the world, has been appointed a delegate to the United Nations Conference at San Francisco.

Last year our Chicago members contributed twice as much as ever before to Ginling. Increases are still desperately needed because of inflation and war conditions. Can we double again this year? You will find envelopes and contribution slips in this letter.

With high hopes for the returns, I am as always,

Yours very sincerely,

Ellen Holt

Secretary, Chicago Committee for Ginling.

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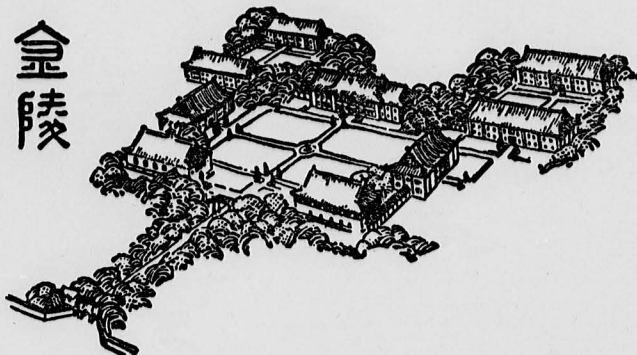
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May 2, 1945

Dear Friend of Ginling:

One of China's ten representatives at the United Nations Conference now being held in San Francisco is Dr. Wu Yi-fang, President of Ginling College. She has been chosen for this high honor and responsibility because of her selfless devotion to her lofty standards, and her capacity for leadership.

These are the qualities she is striving to develop in Ginling girls. With patience and perseverance, supported by a loyal faculty, she has led Ginling through almost eight years of war, and has sent out graduates who are responsible leaders in many fields of service.

After the war China will need trained women more desperately than ever before. Ginling is helping to supply that need, as the enclosed story will tell you, but without substantial help from friends in America, Ginling cannot go on. The New York Smith Club has always contributed most generously to this work.\* Gratefully we ask for your continued interest and support.

Your Ginling Representative,

Ruth C. Scott

Mrs. George T. Scott

\* and your recent gift will be added to our Club total for this year. ~~to~~

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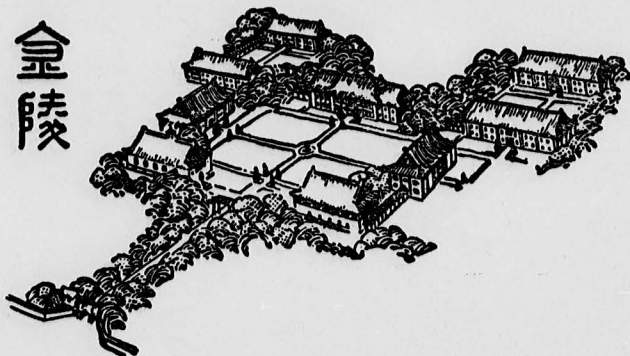
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GINLING COLLEGE  
AMERICAN OFFICE  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York 11, N. Y.

May 3, 1945

*With Pledge slip  
+ Apr. 1945 Bulet*

Dear Smith Alumna:

One of China's ten representatives at the United Nations Conference now being held in San Francisco is Dr. Wu Yi-fang, President of Ginling College. She has been chosen for this high honor and responsibility because of her selfless devotion to her lofty standards, and her capacity for leadership.

These are the qualities she is striving to develop in Ginling girls. With patience and perseverance, supported by a loyal faculty, she has led Ginling through almost eight years of war, and has sent out graduates who are responsible leaders in many fields of service.

After the war China will need trained women more desperately than ever before. Ginling is helping to supply that need, as the enclosed story will tell you, but without substantial help from friends in America, Ginling cannot go on. Smith women have taken great pride in the accomplishments of their sister college in China and have contributed most generously to its program. Gratefully we ask for your continued interest and support.

Cordially yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*

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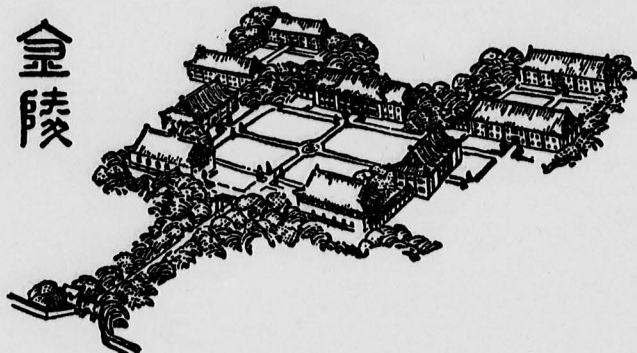
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December 13, 1945

Dear Smith Alumna:

Today China needs wise, trained leadership to solve its manifold problems. Ginling College, with its high standards of scholarship and character under its distinguished president, Dr. Wu, furnishes such training for the women of China. The past eight years of war and exile have been weary ones indeed, but in spite of heavy hearts and staggering burdens, the work has gone courageously forward.

Now the war is over and hopes run eagerly to the return to Nanking, but because of transportation difficulties and the condition of the home campus, the College will complete the current academic year in Chengtu. There the need is as great as ever. Peace has brought no quick and easy solution to the economic problems with which they have contended for eight years, nor has it removed the weariness of body and spirit that has resulted from the struggle.

You have been generous and loyal in the past. May we count on your continued help as the College faces a difficult and demanding future?

Sincerely yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*

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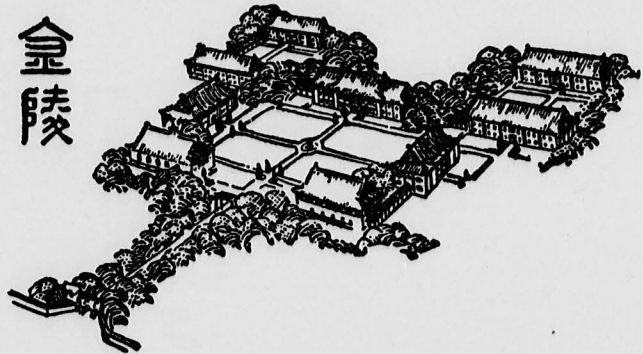
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April 3, 1946

Dear Friend of Ginling:

Our sister college makes its report to you in the enclosed booklet. What we see speaks eloquently enough, but what we cannot see is of paramount importance. I do not mean books, laboratory equipment, furnishings that please and so make work easier. I mean the wherewithal to rehabilitate faculty members whom war has treated cruelly, some way in which rest periods and relief can be provided for overworked personnel, some of the intangibles that mean the difference between drudgery and joy in the daily task. Life has been hard in China and beautiful things scarce, but now that the way is opening for a return to normal life, we find the spirit of Ginling unimpaired and an eagerness "to be up and at it" that not only inspires confidence, but arouses a great desire to help. Ginling, as the outstanding woman's college in China, holds a unique place in the life of that country. Now as never before leaders are needed, and Ginling is helping to train them.

Members of the New York City Smith Club have been very generous always with their gifts. Now when the needs of post-war rehabilitation are so tremendous, we are counting on your continued support for this important work in China.

Cordially yours,

*Ruth C. Scott*

Mrs. George T. Scott  
Ginling representative  
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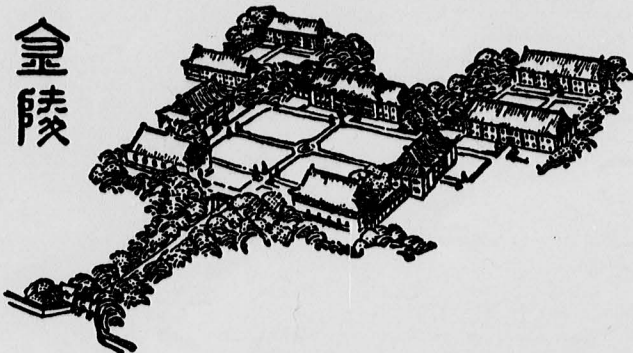
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April 10, 1946

Dear Friend of Ginling,

In the hearts of Ginling's friends the deep joy of the exile's return mingles with concern for the manifold problems presented by the reopening of the college on the Nanking campus. The enclosed booklet will help you to visualize some of the things that have happened to that once beautiful place during the Japanese occupation. These pillaged buildings must be prepared for the returning faculty and students, and the facilities for a normal academic program secured.

Over 400 people must make the long trip by difficult and sometimes dangerous ways in the heat of China's summer. They are all weary, and many are depleted in health, but their eagerness to reestablish Ginling not only inspires confidence but arouses a great desire to help. Neither war nor exile has been able to break the continuity of Ginling's program of leadership training, and the needs are greater today than ever before.

Smith women have been very generous always in their contributions to Ginling. Now when the needs of post-war rehabilitation are so tremendous, and the regular budget must also be raised, we are counting on your continued support for this important work in China.

Sincerely yours,

*Ruth Tomlinson*

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