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Informational letter - Sent Oct. 1940 - To Ginling Representatives
in Smith Clubs (79 Clubs)

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NANKING, CHINA

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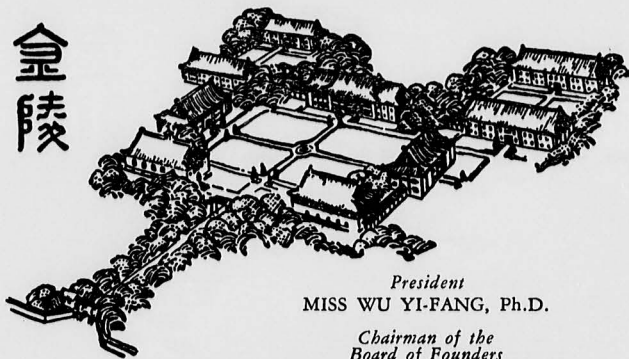
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11 November 1940

To Ginling Representatives:

In my letter of mid-October I promised to let you have further word of the plans of Mrs. Morrow's Anniversary Committee. We are taking a great deal of satisfaction in the energy of this group and its plan for a fine tribute to our Sister College this year. Some of the types of program material which are available for the use of local Clubs are briefly indicated on the attached sheets. We shall be very glad indeed to have you let us have an early indication of how we can help you and what date you have set for your own special meeting.

In certain communities we have been able to find a non-Smith woman to serve as a member of Mrs. Morrow's national committee and to cooperate with the Ginling representative in the local Smith Club. We have not had the suggestion of such a woman in your community and shall be very glad indeed to have your help on this point. Can you suggest the name of someone whose help you would find valuable and to whom you would like to have Mrs. Morrow send an invitation for membership in her national committee? The emphasis in the Ginling Anniversary program is so broad and significant that it is appropriate for special programs to go beyond the membership of local Smith Clubs and to include the community at large in so far as it has international and educational interests. Please let us have, as soon as possible, your reply as to a program date and an Anniversary committee member.

Sincerely yours,

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Appeal for Club Gifts - Sent March 1941 - To Ginling Representatives

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March 14, 1941

Dear Ginling Representative:

Mrs. Morrow has written a letter to the president of your Smith Club, telling of the great desire on the part of the 25th Anniversary Committee for Ginling that each club shall be represented in the Anniversary Gift of \$25,000. As you know, the special gift is to be made up of money over and above the usual contributed budget. This means that if each club could double its past gift, the result would be more nearly equal to our goal. The two-fold responsibility which we face is the necessity of maintaining our usual annual standard of giving, plus this year's special gift.

So far, the special gift donations amount to \$18,000, leaving \$7,000 to be raised this spring. So many clubs make a practice of giving in the late spring, that it would be especially helpful if the central committee might have some indication in advance of how much you plan to contribute this year, as a club. We would then know just where we stand, and could all work together on the final effort which is needed to reach the goal.

It may be that your club is planning some special event for raising the money, or is devoting a meeting to the subject of Ginling, taking a collection at that time. We hope that you are doing some follow-up of the alumnae in your club and community, all of whom received Mrs. Morrow's appeal with the pledge cards last December.

To make a long story short, can your club double whatever sum it has given to Ginling annually, and can you increase that gift further by interesting individual alumnae and non-Smith friends to contribute or pledge?

When we give to China we really give to ourselves also, for her destiny and ours are linked in the same struggle on a world-wide scale. Ginling and Smith are two parts of the same thing.

Yours in this common effort,

Sara Comins
Chairman

Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling

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12 Lombard Street
Ashmont Massachusetts
21 May 1941

To Presidents of Clubs and to Ginling Representatives:

There will be a very important meeting to discuss matters relating to Ginling and especially the relations of the Smith Clubs to the work in its behalf on Sunday morning, June 15, at 10:30 a.m. in the Alumnae House conference room in Northampton.

Heretofore, Ginling has had a share in the S.C.A.C.W. program from 9:30 to 10:30, with a discussion meeting following. This year, being Ginling's Anniversary year, it is to have a more prominent part in the Commencement program. The Anniversary Gift is to be presented to Mrs. New, President Wu's personal representative from Ginling, at the Alumnae Assembly, and Mrs. New is to speak at the meeting of the Alumnae Association on Saturday morning. Therefore, her part during the S.C.A.C.W. meeting will be to answer questions which may have arisen in people's minds after her Saturday talk. The meeting at 10:30 on Sunday will deal with ways and means of stimulating interest through the clubs based on the impetus gained by this year's Anniversary observances.

Mrs. Morrow feels that this is a matter of the greatest importance, and she will be at the meeting to contribute from her wisdom and experience as a result of this year's work.

We are asking each Smith Club president and Ginling representative either to attend the meeting themselves, or, if they cannot do so, to appoint some person or persons to do so for them. We hope that this may receive your interested consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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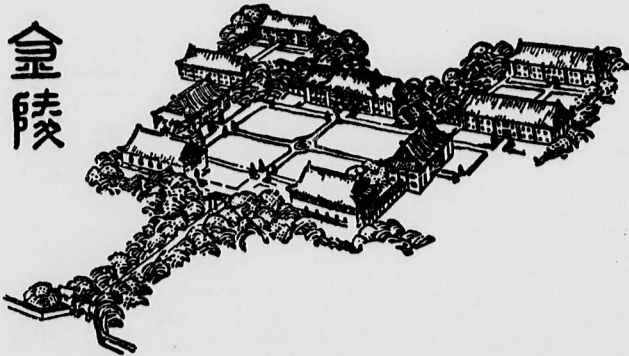
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30 October 1941

To Ginling Representatives:

Warm greetings to you at the beginning of a new club year, and anticipation of working with you in the cause of Ginling. Our new status as a standing committee of the Alumnae Association gives us added incentive and support, and the impetus gained from the 25th Anniversary observance last year should bring renewed and friendly interest.

We will send you news of Ginling at frequent intervals so that your club may be abreast of the times. The New York office will be glad to provide program material, to suggest available speakers and special programs, to send you the exhibits of colored photographs and other enlarged photographs, or the two records simulating a broadcast from China, which give dramatically the situation on and off the campus and what the Ginling graduates are doing. These were made last year for the 25th Anniversary by Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Hoskins and several Chinese girls. The records take about twenty minutes and have proved a great addition to many meetings. They will be sent for cost of postage.

You will be invited by your Alumnae Committee member to meet with other Ginling representatives in your district to exchange ideas and to pool your enthusiasm.

Last year we made a very substantial gift to Ginling. This year we are returning to our support of its annual budget. We hope your club will make its annual contribution as large as possible. Although we cannot count on new Smith friends repeating their generous gift to the birthday fund, we hope you will try to maintain their interest and you will use your judgment whether or not to approach them for financial support this year.

Those of us who met and heard Mrs. New at Commencement have seen the embodiment of wisdom and charm which we can always associate with Ginling, and which gives us increased pride in working with and for our sister college in China. May we all have a successful year in so doing!

Sincerely yours,

Sara Comins

Chairman

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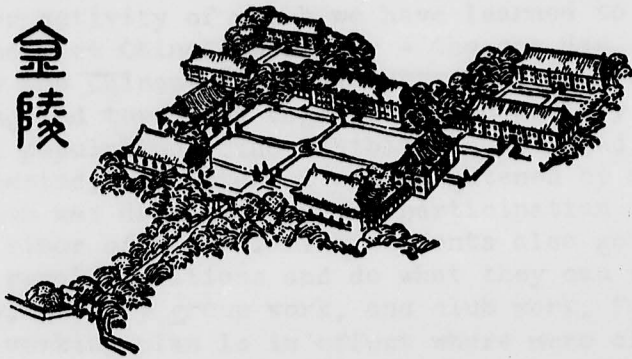
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GINLING COLLEGE
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December 9, 1941

To Ginling Representatives:

In an effort to keep informed on events and welfare of Ginling College the Smith Alumnae throughout our country who may be interested, the Committee will from time to time send to Smith Club Ginling Representatives brief reports of the information received from China. It is our hope to make these readable and informative so that the "highlights" of Ginling history as it unfolds may become common information among Smith Alumnae of the U.S.A.

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. To satisfy the demands of the students themselves, the faculty strives to give them a program which will make the girls feel educated to meeting 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 fully 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.

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EXHIBITS HERE AND THERE

The major activity of which we have learned to date was an exhibit held on the last Chinese New Year - the one day of the year kept completely free by the Chinese for pleasure. 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 occasion was dignified by the participation of the governor of the county and other officials. 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, for instance. Then, at the station, a working plan is in effect where more club work plus instruction in home-making, health, and industrial arts is carried out.

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 in the success was a tribute to the two teachers in charge and interested majors. Exhibits are now a real part of campus life, and are considered most valuable.

A COOPERATIVE STORE

The Ginling girls have started a cooperative store for the College. Here they may buy at reasonable prices, the peanuts, candy, towels, soap, ink, paper, etc., which previously they had had to make a trip into the city to buy, or else must obtain from the "gatehouse" where terrific profits were enjoyed by the storekeeper at the expense of 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

Miss Florence Kirk reported in her summer letter: "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, for the long noon hour gave a real rest time. Until I left . . . , we had lost class time only a few days, and even then, we lost much less time than formerly, since the warnings usually come about 11 o'clock. We had one or two bombings, out at 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 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.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler, '37

In charge of News to Clubs and Undergraduates for the Alumnae Committee for Ginling.

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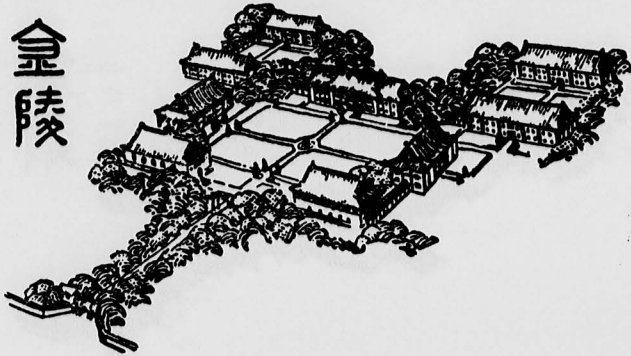
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January 22, 1942

To Ginling Representatives:

At the beginning of this year, 1942, we face a world different from any we have ever known. We are all enlisted in work for and support of the program of our country and organizations engaged in war and relief work.

In this picture, the program of Smith alumnae in support of Ginling College retains its importance. Perhaps you have felt, as many of us have done in these weeks since early December, that the bond of understanding between Smith and Ginling has become closer. Their experiences, which appealed before to our sympathetic imaginations, have a vivid reality. Moreover, the worldwide front upon which we are allied with China is not only a military one. In a sense, Ginling and Smith are working for the same end in different geographical settings. When we help liberal, democratic, Christian education in China, we strengthen a link in a chain of which Smith College is a part.

So the Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling sends you at this time a message of support and hope for continued interest and recognition of Ginling by your Club, to the end that we may unite in sending to China at the end of this year our usual financial gift and the assurance of our unflinching friendship.

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Luncheon Invitation } Ginling Reps in 12 Clubs (4 in N.Y., 4 in Conn +
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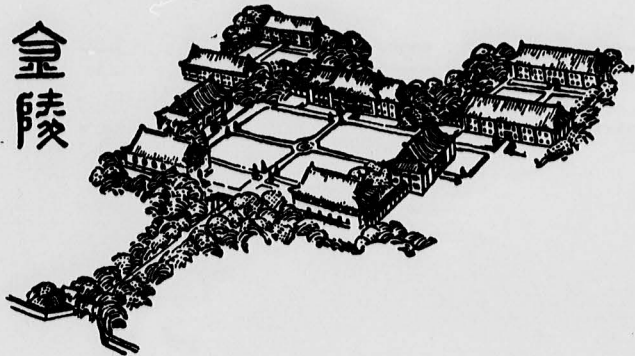
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March 9, 1942

Dear Club Representative:

I am inviting the nearby Smith Club Ginling Representatives to be my guests at luncheon at the new New York Smith Club, on March 27th, at 12:45 p.m., at the Hotel Weylin, Madison Avenue and 54th Street, New York, N. Y., and to remain for the Annual Ginling Tea that same afternoon.

I expect Mrs. Way-sung New and Mrs. W. Plumer Mills to be with us also, and together we will discuss plans for arousing new interest in our Chinese sister. We will also hear a new Ginling record - something you may want to borrow for your own Club.

I do hope you can come, to enjoy and to help. Please let me know at 150 Fifth Avenue, care of Ginling College.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. George T. Scott,
Ginling Representative for the
New York Smith Club

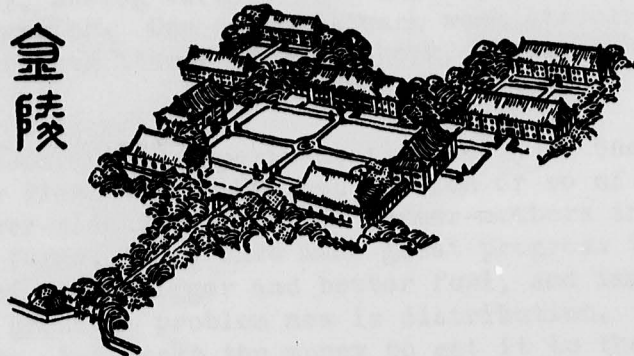
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April 15, 1942

Dear Ginling Representatives:

In spite of the great difficulty in getting mail from China, and the irregularity of its arrival, we have managed to scrape together some news. You may be sure that at least a synopsis of all pertinent material received is passed on to you. We are fortunate to have reports now from both the Nanking campus and from Chengtu, Ginling's war home.

NANKING

Most of the news from our Nanking group is dated last October or early November. No direct word has been received since America's entry into the war, but all messages about those in Nanking indicate that all Westerners are interned in their homes but that Chinese workers have been permitted to carry on. Therefore, we relay to you the news from there, even though it antedates the entry of the United States into the war.

Ginling Program in Nanking

There is now a staff of 25 teachers, 23 Chinese and 2 American (6 of them former members of the Ginling staff), and 36 workers on the Nanking campus. Here they are preserving the grounds and buildings in good condition for Ginling's use upon her return, and continuing as much of their program of work and charitable projects as possible. A middle school, a primary school, a half-day school and a kindergarten have a combined enrollment of 307. The neighbor women come in twice a week to meetings, and a workroom is open daily to them where they may learn weaving and stocking knitting, and earn a little money. There is a visitor who goes to the homes of these women, knows their family needs, and helps them whenever possible.

A Medical Service Project pays the salary of a nurse who serves school, campus, and neighborhood needs. Bean milk is served each morning to students and others who need extra nourishment. Hospital bills are paid and drugs, which are very expensive, are supplied to those who need them. A Loan Fund helps to carry people through a family crisis, or to buy rice at the lower price season. Funds for such work are not included in the regular budget, but come entirely through special gifts from friends whose interest alone makes it possible to do even this little to meet the needs in the neighborhood.

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Extra-curricular Activities

Besides classroom studies, students and teachers participate in Athletic Club, Glee Club, Nature Study, Sewing Circle, Star Gazers, etc. Students teach in the day schools and kindergarten. One assembly each week stresses character training. The religious life expresses itself in class work, three weekly chapels, and Sunday Vespers.

Miss Blanche Wu's Poultry Cooperative

A 5-year program of research and experimentation has just been completed on the poultry cooperative by Blanche Wu. She has a dozen or so of the Ginling girls helping her, and an ever-widening circle of farmer-members in nearby districts and on the university farms. They have made great progress in the matters of quality and quantity of eggs, bigger and better fowl, and immunity of the fowl to common diseases. Her greatest problem now is distribution. Miss Wu has on hand the stock to distribute, but lacks the money to get it to the desired spot. Rickshaws grow more and more expensive, so now she is experimenting with a bicycle, to see if far and near deliveries may be made as economically by this means.

CHENG TU

Letters from Dr. Wu, dated January 8th and 21st, give brief glimpses of the campus in Chengtu.

Christmas

Dr. Wu tells of a Christmas party for faculty and students, of beautiful Christmas music, and of how the Cabinet of the Student Government Association decided to take a collection to be used for a Christmas gift to the wives of the men at the front.

New Year 1942

She tells of final examinations and of winter vacation and of work on the rural project going on according to schedule.

Y.W.C.A. Work

She writes of being made the chairman of the National Committee of the Y.W.C.A. and of how this organization is helping to face the problems of students who can no longer receive funds from their families because of the difficulties of communication between the coastal areas and the interior.

From every heart in China comes the cry which we will ourselves more and more appreciate, "The price of living has gone up!" The rising price of food and clothing in both Nanking and Chengtu is creating very serious difficulties. No longer can most people afford an adequate diet, and in many cases, impaired health has been the result. Fuel and clothing prices have soared to many times their normal figure, and this has made the cold weather a menace. Salaries, which formerly were sufficient for living expenses, are no longer anywhere near adequate. Yet with health and efficiency threatened, they dauntlessly carry on their two-fold program of education and reconstruction.

In her last report from Nanking, Mrs. Thurston says, "We are here because, like the Christians in the Second Century Epistle to Diognetus, we help to 'hold the world together', waiting, hoping, for a day of deliverance." Their faith, hope, and will, are intact. We will not let them down.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler, '37

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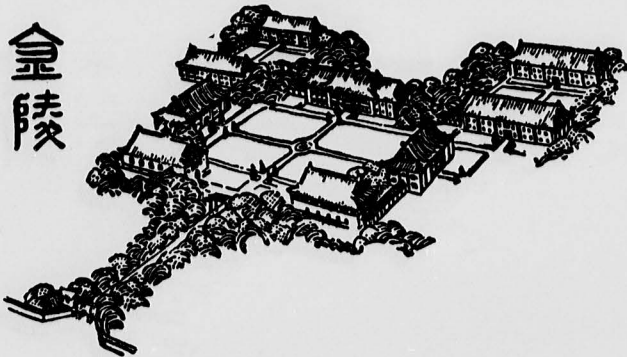
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May 16, 1942

To Ginling Representatives:

Once more Commencement is approaching, and we are planning for the usual Ginling meeting. Although the Commencement period is shortened, Ginling will have the same amount of time as always.

On Sunday morning, June 7, at 9:30 in the Alumnae House, we will combine with the S.C.A.C.W. meeting. Our special speaker will be Mrs. W. Plumer Mills, the new Executive Secretary for Ginling in the office of the China Colleges in New York. Mrs. Mills has lived many years in Nanking, where her husband still is doing as much work for the Presbyterian Mission as the Japanese military authorities permit. She knows Ginling well, and since she returned from China about a year ago, she can bring us some recent news.

At 10:30, following the S.C.A.C.W. meeting, we will have the usual discussion meeting on the subject of Ginling, with brief reports from several people on the work of the committee and of the clubs during the year. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers, and an exchange of ideas. It is our main annual meeting for Ginling, so we hope you will make it as representative as possible. Please plan to come yourself, or send an alternate, and make it known through your club that all interested alumnae are welcome.

If there are any questions or matters which you would particularly like to have discussed, please send me your suggestions. We are eager to have this meeting as helpful and as informative as possible, and to make it an hour most profitable for us all.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman
Smith Alumnae Committee for Ginling

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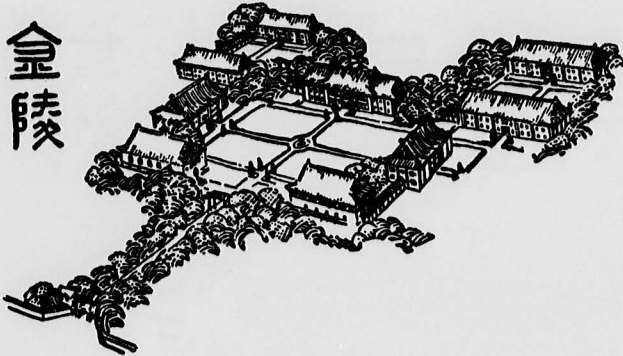
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October 31, 1942

To Ginling Representatives:

It is a great pleasure for me to greet you for the first time as your new chairman of the Alumnae Committee for Ginling College. You will miss, I know, Sara Comins, under whose able leadership great progress has been made in our knowledge concerning Ginling and in increased financial aid to her. Miss Comins is working with us as the Ginling representative of the Boston Club, and with her help and yours, I hope that we shall go forward to be of even greater usefulness to our sister college in China.

The college needs our aid more than ever before. There are no ceilings on prices in China, so inflation is in full swing and the cost of living increases daily. May we count on a contribution from your club at least as large as in previous years, if not larger? The Westchester Club has already held a very successful tea for the benefit of Ginling at the home of Mrs. Eastman, a member of our Committee. If your club has never given, won't you please make a contribution this year, no matter how small it is? President Wu and the faculty, who are struggling so valiantly in war-torn Chengtu to educate women leaders for the new China, appreciate deeply all we do for them, and I wish we might be able to report a 100 percent backing of Ginling by the Smith Clubs. In doing our bit for Ginling, we are aiding our own war effort, for we all know how essential continued Chinese resistance is to our success in the Pacific.

Our Committee and Mrs. Mills of the New York office stand ready at all times to help you with any problem which may arise. If your club wishes to put on a Ginling or Chinese program, either informative or to raise money, Mrs. Mills can suggest available speakers and program material. If your club does not wish a Chinese program, at least it will be eager to hear your reports. At frequent intervals, we shall send you the latest news of Ginling.

A little later, travel conditions permitting, we expect to have luncheons in New York, Boston, Northampton, and other cities, where you will have an opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with the Alumnae Committee members and Ginling representatives of the clubs in your district. I am looking forward to greeting in person a great many of you this year.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tomlinson
Chairman

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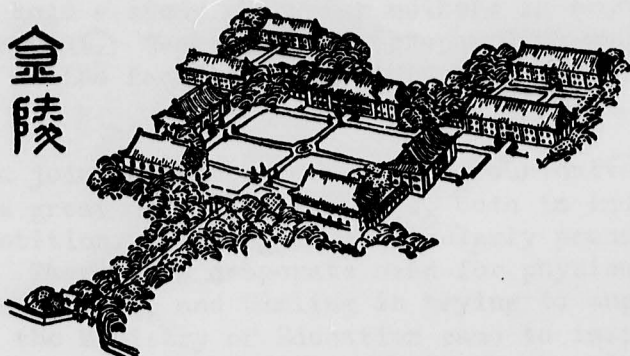
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Dear Ginling Representatives:

At Commencement time last June we attended the grand SCA-Ginling Meeting held at the Alumnae House, and were inspired again by the Smith-Ginling relationship, and the mutual benefits derived from it. We were thrilled to know that Smith is making a spiritual and financial contribution to a country that arouses as much admiration as China, and we were impressed anew with the serious devotion to study and work shown by the Ginling students.

At this meeting there was interest expressed in this news bulletin about our sister college, and so again this year the Alumnae Committee for Ginling will try to keep you as up-to-date on Ginling news as the difficulty and slowness of communication will allow. It is not definitely known what is the fate of the campus in Nanking. The Japanese took possession of it in June, and there was a rumor that it was to be used as the Japanese Embassy. Therefore, the activities described here will be those on the present campus in Chengtu, China, to which the college has migrated for the duration, and which is shared by five universities.

There are reports on last spring's term which have not yet been given you. Most encouraging word came from the delegation sent to the rural center of Jenshow when five girls carried out a program which was enthusiastically welcomed and which was officially recognized by the leading citizens of the countryside. Great appreciation was expressed of the good which was being done by Ginling students, and they were urged to continue their visits and work among the people of Jenshow.

Ginling was proud to report that five girls were baptized on Easter Sunday of 1942. It is interesting to note that during the four years in which Ginling has been on the Chengtu campus, 21 girls have joined the Christian Church - a larger number than was reported from Nanking in a similar length of time. President Wu writes, "This shows that during times of such intense suffering, young people are thinking on the more serious side of life." The Sunday morning services are always crowded, and on special religious occasions, services must be held in the gymnasium to accommodate the crowds who wish to attend.

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In May, Miss Graves of the Music Department directed a joint chorus of Mendelssohn's "Elijah". During this term the Home Economics Department started a small practice home for their majors, which has proved most popular and beneficial. They held a study group for mothers in connection with the course on child development. Weekly, the Geography Club was putting out a map of the war conditions on the Pacific. A monthly paper was issued as another activity.

In August, a joint athletic meet of the four universities was held, in which Ginling won a great many of the honors, both in individual events and in total college competition. Ginling is particularly proud of its Physical Education Department. There is a desperate need for physical education directors in Chinese middle schools, and Ginling is trying to supply this need. When an official from the Ministry of Education came to inspect the department, he was so pleased with the program that he asked if more girls could not be taught in the Ginling set-up. While he was on the campus, he showed Ettie Chin (Smith and SCA '36) a list of books he was hoping to have written and printed shortly, and Ettie was able to tell him that three of his suggested topics had already been the subjects of graduation theses written by recent majors in Physical Education. If they are found satisfactory, they will be published.

Ginling seems to have been successful in supplying an "at-home" atmosphere even in refugee quarters, which is particularly important since so many of the students are now cut off from their families, who are still in occupied China. The money situation is bad for these girls, and about one hundred of them are receiving loans from the college. In return for this, these girls give three hours of work a week - helping in each department and in the offices, and a large number teach in the day school and in the night classes for servants.

The rising cost of living in China is a continual source of worry both to the college as a whole and to the individual girls. Prices have risen to 44 times their prewar average. Resistance is lowered and health impaired through lack of adequate nourishing food. Medicine and hospital supplies are scarce and prohibitively high. Even soap becomes an unattainable luxury at over \$1 U.S. a cake. These are only a few of the problems of everyday life.

Through all the trials and problems, this college has kept a marvelous spirit, and an excellent standard which has been recognized not only by the Ministry of Education but by countless others. One Ginling graduate reported that when she was applying for work at a certain office, her interviewer said that he did not need to ask any more questions when he heard that she was a Ginling graduate. Excellent work is being done by the graduates, who are filling many vital and important positions in China. One Ginling friend wrote neatly, "People seem sad but not overcome by present events, and we go right on with events as usual". They go right on - with spirits high, with standards high, with the emphasis still on developing the whole person of the student, with real accomplishment as a result.

Sincerely yours,

Deborah Davenport Wheeler '37

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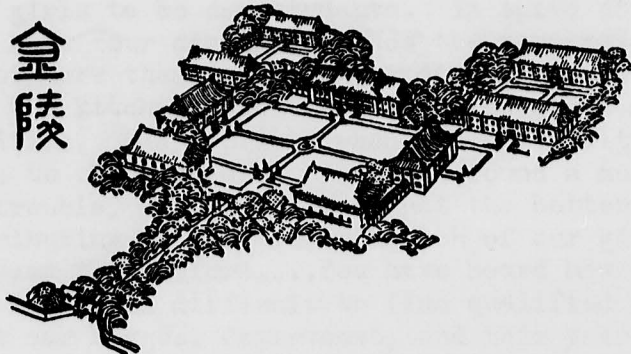
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March 5, 1943

Dear Ginling Representatives:

We're very lucky in this bulletin to have news of Ginling's activities from last summer nearly to the present - and almost all in the actual words of President Wu. Of last summer she tells us, "Students have changed their attitude towards summer vacation. Instead of its being a play time at home, it has become to the majority of the girls a time to earn money or a time for service. Take this past vacation (summer '42) for instance. Quite a few of our girls found temporary work in different organizations. In regard to service projects, quite a number went into rural service and some went to help in the War Orphans Homes." "In regard to summer vacation for the faculty, it has also changed from what it used to be. For the majority it is because of the high transportation costs that very few went away to the hills....For those of us who are in administrative work, we just were not able to get away on account of entrance tests, and the additional dormitory to be prepared, etc."

Then as the new school year opened in the fall, we hear from Dr. Wu: "The Seniors again followed the College tradition and held a two-day retreat before registration. Everybody returned in time for the meeting in spite of the difficulties of travel....For the Freshman Week we had the best attendance within the last few years because we had given more time for the new students to come from the different localities....The total enrollment is now 301, more than we anticipated in the summer. It was mainly because there were many more who took the second entrance tests than we had in former years. We put these tests on September 7th and 8th, in order to give a chance to the late-comers from North East and South China. Even so, there have been over twenty girls who appeared after the College opened, to beg to enter....yet from the viewpoint of holding up college standards and regulations, we could not give tests to such late students....Two girls from Bridgman School in Peiping came to see me and beg for entrance. We told them of our regulations, but still tried to find a way to give them special consideration. Since we have the rule of receiving girls exempted from entrance tests if specially recommended by middle school principals as honor students, I asked these two girls what their school records were and if they had a letter from their principal. They answered that they were quite good normally, but at the final graduation examination, the principal had told them that they should purposely do poorly in their examinations if they did not wish to go to Japan. This is because the first ten of the graduating class are given free scholarships to study in Japan."

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(Ru) Due to the big increase in student enrollment, additional dormitory space was needed, and they were able to secure the use of ten more rooms in the new hospital building of West China Union University for the duration of the College's stay in Chengtu. Even with this expansion, however, there is not yet enough room, and they have had to permit some girls to be day students. In spite of this large enrollment, however, we're proud to know "our dining room has the reputation of serving the best food, yet the cost is not more than in the other dining rooms. This is because we have a matron to manage the kitchen, and the College advances money to buy supplies and fuel in large quantities. Last spring, when the University Clinic was giving fluoroscope examinations to the students, Dr. Green found a much smaller percentage of our girls with lung trouble, and he thought that the better food served might be one of the factors contributing to the better health of our girls." As for the faculty, "we have more men this year than before....You have heard how we lost our women faculty through marriages, and it is difficult to find qualified women to fill all the vacancies. Sociology is our biggest department, and this year we have three men as professors and two of our own graduates as instructor and assistant."

For Christmas celebration, it was the students' turn to present a program, and they decided to give "Doctor of the Lonesome Road".

In a letter dated January 12, 1943, Dr. Wu writes of Ginling students being asked to cooperate with the Szechwan Branch of the National Association of Chinese Women for War Relief. Gifts were made from this Association to the families of soldiers, and on New Year's Day, 1943, the students went to many homes in the regions near the city to distribute the packages. It was a new experience for many of the girls and they appreciated this privilege of coming into contact with these homes. They were also interested in seeing several factories where the women work. The Sociology Department of Ginling College is planning to start some project to help these women workers.

The Ministry of Education allowed a shorter winter vacation than usual this year, only from January 30th to February 13th. Most of the faculty and students could not go away at all. The Student Christian Movement planned to hold its annual winter conference of five days during the winter vacation. The Chairman this year is again a Ginling girl.

It is now definitely known that the Japanese have taken over Ginling's home campus in Nanking, and President Wu has a fairly complete report to give us of this: "The gate has been removed to just opposite the Smith Building; partitions have been removed from the lower floors of two of the dormitories to make big offices. The new faculty house on South Hill was being completed. On the grounds there have been many 'small houses' put up. Perhaps this means guardhouses for the soldiers. The most recent letter (from Nanking) mentioned that all the things have been moved away, perhaps have been sold, and that the books were being sold by weight....The equipment of the handicraft course has been transferred to the social service bureau and the teacher and students also went over....Flowers have died and wild grass has grown everywhere, and even trees have 'walked away'."

Even at the risk of making this bulletin too long, I can't resist adding verbatim Dr. Wu's report of Founders' Day celebration in Chengtu. There is such a great similarity to, and such interesting differences from, our own parallel celebrations here in America.

"The 27th Anniversary of Founders' Day was observed over the week-end of November 21st. Even though the students now number around 300, we decided to keep the tradition of having Founders' Day supper together. The only change we made was that we did not invite the wives or husbands of faculty members, nor the husbands of

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the alumnae. Even so, the total number reached 400.

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"Right after supper, the program was presented in the Education Building. The general theme was 'The Autobiography of Ginling'. Miss Mary Chen served as the 'Reader', or in other words, the toastmaster. Dr. Lewis Smythe, from the Board, gave the 'Preface'. I spoke on 'The Early Years', and covered the first eight years of the College's life in old Ginling. The next chapter was on 'The Influences during Adolescence', and was given by Dr. Liu En-lan. Mrs. Swen Lu Chin-ai represented the alumnae and gave a fine talk on 'The Young Womanhood', telling about the various types of work done by the graduates. A senior, Chien Ying, told about 'The Future Hopes'. Between these chapters, the faculty gave a stunt, using songs to express the various types of work done by the administration and the departments. The Alumnae sang their song, the best we have done in many years. After the fourth chapter, the different classes of the students gave stunts showing what they thought the College would be like twenty to thirty years from now. It was a very successful program, especially because the talks and stunts were all connected to represent the whole theme. The auditorium in the Education Building was packed full and everybody had a very happy time.

"The Founders' Day service was held in the Hart College gymnasium. This year we have the largest senior class since 1938, totaling 36. Because we had to borrow the caps and gowns for this large class, we gave up the idea of having the faculty march in the academic procession. We arranged to have the student body seated on the two sides in the gymnasium, and the seniors, faculty and other guests in the middle section. The special music was an anthem written especially by Miss Graves and dedicated to Miss Sutherland. The words were taken from Luke 4:18,19. The Glee Club did very well under the direction of Mrs. Yeh.

"The address was given by Miss Eva Spicer and interpreted by Dr. Djang Hsiang-lan, who also offered the prayer as she is the class advisor for the Seniors. Miss Spicer gave a splendid message on the purpose and work of the College. She brought out especially the three characteristics of Ginling; that it is a liberal college, a college for women, and a Christian college."

This letter is long - longer than usual. But in Dr. Wu's series of letters is such a clear, consecutive picture of Ginling, and its close kinship to Smith and Smith's program, that it seemed important to give you this full account. In Ginling's adjustment to war times and restrictions, and its ability under these conditions to produce a successful and not far from normal program, I think American College students and alumnae will find much of interest.

Sincerely yours,

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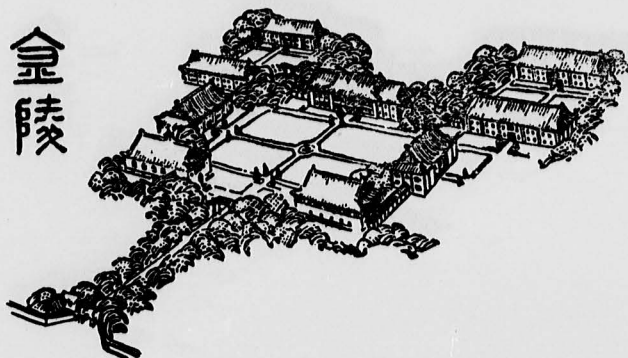
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April 12, 1943

Dear Ginling Representatives:

This little booklet tells the story of one way in which Ginling is reaching out in service to her less privileged neighbors. War has brought devastation to all China and the College faces hardships and problems of a seriousness never before encountered. But their own difficulties merely help them to see more clearly the needs around them, and many students and faculty alike devote their summer vacations to this work among the border tribes. We may well be proud of a sister college that translates its ideals into such practical deeds, and that goes on with courage in spite of all obstacles.

Won't you share this thrilling story with your Club? More copies are available if you want them.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

Ruth Tomlinson

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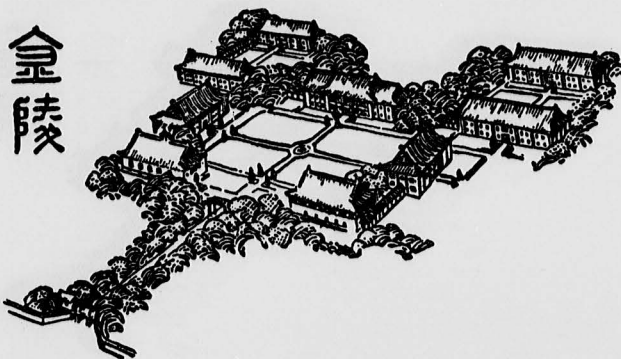
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38 Sever Street
Worcester, Mass.
October 12, 1943

Dear Ginling Representatives:

It is a pleasure for me to greet again so many of you who served last year and to welcome our new members.

You will be delighted to learn that we raised through the Alumnae Committee a little over \$10,000 last year, a substantial increase, much needed by Ginling. Of this sum, the clubs gave \$5,586.67, and individuals \$4,542.00. Some clubs contributed for the first time, many doubled their gifts, and a few did even better. We are very grateful to you and your clubs which have made 1942-43 such a banner year.

We must not rest on our laurels, however, because inflationary prices in China are increasing more rapidly than our gifts, so that Ginling needs even more financial support from us this year to avoid a deficit. On a recent visit to Worcester, Dr. Wu told me of the necessary increase in the Ginling budget, due to mounting costs. Any additional amount we can raise will be deeply appreciated. One American dollar buys twenty Chinese dollars.

Some clubs have had the rare privilege of meeting Dr. Wu and hearing her inspiring message of hope and courage in spite of all the difficulties China and Ginling are facing. I wish Dr. Wu might visit all of your clubs, but since she is here on a government mission and her time and strength are limited, that will not be possible.

If the Ginling Office or I can be of any help to you this year, please do not hesitate to write us.

Will you please express to your clubs Dr. Wu's thanks and the gratitude of your Alumnae Committee for the splendid support they have given Ginling and for the increased interest shown in our sister college?

Sincerely yours,

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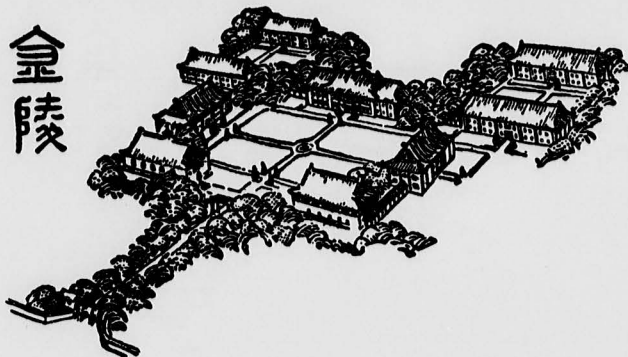
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Dear Ginling Representatives:

In some ways Ginling has seemed specially close to us this year as we have been privileged to meet and hear Dr. Wu Yi-fang, Ginling's President and most distinguished alumna. She has come to this country as the only woman in a small group of outstanding scholars in education, economics and science, sent by the Chinese government to study the international situation and problems of post-war reconstruction. In this capacity, she has been winning friends and admirers not only for China but for Ginling College. She has addressed many important gatherings all through the northern, middle and eastern sections of our country, and wherever she has gone, she has brought honor to the College which is her Alma Mater. Dr. Wu spent a week at Northampton, seeing old friends and making new ones among the students at Smith.

Among the group of Ginling alumnae who have been doing advanced work in this country, two are returning to important positions under the Chinese government. Dr. Lu Gwei-djen, after completing her medical course in China, did valuable research in connection with the diet of undernourished workers in Shanghai. In this country she has been engaged in cancer research at the Presbyterian Medical Center in New York. She has been recalled to China to take charge of some important work in nutrition under the National Health Administration. Miss Chang Hwei-lan, who expects to complete her work on her doctor's degree at Iowa State University in May, is also returning to serve her nation as the Director of Community Health Education of the National Institute of Health. Ginling has many alumnae of which she may well be proud.

A letter from China gives assurance that their quality of character will not fail with the students who are carrying on these days. An American woman, writing from a small town in the inaccessible mountains near the Japanese lines, gives a thrilling picture of what college education requires of some people.

"It was an interesting party," she writes, "that started out last Monday morning, - two young girls from this town, setting off for West China to college. One of the girls has been out of school for two years, waiting for the road to be safe and usable enough for travel. It still is not and the long trek will be done

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on foot or by army truck or in some other way. The only means of travel from here to ----- (the nearest large city) is by sedan chair, and the cost of hiring a chair now is unbelievable. So they started off to walk more than two hundred miles. Included in the first day's trip was a range of mountains eight miles up and seven down.....Last Monday morning, their schoolmates walked out about five miles with them and sent them off with the words 'God be with you till we meet again' ringing in their ears and their hearts. And I know that God will be with them in spite of dangers from bandits, and bombings, and the greater danger of illness on the road. Grace (one of the girls), during these two years, has not wasted a moment. She is a fast typist and takes dictation in shorthand. Her music and English have improved wonderfully, and every morning she has come down to the clinic to help in any way she could. I think it is this that has decided her to study medicine."

During Dr. Wu's absence, the administration of the College has been carried on by an Executive Committee, of which Ruth Chester, 1912, is temporary Chairman. College closed in June with a great burst of concerts under Miss Stella Graves of the Ginling Music Department. The Canadian Minister gave the commencement address. A member of the graduating class of 1942 brought glory to Ginling as her thesis won first prize among all the theses in the field of English submitted to the government by all the colleges and universities of China.

The College reopened in September with 280 students. It is heroic hearts that can carry on in China this sixth year of the war. Isolated as she is from the rest of the world, except as she may be reached by the long and dangerous flight in from India over the Himalayas, China is faced by incredible problems. The difficulties of finance, health, food and supplies are increased inestimably by the over-all problem of inflation. The cost of living is 100 times the pre-war figure. To make the situation clear - a diet that had cost \$4.00 a month before the war, cost the students \$240.00 in March, 1943, and \$480.00 when we got the latest reports in October, - and this for food which is inadequate. How they can carry on at all, we can hardly understand in our relative security. And yet they do, and their spirit is high. I know we are all glad of every bit that we can do to help such brave people.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Cook Thomson '11

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GINLING COLLEGE
Nanking, China

American Office
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

December 13, 1943

Dear Ginling Representative:

The enclosed letter from Dr. Wu gives the latest news from Ginling and a glimpse of life on the campus in Chengtu.

If you would like extra copies for the members of your Club, please let us know. We will be glad to send as many as you need.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelia S. Mills

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills

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Enclosure: *Dr. Wu's letter folder*

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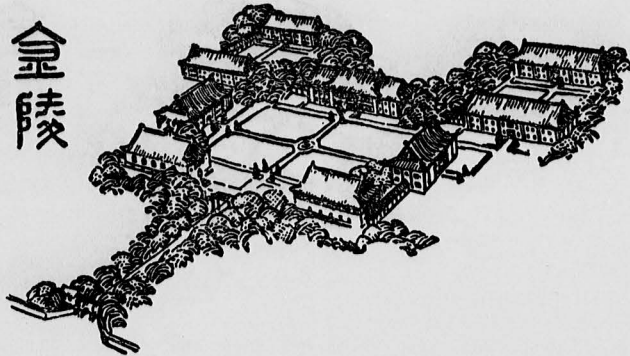
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GINLING COLLEGE
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April 10, 1944

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Since this little leaflet will tell you all the news that we have had from Ginling recently, we are sending it in place of the mimeographed letter that usually goes to you at this time. I hope you will find it useful as you seek to interest your Club in the work in China. The Ginling office will gladly send you extra copies if you want them.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret Cook Thomson '11

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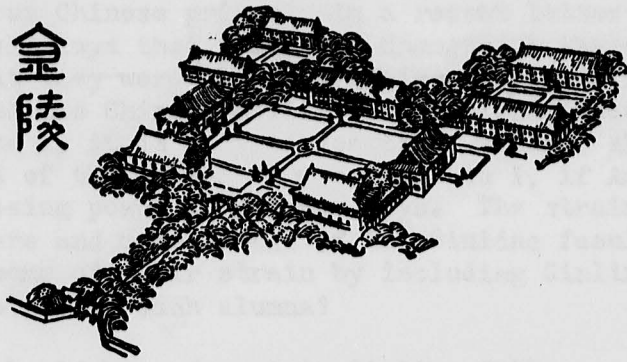
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October 4, 1944

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Once again it is my privilege to greet many of you whom I know personally or through our work together for Ginling and to welcome those of you who are new Ginling Representatives of your clubs.

Most Smith Clubs have already appointed Ginling Representatives for this year. May I urge all other Clubs and Informal Groups to appoint one, to whom we may send communications of interest from China? In these stirring days when the attention of the whole world is being focused increasingly on China and when we trust Allied military might can soon be massed in the Pacific area against Japan, direct word from our friends on the Ginling faculty is a privilege to be shared with all Smith alumnae.

You will be glad to learn that in 1943-44 we contributed as clubs and individuals about \$5,600 to the Ginling Faculty Aid Fund. This sum was in addition to our annual pledge of \$5,500 toward the running expenses of the college. A little later this fall we shall tell you of some of the ways our gift was spent and bring you direct news from the Ginling campus.

We cannot rest on past laurels, however, because each year Ginling needs more and more financial support from her friends in the United States. This situation is caused by prices rising much more rapidly than does the official rate of exchange on American money. In peace times before the present war, an American dollar bought 3.3 Chinese dollars. When inflation set in and prices began to skyrocket, the rate of exchange rose to 20 to 1; then a special grant brought it to 40 to 1, and this summer arrangements were made whereby our dollar purchased 100 Chinese dollars in July and even a little more in August. There is no guarantee that such favorable rates will continue, but we are hopeful that there will be no great drop.

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What about Chinese prices? In a recent letter from Dr. Wu, dated July 27th, she says that prices in Chengtu at the end of June 1944 were 560 times what they were when the college first moved west. If the purchasing power of the Chinese dollar is only 1/560 what it was when exchange was 3.3 to 1, it is easy to see that exchange should now be 1680 to 1, instead of the present 100-or-more to 1, if American money is to have the purchasing power of pre-war days. The strain of this situation is telling more and more on all of the Ginling faculty and students. Can't we relieve some of their strain by including Ginling in the budget of each Smith Club and of each alumna?

Checks should be made out to Ginling College and sent to:

Mrs. W. Plumer Mills
Ginling College
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, N. Y.

Mrs. Mills sends me frequent reports of the gifts for my records. Each year we have increased substantially our gift to Ginling and I am confident 1944-45 will be no exception. It is my hope that every Club will make some contribution, no matter how small. Gifts made through United China Relief are not credited to our Alumnae Committee.

Some of you may know Ettie Chin '36, who has been Acting Head of the Physical Education Department at Ginling. She left Chengtu on July 18th on her way to America, and there is a possibility that she will teach at Smith next spring. I am hoping that many of us will be able to hear her firsthand account of conditions in China.

Cordially yours,

Ruth Tomlinson

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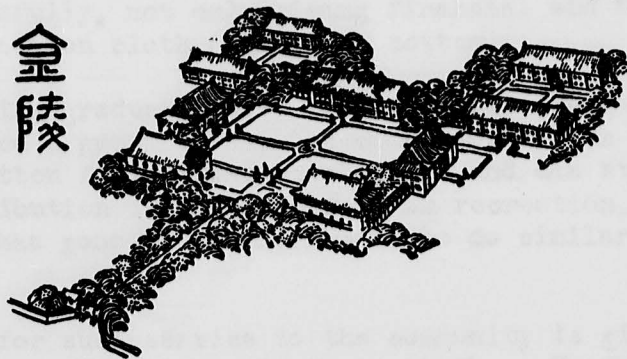
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October 1944

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Letters from China are a rare treat in these days of high postal rates and overbusy faculty members, but those that have come have brought a picture of the increasing significance of Ginling and of its usefulness and activity in spite of many difficulties.

To read of Dr. Wu's personal activities makes one wonder that such a slight, frail person can be of service in so many places. As always she has been in constant demand as a speaker at school and university commencements, at institutes and summer conferences. The fact that during one month she was called on to give twenty-six addresses indicates the importance of her influence and of that of Ginling in West China. This is true not only in educational circles but, as a member of the People's Political Council, Dr. Wu has an opportunity to affect the political life of China, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council, she is at the very heart of progress and service in her country. Her work with the Child Welfare Conference lays a foundation for the future citizens of China. The honor in which she is held by her colleagues is evidenced by the fact that they chose her to propose the toast at the Universities' dinner to Vice-president Wallace. It is interesting to know that he brought out valuable microfilms for use in the advanced English courses of Ginling.

Good word comes to us again of other Ginling graduates. One is just returning to the Chemistry Department, having recently secured her Doctor's degree in this country. Another, a geologist and one of the most interesting women on the faculty, has been loaned for a half year to a government university in the Northwest. Stories of two other graduates bear witness to the ability and adaptability of Ginling women.

Miss Du Lung-yuan, a Physical Education graduate, was teaching in a normal college in Tientsin when the war made it necessary for her to flee to her home in the south. There, although having no personal funds, she opened a girls' school which she conducted so successfully that she was called on to organize work for women of the province and later was summoned to the capital for yet more important work. Thousands of warm garments and Chinese shoes were prepared by the women of her organization. When it became necessary to retrench and reorganize the work, Miss Du

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was made manager of a large factory employing the wives of soldiers which she is conducting most successfully, not only giving financial aid to the workers but producing much needed cotton cloth from local cotton.

Another Ginling graduate, also of the Physical Education Department and not a social worker, led a group of skilled women workers to safety from Hankow to West China. Here a cotton factory was established and she stayed with the women making a notable contribution to their welfare in recreation, health and improved living quarters. She has gone to the Northwest to do similar work in a newly organized factory there.

Preparation for such service to the community is given in the fine rural work done by Ginling women in summer vacations at Chung Ho Chang and in nursery and kindergarten classes in Chengtu. Courses in Child Psychology and Child Development and in Nursery School Methods are given at the College.

Last year we had a glimpse of one of these girls as she set out with a schoolmate on the long road west, walking the first many days over two ranges of mountains before the hard trip by boat and bus. This year we hear she has arrived safely and is the recipient of an American scholarship to help her in the college finances.

The gifts from Smith over and above the regular support have been of wonderful help in many instances, caring for medical and emergency expenses that individuals have been absolutely unable to meet from their own resources.

As we think of the achievements of these Chinese young women in China's days of calamity, isolation and war, I count it a real privilege that we can do our part in helping them carry on in the service of their motherland, our honored ally, China.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Cook Thomson #11

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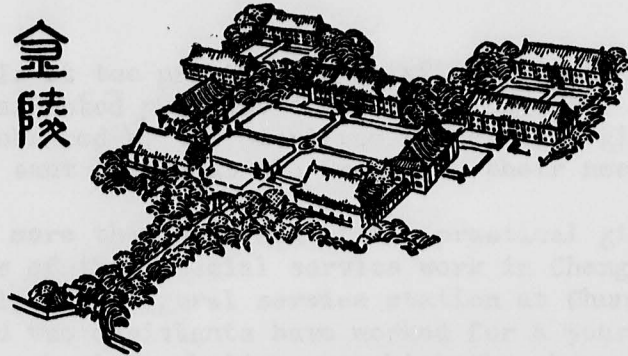
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With - Apr. '45
Booklet enclosed

GINLING COLLEGE
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April 1945

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Have you seen in the papers that Dr. Wu Yi-fang is China's only woman delegate to the San Francisco Conference? That is fine news to all friends of China and of Ginling. Other alumnae are leaving also for further work abroad. One has received the British Council scholarship in music; another a Lend-Lease scholarship in Agriculture, seldom given to a woman; a third has been invited by the United States Department of Labor to serve as exchange consultant in labor questions.

They are leaving at the end of a year of extreme tension in Free China. To the sky-rocketing cost of living that has been an increasing strain on nerves and health, have been added the fear of an imminent Japanese invasion, the call for 2,000 educated women to form a Woman's Corps for active service under the Central Government, the urgent request for a team of faculty and students to go to the front to take charge of refugee children fleeing from the enemy, and the necessary adjustments in the college curricula to meet the changing situation.

The Physical Education Department turned its attention to preparing the girls for life under refugee conditions. Two hours a day of hiking took the place of former games and exercises, so if the need arose, the girls could endure long marches without hardship. Instead of apparatus work, obstacles races were motivated by such questions as "If you had to climb this wall or jump this ditch, could you do it?" Students are being trained for practical leadership in emergencies. One hundred girls are taking first aid; eighty are taking nurse's aide training nine hours a week for eight weeks, getting up before light in unheated rooms, the temperature below freezing, to go out to their 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. classes. Two Ginling faculty left at a day's notice to go south to organize the care of fleeing children. Seven English majors are doing clerical work for the U.S. Army and are living in tents near the base. One said, "The reputation of Ginling rests on us."

In the midst of all this, college work has gone on. The Messiah has been sung again at Christmastime. The Glee Club has gone to the hospital to sing to our American wounded. Ginling has celebrated her 29th Anniversary, her seventh year on the West China campus. Most appropriately the Founders' Day address, on Courage, was given by a member of a family known as staunch friends of Ginling throughout

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her entire history. (Is it too practical a detail to add that meat for the banquet was secured by the foresighted purchase of a little pig many months in advance?) Christmas has been celebrated by the sacrifice of personal gifts to a general fund that presents might be sent to men at the front and their needy families in Chengtu.

One realizes more than ever what fine, practical girls are being trained at Ginling as one reads of their social service work in Chengtu, on the campus and, most interesting of all, at the rural service station at Chung Ho Chang. Here three college girls and two assistants have worked for a year and a half, carrying on a nursery school, a school for brides, reaching the older women as parents of the pupils, training them for democracy in literacy, character-building and group organization. Potatoes and tomatoes have been introduced to give a more varied and rounded diet. So excellently was this work adapted to rural conditions that after the report from this station at the National Conference on Child Welfare, there was a general desire to borrow, or get advice from, its leaders who are now writing a textbook on such work. The provincial Commissioner of Social Affairs has been so impressed by the school that he has enlisted its help in the training of workers to go through the province, establishing such schools. The O.W.I. came to this village at the request of the teachers to show moving pictures, and the crowd of 10,000 who came to see was handled in an orderly and quiet manner.

As Miss Kirk writes after a visit to Chung Ho Chang, "We want thousands of such stations where devoted Chinese become missionaries to their own people, sharing with them their rich experience. I feel that the money which goes into it is immensely worth while. The Americans who contribute to it may say, 'Yes, we are having a part in vital Christian work, work that will last in differing codes of living and different and richer lives'."

Enclosed you will find the latest news leaflet about Ginling. If you would like more of them for use in your Club, please write to Mrs. W. Plumer Mills, Ginling College, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Cook Thomson '11

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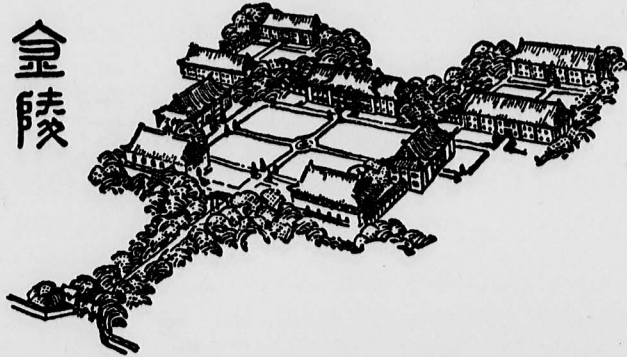
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GINLING COLLEGE
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October 19, 1945

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Now that the war is over we have all experienced a feeling of gratitude and relief. With all the gas and oil we want, and abundant food, we are apt to forget that much of the rest of the world is as badly off as during the grim days of conflict. We must not lose the peace as we did after World War I through selfishness, inertia, and lack of vision.

Ginling hopes to move back to its lovely campus in Nanking in the summer of 1946. I shall never forget my visit to the College eleven years ago this month. Huge pots of gorgeous chrysanthemums flanked the doors of the attractive College buildings. We had such an extensive view across the valley to the distant Purple Mountain! To move the College back will be costly. The Japanese used the Ginling campus and damaged extensively the buildings. Ginling will need special help in getting reestablished.

Last year Smith Clubs raised \$6,179.36 and 674 alumnae gave \$7,070.07, making a grand total of \$13,249.43, the best we have ever done. I am confident we shall meet with equal enthusiasm and success the current needs of the College during this first year of peace.

With the lifting of travel restrictions I look forward to meeting many of you at Commencement, when we shall resume our annual Ginling meetings. I hope, too, to have some regional meetings with interesting speakers and a chance to get acquainted with each other and exchange ideas.

If any questions arise about your work or Ginling, will you please communicate with Mrs. Mills, me or some other member of our Committee?

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tomlinson
Ginling Chairman

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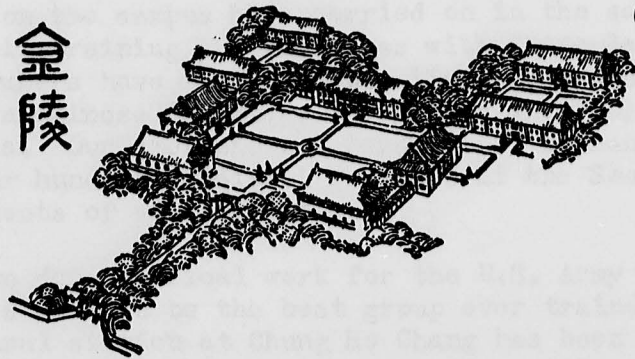
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November 1945

Dear Ginling Representatives:

It is impossible for us to realize what the coming of peace must mean to our friends in China after the long period of destruction and constantly renewed suffering. To Ginling College it means the sure hope of returning to the beautiful Nanking campus after eight years of exile more than 1600 miles from home. How triumphantly our sister college has carried on during those years of privation, danger and anxiety!

In 1945 the largest class in Ginling's history was graduated, making a total of over six hundred alumnae in China and abroad who are winning credit for their college and taking positions of leadership in many new fields. The most distinguished alumna, of course, is Dr. Yi-fang Wu, China's only woman delegate to the United Nations Security Conference in San Francisco. In recognition of her importance as a woman she received honorary degrees from Mills College and the University of Southern California. After the close of the Conference, it was found that she needed an operation. You will all be glad to know that she has made a good recovery and hopes to return to China in December.

In her letter to the alumnae Dr. Wu gives a fine report of the achievements of outstanding graduates. One has just gone to Oxford, having been granted a fellowship from the British Ministry of Information in Chungking. Another has been sent to this country by the Chinese Public Health Administration, the only woman in a group of seventeen doctors. She is to specialize in nurses' education for the purpose of improving that in her own country.

A few women asked permission to take examinations with the men for the work of interpreters with the Army. When the names of those who had passed were published, a Ginling alumna headed the list. Another graduate has been chosen by the London Missionary Society to represent China at their triple jubilee in England. Dr. Liu En-lan, whom many of you know, has had an interesting experience as visiting professor in the North Western Normal College. She is teaching geology and climatology to the agricultural men of the University of Nanking. Her research project in geography has been granted the sum of N.C.\$100,000 by the British Council for Aid to China. Miss Wu Mao-i, of the class of '28, has just returned to Ginling College with her Doctor's degree from Radcliffe to be head of the Chemistry Department, relieving Ruth Chester, Smith '14, for administrative work. Still another highly-trained graduate has been appointed by the British Council as a member of their staff to serve as adviser in nutritional science. And yet another, who came to this country as exchange consultant for the Department of Labor, is joining the International Labor Office in Montreal.

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The students on the campus have carried on in the same fine style with a generous sharing of their training and resources with those less fortunate. Both they and the faculty members have formed cooperatives to reduce expenses. At Christmas time they designed a Chinese Christmas card which they sold for the benefit of soldiers' needy families. Our American soldiers bought so many that they were able to give a party for four hundred soldiers' families at the Social Center. Other groups had service projects of various types.

Girls who have done clerical work for the U.S. Army have won high praise. The Ginling Glee Club is said to be the best group ever trained in singing in China. The work done at the rural station at Chung Ho Chang has been most inspiring, extending from single homes, through the town to surrounding villages. This whole letter might well be devoted to their work. It would make reading you would be fascinated with and proud to claim a share in.

From this village, the thoughts of the workers have turned to post-war days in Nanking. Their plan for rural family rehabilitation in some country area outside Nanking has already been prepared.

As transportation is drastically limited and the refugees who long to return to the coast are many, Ginling will probably complete this academic year in the West, returning to Nanking in the summer.

A letter from Nanking, reporting on conditions on the campus, says they are not as bad quite as we feared. Although half the books and all the furniture have been taken from the buildings, there are a fair number of rough, Japanese tables, benches, etc., left. With this equipment the Ginling people in Nanking will open some sort of middle school to hold the buildings until the college returns.

As Ginling celebrates the Thirtieth Anniversary of her founding this month, surely our hearts and wishes go out to women who have served their country so valiantly through eight years of war. May we learn to say of our own problems as they say of theirs, "We feel we have profited by our increasing difficulties."

Yours sincerely,

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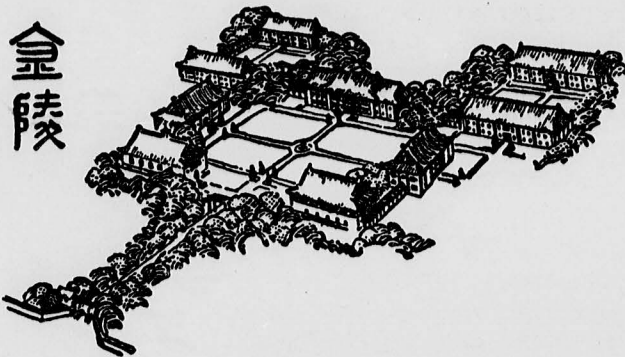
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April 16, 1946

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Dear Ginling Representatives:

Ruth Scott's words to the New York Smith Club so perfectly express my feelings as I contemplate the problems of Ginling's return to Nanking and her home campus after her long exile that, with Mrs. Scott's permission, I am sending them to you.

"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 women'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."

If you would like to use this little booklet to help your Club members visualize the needs in Ginling, additional copies may be obtained from the Ginling Office in New York.

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Enclosure; Booklet

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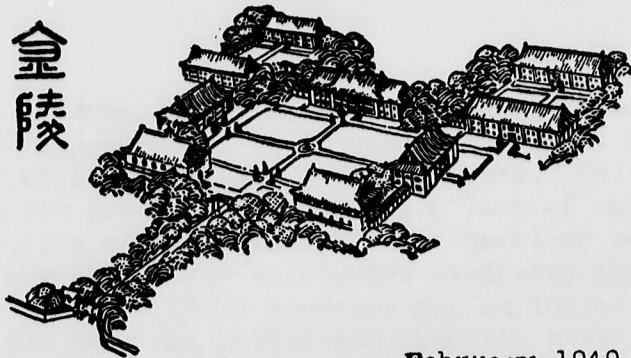
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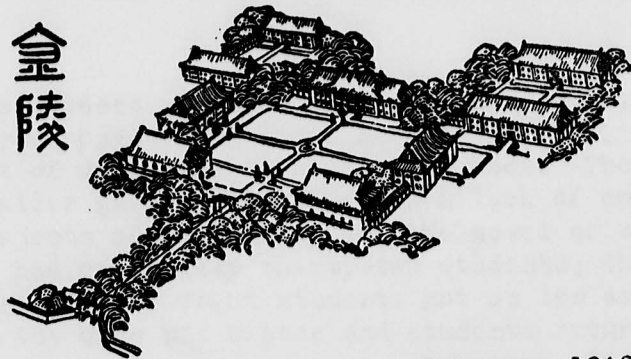
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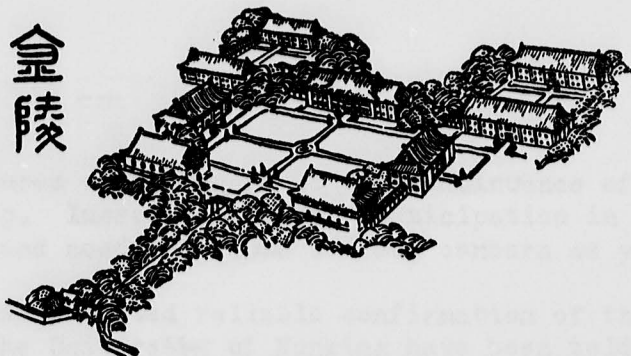
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June 9, 1949

Ginling Representatives
Smith College Clubs

Dear Friends:

On Sunday, June 5th, I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting a goodly number of Ginling-minded Smith Alumnae at Northampton and of trying to present a realistic appraisal of the situation in China as it affects Ginling. I was particularly glad to have an opportunity to explode current rumors in regard to the closing of Ginling, which actually is very much alive.

The suggestion was made that the gist of what I said be sent to all the Smith College Clubs. Mrs. Wheeler has asked me to see that you receive that material. Instead of attempting to recall the particular words of that occasion, I am sending you a copy of an address given at the annual dinner of the United Board, which covers much the same ground. In this letter, I am giving you a brief statement of the latest information we have in regard to actual conditions.

Telephone conversations with the State Department on June 2nd and 3rd have made it clear that the State Department was unaware of any alteration in the situation described in the New York Times on May 29th. That dispatch stated that "foreign-assisted private schools like Nanking University and Ginling College still are operating under their former presidents with no changes in curricula so far."

On June 2nd, we cabled Miss Priest in Nanking:

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On the 4th, we received the following reply:

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This reassures us in regard to the continuance of Ginling under Dr. Wu's leadership, Increased student participation in administration is to be expected and need not cause serious concern as yet.

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We have also received reliable confirmation of the report that both Ginling and the University of Nanking have been told by the new regime to continue under their present presidents.

We have no desire to minimize the possibilities of difficulties ahead, but we are determined to give Dr. Wu and her loyal colleagues all the spiritual and material support possible so long as they feel that Ginling is justified in carrying on. We believe you will all agree that Ginling should continue to carry on.

Cordially yours,

William P. Fenn
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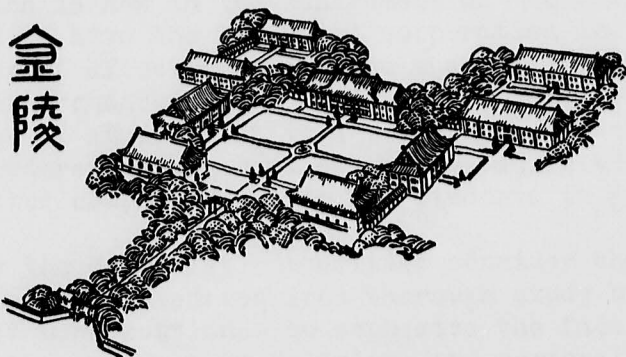
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October 14, 1949

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Since the last newsletter reached you, the Communist armies have taken over Nanking. During the last two months of 1948, as the war swept down from the north, many alarmed families called their daughters home, with the result that only about 80 finished the fall term. Despite the continued uncertainty of the times, however, many who could come back so that 150 were registered for the second semester. In June, 19 graduated with BA degrees and 7 with degrees in Physical Education. During the summer 11 left for political service and 19 passed the examination of the new official "Foreign Language School" in Peking. On September 15, about 200 girls registered for the current semester.

What changes have taken place under the Communist regime? Physically the college was not touched. On April 24 the capital was liberated without fighting. Ginling was not only spared actual warfare, but there was no interruption in the regular schedule.

Psychologically the students were bound to be affected. President Wu writes, however, that on the whole Ginling students have been "reasonable and cooperative" during the recent few months of student agitation. "The students have been faced with a real and difficult problem. On the one hand, there is the appeal of the victorious liberating army and the call for additional workers in various lines. On the other hand, they are uncertain about future financial support from their families and about their own future work. Furthermore, emotionally they have been under a real strain in being cut off from their families, and some even now cannot get letters from their homes in Kuomintang areas."

The major change in the college itself has been the degree of student participation in planning college affairs. Three committees have been organized to study desirable changes to be made in (1) the curriculum, (2) administrative organization, and (3) student life. There are two students on each committee. Dr. Wu writes of great interest in this

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development which is new in the management of the college. "Our aim," she states, "is to have the students' cooperation and participation in the slow process of effecting desirable changes. When we study the situation we can easily understand why the students are restless. If we can have a responsible type of student, it is a very sound educational principle to have students understand the task of college administration, and it helps in securing better cooperation from the students in general."

Apparently the Communist authorities consider that the general problem of educational needs requires thorough study before changes should be made. Latest news continues to emphasize the fact that religious services, voluntary courses in religion, and personal work are not being interfered with. The college faculty, however, are keenly aware that the days of testing lie ahead. They hope that as the Communists begin the job of building up the country they will consider the interests of the people. "As a Christian educational institution," Dr. Wu writes, "we wish to contribute what we can to the training of women and the cultivation of personalities. Whether we shall be able to do this, - we cannot tell until we have tried."

As the new school year opens we know perhaps less about what the next twelve months will bring than we have known in any previous period. Those in Ginling, who carry on their work in times such as these, are evincing an act of great faith and courage. For those of us here, who believe that Christian teaching and Christian living have any significance for the future of China, it is imperative to strengthen our support of their efforts.

Very sincerely,

Susan McKeever

P.S. The arrival here in New York of several checks which Ginling has drawn on its account indicates that the college is able to take advantage of the machinery set up for the transmission of funds. So, when friends ask "Can we be sure our gifts will reach the college?", we can answer with an unqualified "YES".

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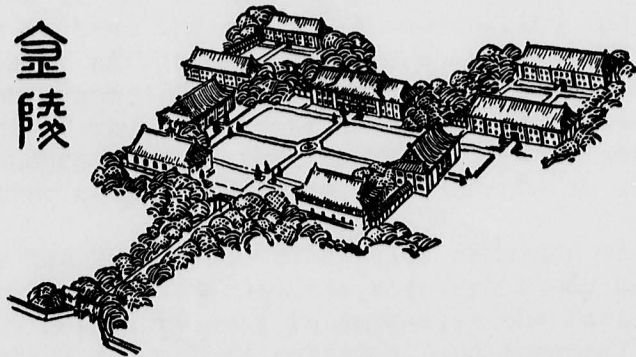
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October 14, 1949

Dear Ginling Representatives:

Since the last newsletter reached you, the Communist armies have taken over Nanking. During the last two months of 1948, as the war swept down from the north, many alarmed families called their daughters home, with the result that only about 80 finished the fall term. Despite the continued uncertainty of the times, however, many who could come back so that 150 were registered for the second semester. In June, 19 graduated with BA degrees and 7 with degrees in Physical Education. During the summer 11 left for political service and 19 passed the examination of the new official "Foreign Language School" in Peking. On September 15, about 200 girls registered for the current semester.

What changes have taken place under the Communist regime? Physically the college was not touched. On April 24 the capital was liberated without fighting. Ginling was not only spared actual warfare, but there was no interruption in the regular schedule.

Psychologically the students were bound to be affected. President Wu writes, however, that on the whole Ginling students have been "reasonable and cooperative" during the recent few months of student agitation. "The students have been faced with a real and difficult problem. On the one hand, there is the appeal of the victorious liberating army and the call for additional workers in various lines. On the other hand, they are uncertain about future financial support from their families and about their own future work. Furthermore, emotionally they have been under a real strain in being cut off from their families, and some even now cannot get letters from their homes in Kuomintang areas."

The major change in the college itself has been the degree of student participation in planning college affairs. Three committees have been organized to study desirable changes to be made in (1) the curriculum, (2) administrative organization, and (3) student life. There are two students on each committee. Dr. Wu writes of great interest in this

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development which is new in the management of the college. "Our aim," she states, "is to have the students' cooperation and participation in the slow process of effecting desirable changes. When we study the situation we can easily understand why the students are restless. If we can have a responsible type of student, it is a very sound educational principle to have students understand the task of college administration, and it helps in securing better cooperation from the students in general."

Apparently the Communist authorities consider that the general problem of educational needs requires thorough study before changes should be made. Latest news continues to emphasize the fact that religious services, voluntary courses in religion, and personal work are not being interfered with. The college faculty, however, are keenly aware that the days of testing lie ahead. They hope that as the Communists begin the job of building up the country they will consider the interests of the people. "As a Christian educational institution," Dr. Wu writes, "we wish to contribute what we can to the training of women and the cultivation of personalities. Whether we shall be able to do this, - we cannot tell until we have tried."

As the new school year opens we know perhaps less about what the next twelve months will bring than we have known in any previous period. Those in Ginling, who carry on their work in times such as these, are evincing an act of great faith and courage. For those of us here, who believe that Christian teaching and Christian living have any significance for the future of China, it is imperative to strengthen our support of their efforts.

Very sincerely,

Susan McKeevor

P.S. The arrival here in New York of several checks which Ginling has drawn on its account indicates that the college is able to take advantage of the machinery set up for the transmission of funds. So, when friends ask "Can we be sure our gifts will reach the college?", we can answer with an unqualified "YES".

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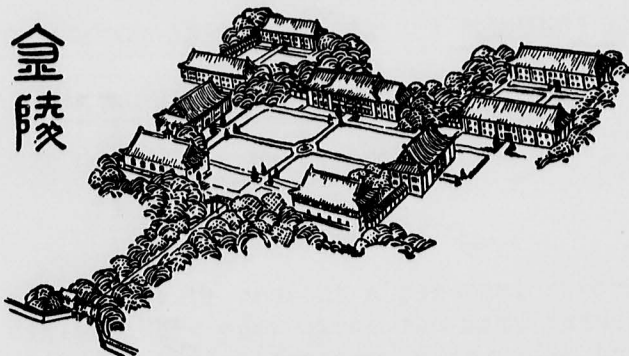
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May 12, 1950

Dear Ginling Representative:

The enclosed report is the one which Mrs. George Kerry Smith, Ginling representative in the Smith Club of Washington, D. C., used to present the case for Ginling to the Board of Directors of her club. It is so well done and presents so clearly the salient and latest facts that I thought it might be helpful to each and every one of you. The Washington Club has studied Ginling under the Communist regime very carefully, and last year made their usual contribution with the provision that they could be absolutely assured that their gift reached Ginling intact and was being used for the purposes intended. As this report reminds them, this assurance was in their hands three days after their contribution was made. It is now time for them to consider their 1950 gift, and here is Mrs. Smith's statement of the facts.

I know that many of you are meeting questions and uncertainties in your club, and I hope that this report of one of your fellow representatives may be helpful to you. Your wholesale support last year was wonderful, and contributions from many of you this year have already been most gratefully received. This report is sent with the idea of giving additional support to those of you whose clubs have not yet made a contribution this year in the hope that Mrs. Smith's presentation of the case will be helpful to you in urging your club to support Ginling to the very fullest extent possible this year.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler)

P.S. Please respect the request Mr. Rockefeller has made that no general publicity be given to the fact of his gift. You may speak of it in your report but it should not go into print.

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REPORT ON GINLING COLLEGE

MRS. GEORGE KERRY (ELIZABETH FLEMING) SMITH

TO WASHINGTON SMITH COLLEGE CLUB

APRIL, 1950

It is not my part today to present a personal recommendation of what our club should do for Ginling this year since the many issues we must consider as a whole are too complex for that. However, along with the reports which have been sent me from time to time from the New York Office, I have here in my hand no less than three official letters all dated as of this week. So you can rest assured our information on Ginling is not only ample but absolutely "of the minute". A brief culling of the facts, figures, and points of view these letters represent is important for the club to have. Therefore, I shall try to put the case of Ginling before you as persuasively as it deserves to be, and leave it to the club members at large to determine what action we should take if any.

How does Ginling stand today? Considering the dire uncertainties we felt a year ago, we might say Ginling stands amazingly well. Last year, about this time, we were wondering whether our money if given would actually reach Ginling, whether it would begin to be used for what it was intended, whether we'd ever even hear an accounting of it. The club voted a generous gift but with strict provisions, and with intention to watch closely each step of the outcome.

Looking back on what followed it is now a fact that the \$350.00 voted by the club on June 3rd reached the New York Office June 7th, and by June 10th, three days later, was acknowledged by cabled receipt from Ginling along with the personal word of Miss Priest, treasurer of Ginling, that the money was already in use. Since then right through the year communication has been constant and has been able to be swiftly conducted. Money has flowed directly from the New York Office to Ginling all winter and the monetary set-up by now is such that money to Ginling could be stopped within a half hour if so desired. The New York Office is pledged to instant action should developments warrant, and notification would be sent out to all Smith clubs to that effect.

However, that point has not threatened. We know in detail what kind of year it has been for Ginling - a difficult year with loss of students, tremendous problems, and mounting costs, but with gallant carrying on of the general program of the college - and with virtually no governmental interference with the college's academic and religious freedom.

It is true that a basic course in communism must now be taught at Ginling. But one should know that, previous to this, the party principles of the Kuomintang had been equally an enforced course of study at Ginling. Despite this, Mrs. Wheeler's report states that the number of Christian students at Ginling has increased, and that elective courses in religion, services of worship, and Bible classes are receiving marked increase in both student and faculty support. Dr. Wu considers it a primary duty now more than ever to make available to her girls an intelligent knowledge of democratic and Christian principles which will enable them to stand firm when confronted by other ideologies.

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When one realizes therefore, what Ginling has, all this year, been standing for in the midst of a communist setting - one year later than even liberal thinkers had dared to foresee - one cannot help pausing at the thought of the outcome had we, along with all other clubs and donors, last June, withdrawn our contribution. Ginling most certainly would have collapsed with nothing but complete communist education to take its place.

As it is, not only academically but civically, Dr. Wu continues to hold the utmost respect and influence. She is one of the few outstanding leaders asked to participate on the planning council of the new regime. Her integrity is such that no one, who has known her, (and she is one of the great women of the world), doubts that she will be uncompromising when it gets down to basic ideals. Supporting Ginling means the tempering of communism by upholding just such a personality - as well as the faculty and students who follow her.

One should realize that 50% of China's leadership in years past has come out of the 10% of the students educated in China's 12 Christian colleges. I would like to put in my own words what Dr. Henry Pitt Van Dusen, President of Union Theological Seminary, wrote to John D. Rockefeller, Jr. this winter: "If the American people could be assured freedom to direct the programs of education in a certain number of Russian universities knowing that in the past these very colleges had provided half the leadership of the country, would we not gladly consider one million dollars a sound investment? Of course we have no such opportunity in Russia or behind the Iron Curtain. But it is the scope and significance of our opportunity in China now where the fate of Asia is being decided."

Evidently Mr. Rockefeller agreed with Dr. Van Dusen as his own and his son's contribution of many thousands of dollars was made again this year. The same is true of Mildred McAfee Horton, Mrs. Dwight Morrow, and many others who right now stand solidly behind the Chinese Christian colleges. Mrs. Wheeler says the donations of Smith people this year are 85% of what they were a year ago and that 82% of those who gave last year as of March 1st have again contributed.

It is true that as a club our record of giving to Ginling is a generous one. We could if we wish rest on our laurels. But Dorothy Fosdick (one of this club's official advisors as well as Trustee of the college) told me the other night that she thought our Washington Club ought to give as much as we have given before as it is the policy of Smith College as of all educational agencies and that of the U. S. State Department to support democratic institutions as long as they are not actually dominated by communism.

Like Smith, Gling seriously needs special funds for scholarships to compete with the lower tuition of government institutions. Inflation continues, and for general running expenses Ginling more than ever depends on American funds.

This year when we want to give all we can to Smith College herself, and are making a special effort to do so, let us not lose sight of the fact that Ginling is, in a sense, a part of Smith -- Smith College's own voluntary responsibility across the world -- and if Ginling should die, a part of Smith's world outreach would have died also.

Union Theological Seminary
Broadway at 120th Street
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August 31, 1950

Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler
318 Douglas Road
Chappaqua, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wheeler:

Your inquiries about the present status of Ginling College are natural and proper for one with your interests and responsibilities. I answer them in plain spoken fashion, as a neighbor of the College -- sometimes a friendly critic -- who has known its work, most of its staff, and not a few students, through thirty years of the Chinese cycle. I believe that my information was essentially adequate up to departure from Nanking early last month, and that it can be corroborated by reference to others who have been in close and recent contact with the College. Each individual, however, inevitably speaks with his own particular sense of proportion, and is influenced by his own understanding of the complex of swift changes through which China has been passing.

The difficulties crowding upon private schools under a totalitarian system, upon Christian schools in a social program committed to anti-religious teaching, upon American-related schools under a government which maintains that the United States is the major enemy of democracy and of national freedom, are inescapably grave. Fortunately, totalitarianism has not developed full-scale, and it is tempered perhaps by Chinese moderation, more certainly by the newness of the regime and its lack of resources, human and material, with which to confront the colossal tasks it has assumed. Anti-religious policy is restrained by expedient recognition of freedom of belief derived partly from Russian experience and partly from the politico-military importance of the Mohammedan minority -- thirty millions or more. Thus far, Americans in China, the institutions with which they are concerned, and the remittance of funds for their support, have suffered much less than the daily screaming against "capitalist - militarist - imperialism" would lead us to expect. Certain of the less noisy elements in the regime understand in some degree the usefulness and the actual spirit of the Christian enterprises, know that they are overwhelmingly Chinese in mass, and realize the value of a small but steady flow of foreign currency to China.

Ginling College in one of the better risks, at this juncture, in the brave tests which the group of Christian colleges and universities are now undertaking, seeking to discover in sweat and tears whether private institutions can maintain the necessary minimum of freedom for continuing service, whether the fairly satisfactory present opportunities for specifically Christian opportunities among students and teachers can be maintained, whether some measure of international contact other than Russian can persist. Like all other schools in China, Ginling College cannot remove itself from the society and individuals it seeks to serve. Though living and changing, the setting and the constituency are as much given, "as little alterable by wishing, as the temperature and the rainfall." This year, and for an

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undetermined but considerable time to come, that society is communist-directed and its educational system, including the products of the lower schools, is marked by communist methods and ideas.

From that starting point President Wu Yi-fang, like others in comparable positions, has to try to hold or to make a place for the values which she cherishes, in terms of needed and appreciated contributions to that actual society and to the freshmen just as they come from the actual middle schools. It is imperative that she makes the best possible contacts with the authorities whose policies, administrative decisions, or hostile suspicions can destroy not merely the good tradition of the College, but even the possibility of future service in any desirable form. Subject to attacks because she is an earnest and a prominent Christian, who has been rendering constant service in the Executive Committee of the National Christian Council -- frequently an officer -- Dr. Wu does not have an easy path either as an individual or as President. Moreover, the very friendship and support of individuals and groups like you and yours, which are genuinely appreciated in their deepest aspects, are the cause of violent criticism and of potential danger. That's just a hint of the burden carried by Wu Yi-fang and others in China today. She and a nucleus of staff members, both senior and junior, are worthy of complete confidence for their character and spirit.

Political training and countless meetings of all sorts of organizations on and off the campus have cut deeply into the time and energies of students and staff alike. Christian activities, like academic standards, have lost more from this encroachment than from any direct decree. Changes in curriculum have been relatively minor thus far, and will become significant, it seems, only in the next year or two of practice. Possibly the expected grief in the announced program will be discounted by lessening of the irregular and temporary aspects of last year's political training, which was abnormally heavy in an effort to overcome the influence of the former regime. Also, the communist leadership has shown great flexibility in trying something new, then quickly modifying or even withdrawing it for restudy. Hence no specific item in the present educational set-up, whether good or bad in our view, can be considered to have even temporary stability. Meanwhile, some Ginling College teachers are doing good work with some students; several Christian groups and activities are doing well; the relationships of staff and students in the revolutionary forms of organization are surprisingly satisfactory.

What will be the total outcome of the current experiment, attempted at great cost of spirit and considerable money, no one can soundly predict. But the effort in itself is developing among significant fractions of the Ginling College staff and students an understanding of supreme values, an ability to make what can be made of hard circumstances, which for that group are more truly education than were the conventional processes of academic attainment in easier days. At this moment the greatest limitations upon the service of the College lie less in the immediate impact of the new educational authorities than in the broadened and deepened poverty of students and their families, affecting critically the choice of place and type of training; and in the minds and characters of staff members now faced daily with enormous and novel difficulties, which most of us in this country simply could not meet, and which break some of them. Perhaps a time will come when the

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service of Ginling College will have been cramped and reduced by various influences to such a degree that its quality, never needed so desperately as today, would not justify the use of life and means which could seemingly do more if they could be transferred to other places. That time is not here now.

On the other hand, Ginling College in its particular opportunities, or other Christian and related undertakings in theirs, may be able to build in life the framework of continuing service, adapted to the new environment. There are few chances as good, all things considered, within any of the communist regimes. If these opportunities must be lost, it should not be through the hasty fears or the careless faltering of the western factor, but only by the force majeure of a social situation that will have decisively dominated, from without and from within, the highest levels of effort in Ginling College. The struggle is on.

Please count this letter simply as one contribution toward the answering of your difficult questions, and call freely upon any of us from China if we can provide further information or suggestions approaching interpretation.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ M. Searle Bates

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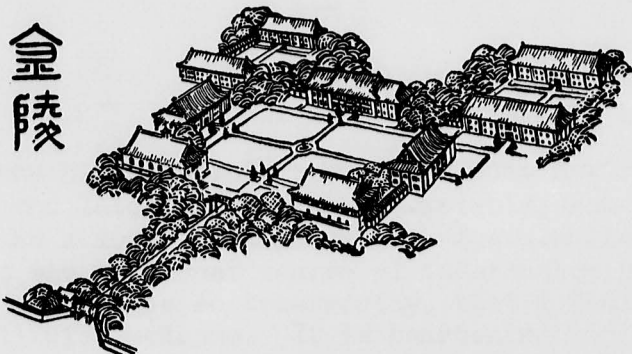
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September 7, 1950

Dear Ginling Representatives:

My first letter of the working year does not usually come to you as soon as this, but I have just received a communication of such extraordinary value, I believe, that I would like to share it with all of you immediately, with the hope that you can make its contents available to as many other interested people as possible.

This communication is the answer to a letter I wrote recently to Dr. M. Searle Bates, who has just returned from the University of Nanking to become a member of the faculty of Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Bates has been in China for the last thirty years, working with Ginling's neighbor Christian university. Dr. McMullen, who is executive secretary in the central American office of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, told me Dr. Bates has been one of his most valued correspondents from China during the years. Ambassador J. Leighton Stuart has said that he has counted on Dr. Bates' judgment on matters in China more than almost any other person's.

Knowing these opinions, and of the fine work Dr. Bates has done at Nanking, I wrote him as soon as I heard he was in this country, and asked him if he could give us a brief analysis of what he considered to be Ginling's situation today. We have all had such conflicting reports given us from time to time during the last year or so, that it has been hard for us over here to evaluate them sometimes. We have all -- at one time or another -- entertained doubts as to whether our letters from China were censored, although we have been assured again and again they are not. Many of our sources of information have been prejudiced on one side or another according to their own circumstances.

But here is an analysis from a man who has given years to Christian education in China; who knows Ginling intimately, yet from a

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position that allows him perspective; who has just now returned from Nanking, so has first hand the latest information available; who has proven himself over the years to be a most reliable source of evaluation. It is my belief that his report is the very best source of information possible. His picture is so lucid, his judgment is so trustworthy, that I feel his letter to me is just what we all will welcome. It is heartening too to discover how closely his picture agrees with the composite news we have been receiving, for we know he speaks the truth.

I hope you will all find this document as valuable as it seems to me to be, and that you will have an early opportunity to make it available to all your club members.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Rosengart Wheeler

(Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler)
Chairman, Alumnae Committee for Ginling

P. S. If you want copies of Dr. Bates' letter to distribute, please let the Ginling Office know how many. DDW

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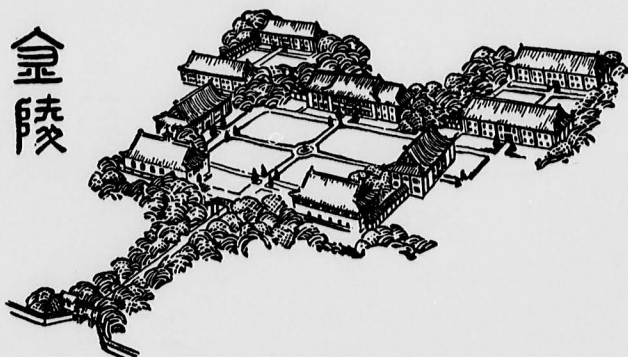
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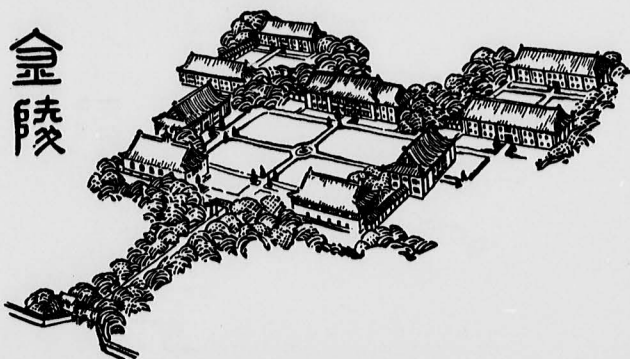
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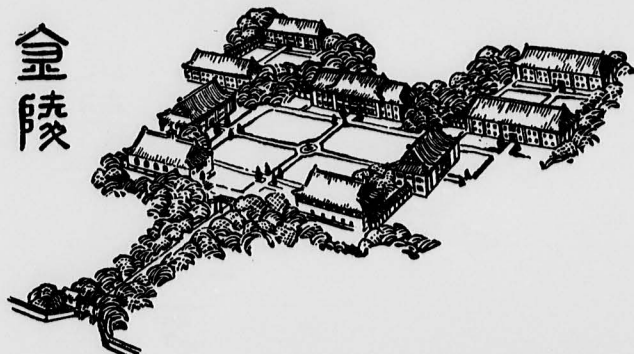
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April 15, 1951

Dear Ginling Representatives:

A major "further development" in the history of Ginling College has transpired, of which I sadly wish to inform you.

Word has come that beginning July 1st Ginling College will cease to exist as an independent college for women, and will be merged with the University of Nanking to form a National University. It is also reported that Ginling's president, Wu Yi-fang, is to serve as a vice-president of this union university. Funds for these two institutions are now being supplied directly by the Communist government, so we can assume, I am sure, that academic freedom in any degree is a thing of the past.

I know no more details, but the bare facts speak for themselves. I am grateful, as I know you are, that Ginling was allowed to function for as long a period after the Communists took over as she did, and I am deeply grateful too for the wonderful loyalty and support of all of you right up to the last possible minute. While we all will hope and pray that sometime in the unseeable future she can return to her wonderful work as a free Christian college, for the present and immediate future, we must at this time accept the fact that there is no longer an independent Ginling College for women.

I do not know what the next step will be for the committee of the Smith Alumnae Association, but when any decisions are reached, you will be informed of them.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Edward M. Wheeler)

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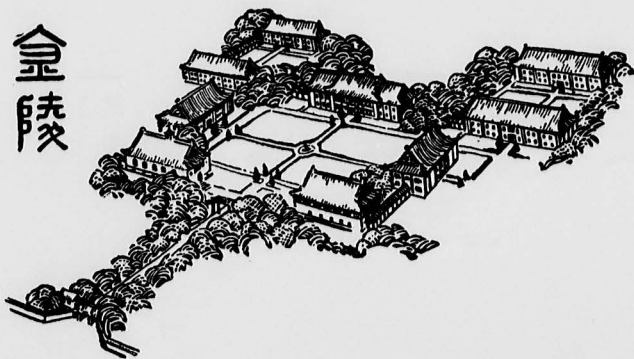
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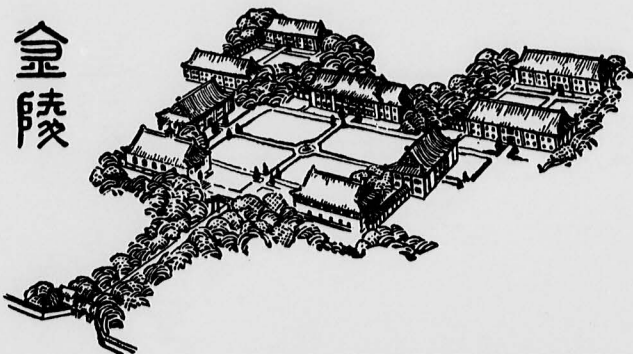
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