

Chinese scholars. Those men who first translated the New Testament were not thinking of the style of their Chinese - they had a great message to share with others and they chose words that would do it clearly and effectively. That after all is the secret of all creative work whether in art, in literature or in social reform, isn't it?

March 25. Today is Palm Sunday. This afternoon from four to six o'clock in the chapel of the University of Nanking we listened to a mixed chorus of almost one hundred voices render "The Crucifixion" by Stainer. Students and faculty from the University, Ginling, the Theological Seminary and from Central University were in the chorus. The large auditorium was crowded with probably 1500 people. As I sat there listening to those wonderful words and the beautiful music my mind went back to March 25th, 1927 - just seven years ago. Some of you will recall that on that day and at that very hour all the western faculty members of both the University and Ginling were forced to leave Nanking and for many it seemed that the future of both institutions was dark indeed. What little faith we have in the power of God to preserve that which is part of His plan and done in His name.

April 1. It is Easter Sunday. This morning the first service was held in our new chapel. Although it is the first day of our spring vacation all students had been urged by Dr. Wu to attend this service and most of them did so. Three students confessed their faith in Christ as their personal Savior. It was a very lovely and impressive service. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Li Tien - lu of the Nanking Theological Seminary.

April 2-5. Spring Holiday. Seventy three students and faculty made a pilgrimage to the sacred mountain of Tai Shan and the Tomb of Confucius. We chartered a third class car and used that as our abiding place for the four days of our pilgrimage. Such good fun as we had! We made the trip up the Mountain and down and out to the Tomb and back without a single mishap. I could not refrain from comparing the students of 1934 with those of us who first made the same trip in 1923. The students moved slowly in those days, like old women. Now they move with energy and enthusiasm and it is difficult to keep up with them. Several alumnae and even two student mothers went with us this time. On the way back Hu Siu-ying (1933) served us a most appetizing breakfast as our train stopped at Hsüchowfu. We hope to go again in 1936 but we are going to limit our number to fifty students and ten alumnae. Apply early if you wish to go.

May 16. Today at Assembly a report was made on our campaign for funds for the Neighborhood House. We have raised \$2600.00. Those giving \$15.00 or more were awarded special pins. The foundations for the new building have been marked out and we are now waiting for permission from the city government to start building.

June 1. Another new experiment in college life is started. Today and tomorrow the seniors are taking comprehensive examinations in their major subject. Also all sophomores are taking comprehensive tests in Chinese and English - their most essential tool subjects. Aren't you glad you graduated before the days of comprehensives.

June 24. Baccalaureate Sunday. An unexpected honor came to Ginling today when General and Madame Chiang Kai-shek attended our Baccalaureate Service this afternoon. General Chiang gave a short sincere testimony bearing witness to his

faith in Jesus Christ. He stressed the importance of religion in life and urged the seniors to carry the sacrificial and loving spirit of Jesus out into their work.

June 25. The Class Day Program tonight was given before an audience of 500 guests. The most interesting part of the program was an operetta called "College Sketches" the theme of which centered in the events of a college freshman's life. Many members of the class participated in the production of the operetta, painting the scenery, writing the words and setting them to familiar tunes. It was very well given and was a production of which the Class can well be proud.

June 27. Commencement took place this morning in the new chapel. Dr. Leonard Hsü now of the National Economic Council gave the main address. Twenty nine girls were granted their degrees. Most of them have already decided upon their work for this autumn. Tomorrow they begin to scatter - probably never to come together again. That is the sad part of college graduation. Most of the girls will go into middle school teaching, but this year two members of the class will go into rural work.

July 7. The first wedding in the new Chapel building took place this afternoon. Dr. Bao Dji-lih (1924) was married to Mr. Gao of Peiping. The wedding was in the South Studio late in the afternoon and the feast was served in the Guest Hall. We are happy when college daughters come back home to be married. All agreed that the bride and the wedding were lovely. We liked the groom too and are happy to welcome him into our growing family. Twenty six percent of the alumnae are now married so you see our record is improving.

July 9-23. During these two weeks we have had a summer conference for middle school principals and deans. Seven of our own alumnae came back and also one dean from a contributing middle school. Mr. T. F. Tung, principal of Chung Hwa Middle School in Nanking, helped me with the conference by coming over each morning to lead a discussion group on administrative problems. Mrs. Thurston and Dr. Wu also gave interesting talks on two different afternoons. I had a course on the improvement of middle school teaching. The following alumnae were with us, Chen Deh-gwang (1924) Wang Mei-o (1924), Liu Bao-ying (1926), Djang Hsiang-lan (1928), Swen Bao-hwa (1929), Li Dzi cheng (1929) and Li Mei-yung (1931) I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the group and you may be sure that I did not have to urge them to ask questions for they were full of questions they wanted to ask me. The weather was not friendly, for it was fearfully hot all during the conference. Deh-gwang developed a very painful foot so for some of the time we had our discussions in her bedroom. These "old" alumnae are enjoying the use of the beautiful new library building. You probably know that 13.4 percent of our 281 alumnae are now in administrative work in middle schools and colleges.

July 9-August 4. During these four weeks the University of Nanking and Ginling are conducting a summer school for middle school teachers of science and mathematics. About seventy are enrolled. Last summer a similar conference was held and because of its success the National Ministry of Education has asked sixteen national and private universities and colleges to hold similar conferences this summer. Tsu Siu-ying (1930), Li Pei-lan (1928) and Ning Shi-deh (1933) are back for this conference.