

importance of religion in life and urged the spirit of Jesus out into their work.

Light was given before an audience of the program was an operetta called "The Events of a College Freshman's Year" in the production of the operetta, setting them to familiar tunes. It was the Class can well be proud.

This morning in the new chapel, Dr. [Name] Council gave the main address. Most of them have already decided they begin to scatter-probably never to college graduation. Most of the girls year two members of the class will go

Chapel building took place this afternoon. Gao of Peiping. The wedding was in the feast was served in the Guest Hall. We look home to be married. All agreed that they liked the groom too and are happy to twenty six percent of the alumnae are now

We have had a summer conference for our own alumnae came back and also Mr. T. F. Tung, principal of Chung [Name] with the conference by coming over each administrative problems. Mrs. Thurston and different afternoons. I had a course on The following alumnae were with us, Liu Bao-ying (1926), Djang Hsiang-cheng (1929) and Li Mei-yung (1931) you may be sure that I did not have to all of questions they wanted to ask me. fearfully hot all during the conference. for some of the time we had our discussions are enjoying the use of the beautiful 13.4 percent of our 281 alumnae are now colleges.

The University of Nanking and Ginling are of teachers of science and mathematics. similar conference was held and because of was asked sixteen national and private universities this summer. Tsu Siu-ying (1930), back for this conference.

July 29-September 16. These seven weeks have found me on a rest cure spending most of the time in bed-about four weeks in Kuling and three weeks in Shanghai in the Sanitarium. The sciatic nerve in my left leg permitted me to lie flat in bed or to stand occasionally but refused to let me sit, a punishment, I suppose, for sitting at my desk too much. The experience has been a painful discouraging one but it has made me much more sympathetic with others. Mrs. Tsen says it ought to serve as a warning that I should take life a little easier from now on. I was sorry to miss the opening week of college, the Freshman Week Program, the Senior Retreat and other activities. Miss Spicer returned during my absence from her year of furlough in England. She certainly looks as if her furlough had rejuvenated her.

September 17. The Ginling Practice School is now a complete senior middle school. For the first time we have three classes, in all there are seventy four students. They and three teachers live happily in their lovely dormitory in the southeast corner of the campus. They too have a fine family spirit and the college girls will have to work hard if they expect to keep their dormitories as neat and attractive. We are hoping that some good friend of education will give us enough money to build a little model home in which we can teach these middle school girls cooking, sewing and home decoration and management.

October 2. Today I made out the report for the College Appointment Committee. From January to August we received 115 letters of application. Seventy three of these letters were for middle school teachers. There were but 29 members in the senior class to fill these many positions. If a Ginling woman during her years here has prepared herself to do some piece of work and do it well there will be a position open to her. Positions in rural China and in Social Welfare are opening up to college graduates who are prepared. Positions in business and in laboratory work are opening up more slowly.

November 3-5. You will have the opportunity to read many accounts of the nineteenth Founders' Day Exercises and of the Dedication of the two new college buildings, so I shall not tell you about them. The Founders' Day Meal-I dare not call such a simple meal a banquet-which took place last Saturday evening was the most enjoyable that I have ever attended. Mary Chen (1923) was the very delightful and witty toast mistress. Many alumnae were back and a goodly number of sons-in-law. A number of former faculty came also, including Mr. Lindsay Lien and Mr. S. Y. Shen from Shanghai. The alumnae song this year was every whit as good as any of the class songs. The banquet was held in the large guest hall of the Central Building which was gay with class banners. Dr. Wu read many many telegrams and messages from absent members of the Alumnae Family. If at the first Founders' Day in 1916 there was still doubt about the future existence of Ginling, that doubt has long since vanished. Altogether there were more than forty alumnae with us that night and I am sure that they must have quite inspired and awed the students.

November 10-11. Another dedication takes place and this time it is of our new Neighborhood House which is just north of the Day School. Yesterday afternoon the new building was open for inspection. It was gay with red scrolls which different groups had presented for the occasion. A goodly number of neighbors, especially women and children, came to see the building. They were served tea and peanuts by the members of the Girls' Club-a group of neighborhood girls, and were ushered in by members of the Boys' Club. Both of these clubs are practical projects which are parts of theses being written by students in the Sociology Department. Yesterday evening we planned to have a pro-

gram consisting of songs and little plays by members of the girls' and boys' club and the pupils in the day school, this to be followed by an agricultural movie. Alas! the crowd was so large that after the first reel of the movie it was decided to close the program and let the people go home. Today being Sunday we had our first Church service in the Neighborhood House, and this time it was for men as well as women. Part of the service was given by children in the two Sunday Schools which the students are conducting and part of it was by students from the Nanking Theological Seminary. We hope gradually to develop a small neighborhood church.

All of you will be interested in hearing that our day school has been changed this autumn into a special school for older neighborhood girls. We hope to develop it into a kind of folk school where teen age girls will have an opportunity to learn those things which will make them better wives and mothers and happier individuals. The city has recently opened two large primary schools near us so it was no longer necessary for us to conduct an ordinary primary school.

We still want very much to raise enough money this year to build the third building I mentioned, that is the Health Center where we will have room for a Bath House, Clinic, and Child Welfare Center as well as for living quarters for the day school teacher and a social worker.

November 15. Today is Mountain Day. This morning more than 200 students and faculty went to Tsai Shi Gi a famous mountain which is four hours journey up the Yangtze River from Nanking. It has been a day of fun and fellowship. The view of the great river and the beautiful autumn colors were most inspiring. We went by truck to Hsia Gwan and then by a privately rented launch to Tsai Shi Gi.

November 17. As I draw this diary to its close I am sitting on the south upstairs verandah of Faculty House. It is a warm sunny afternoon. Below on the lawn the chrysanthemums are arranged in a gay display of many colors, the work of the faithful gardener, Lao Shac, who has furnished us with such a display for the past fourteen years. The trees about the pond and on the hill to the back of it are still clad in their lovely autumn tints. Truly it is a scene of peace and beauty.

By the time this diary is printed and reaches you it will be nearing Christmas. I therefore tuck in with it my Christmas wish for you in the words of our college motto, "Abundant Life". Yes, I wish for each of you abundant physical and intellectual life, but more than that an abundant life of the spirit, so deep and full and joyous and so in tune with the Creator that you needs must share it with all those whose lives you touch.

Sincerely your friend and teacher,

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