

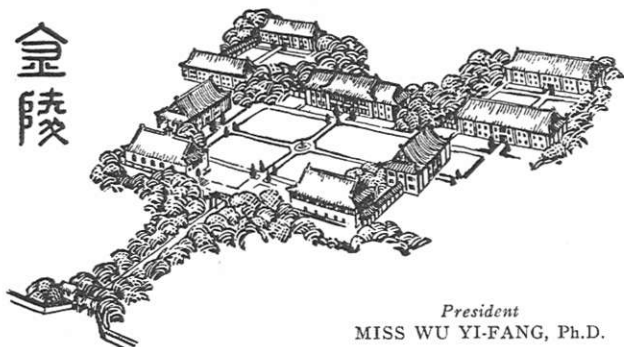
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To Readers of Ginling News:

What a trek it is - this journey of students and teachers to the capital of Szechuan, the mist-blanketed city on the banks of the Min River! Many of you have been following the adventures of the group of thirty described in this and preceding installments, most of them having covered the entire 2600 miles in the two-month journey from Shanghai to Chengtu, and now you will wish to go with them through the final stages of the Yangtze trip and the drive by motor from Chungking to the West China campus.

No commentary is needed on the values of this material - its revelations of the spirit of Chinese students during the severe testing of war days, the triumphs of ingenuity, humor, unselfishness, and bravery, which make the story memorable in spite of the simplicity with which it is told. Conspicuous throughout is the single-minded desire of the college community to do its task of training as its present patriotic service.

One should think also of the other Ginling students and teachers, coming from many parts of the country, travelling by devious routes and by every conceivable type of conveyance and on foot. By such means has the Ginling student body come together this autumn in Chengtu. Of the composition of the college family, and of the program on the temporary campus, future news issues will tell. The accompanying letters take the travellers up to the door of the college year 1938-39, the freshman students beginning work on October first, and the older classes one month later, after the completion of a course in nursing, specially applied to the present emergency, undertaken at the request of the government.

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