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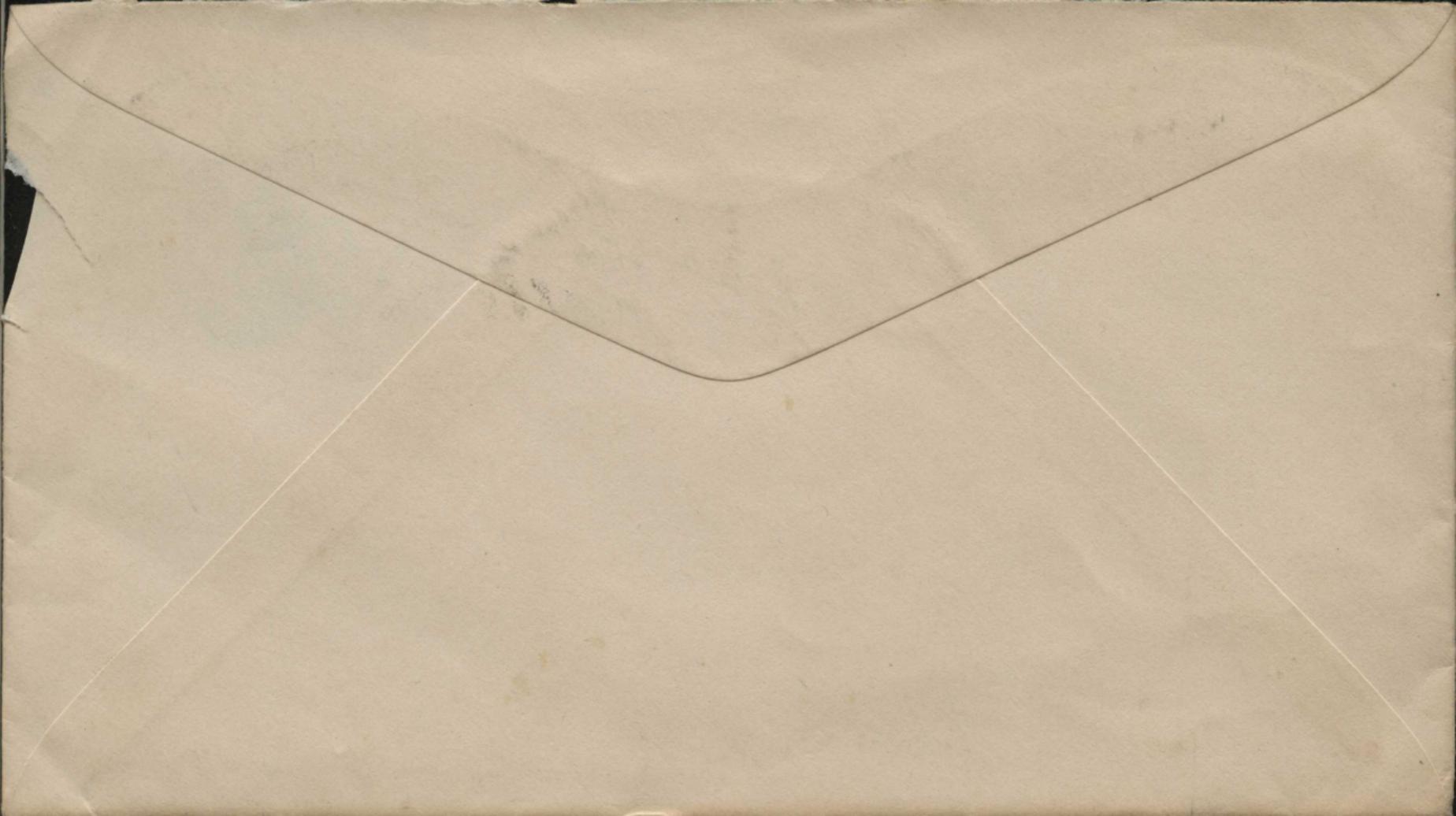
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MARS HILL COLLEGE,  
Hoyt Blackwell, President,  
MARS HILL, N. C.



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# MARS HILL COLLEGE



Mars Hill is a junior college of recognized excellence. It is a member of the North Carolina College Conference, the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and the American Association of Junior Colleges; and it is approved by the American Medical Association, by the University of the State of New York, and by the United States Bureau of Education for the admission of foreign students.

● Mars Hill College is favorably located in one of the most beautiful and healthful regions to be found anywhere—the mountains of Western North Carolina. The town of Mars Hill, a picturesque village of 500 inhabitants with an elevation of 2300 feet, is surrounded by mountain views of surpassing grandeur.

● The campus includes 100 acres and 13 buildings besides several cottages.

● During the 1938-1939 session 800 students were enrolled from 83 counties of North Carolina, 20 states, and three foreign countries.

● Mars Hill graduates have entered more than 100 different senior colleges and universities in recent years and have consistently ranked high in these institutions.

● Expenses are extremely low for the advantages offered. The average cost of room, board, literary tuition, and general fees is \$280 for a term of nine months. Extras are kept at a minimum.

● Besides the fifteen courses of study outlined in the Catalogue, special courses are available in music, art, and expression. The college sponsors a variety of activities for the development of all students, such as athletic teams, literary societies, glee club, orchestra, dramatic groups, religious organizations.

● A spirit of friendliness and democracy pervades the Mars Hill campus. As soon as a student arrives he or she is given a cordial welcome by students and faculty. No form of hazing is tolerated. Snobbishness and prudery are out of place.

● The forces which disturb and disgrace our land are due not to lack of schooling but to lack of character. The constant aim of Mars Hill College is the development of character through knowledge and training that gives emphasis to moral and spiritual values. It is the purpose of the College to send out men and women richer and fuller in life, enlarged and sanctified in vision, and Christ-controlled in action, because

they have studied here.

In many communities the downward pull of a worldly social life sadly counteracts the training and influence of the best of homes. Many find in the boarding school that is distinctly Christian conditions which approach the ideal and which help them to find themselves and their places in a busy, needy world.

In the home-like atmosphere of the Mars Hill College family, in the silences of the hills, freed from many distractions and downward pulls, great faiths and great purposes grow.



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March 1, 1940

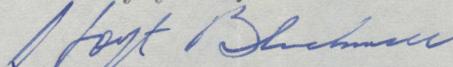
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My dear Mrs. Williamson:

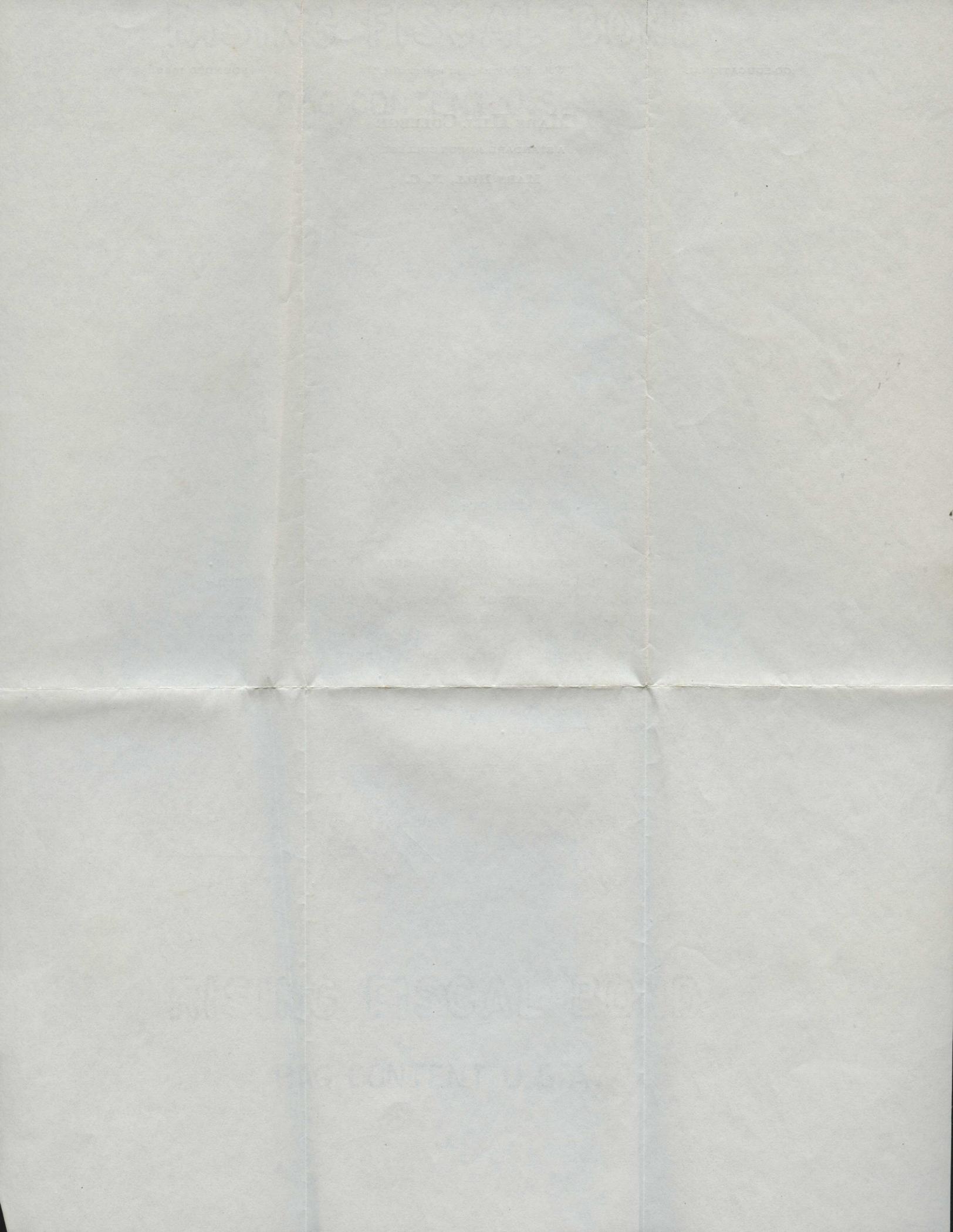
Your letter of February 27 appeals to me very strongly. I am sending you a copy of our catalogue. In this publication you will find detailed information about the courses offered and the necessary expenses. It has been our custom through the years to allow the children of ministers and missionaries a fifty percent reduction in literary tuition. We also have a program of self-help. There is a possibility of our being able to supply your son work sufficient for him to earn around \$75 during the nine months session.

Assuring you again of my personal interest,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Hoyt Blackwell, President

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# ***The What, When, Why, Who, Where and How of the Margaret Fund***

## **What It Is**

The Margaret Fund is a memorial fund of Woman's Missionary Union used to furnish boarding scholarships for the sons and daughters of *regular* missionaries of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., in active service receiving the regular missionary salary, or of former missionaries who served on foreign field at least one term, were retired on account of ill health incurred in active service on the field and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to limit greatly their earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C. The fall of 1938 marked the beginning of similar scholarships to sons and daughters of regular missionaries in active service under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C., receiving the regular missionary salary, or who have served at least six years as regular S.B.C. missionaries and who retired on account of ill health incurred in active service and whose health continues to be so seriously impaired as to greatly limit his earning capacity in this country; or one who at death was serving under the Home Mission Board, S.B.C. Scholarships are given also to sons and daughters of those who served 20 years or more as regular missionaries under S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board, or under S.B.C. Home Mission Board.

## **When Begun?**

The initial gift to the fund was \$10,000 made by Mrs. Frank Chambers of New York, formerly of Alabama, in 1905. The amount was first used in purchasing a home in Greenville, S. C. This property provided a home for missionaries' children while at school in the homeland and also a resting place for our missionaries when on furlough. 40 boys and girls and 15 missionaries enjoyed its comforts. In 1915 the call of progress to move forward into paths of greater usefulness was heard, the home was sold and the enlarged amount invested in an educational fund which more fully meets the needs of our missionaries.

The first scholarships were granted in 1916 to eight students, sons and daughters of both home and foreign missionaries.

## **Why It Is the Margaret Fund**

The beautiful name of Margaret was given to

the home by Mrs. Chambers in honor of her grandmother, mother and daughter. The memorial name was retained when the home was sold and the scholarship fund established.

The meaning of Margaret, a "pearl," be- speaks beauty, luster and value, and so to Woman's Missionary Union her Margaret Fund is a rarely beautiful, valuable "pearl," composed of memorial and love gifts.

To the missionary and students it is a "pearl of great price"—an opportunity for Christian education—and through its scholarships these students have advantages which have almost wrought miracles in life's ambitions and ideals.

The Margaret Fund now has four departments—

1. The Endowment Fund

This grew out of the initial gift and sale of the Margaret Home. It is the principal and it has been wisely invested and the generosity of the states adds to it yearly. Several memorial gifts have increased the principal. Only the interest of this is used for scholarships.

2. The "Margaret Memorial" is also an Endowment Fund of the Margaret Fund and only its interest is used for scholarships. During the scholastic year 1930-31, which marked the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Margaret Home and the 15th anniversary of the granting of scholarships under the Margaret Educational Fund, a "Margaret Memorial" was begun, which greatly stimulates interest in the cause. Every state in the S.B.C. now endorses the plan of finding Margarets, permitting them to give a love offering of at least two dollars each and enrolling their names in a Margaret Memorial Book of Remembrance. Hundreds of Margarets living and dead are enrolled.

3. The Elizabeth Lowndes Scholarship under the Margaret Fund is a memorial that honors a former beloved treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Lowndes. It is awarded for the senior year to a Margaret Fund student distinguished during three preceding college years for high scholastic standing, leadership, personality and character. It is in addition to the regular Margaret Fund scholarship to said student.

4. Emergency Fund

There is also a small fund reserved for use in emergencies. Such a fund has been of great bless-

ing already to several missionaries in hours of deepest strain and unusual trial.

Each of these departments furnishes a good investment for gifts or legacies, and all need enlarging to meet the increased appeals for aid.

**Who Has the Supervision of This Fund?**

A committee, consisting of the W.M.U. president, executive secretary and treasurer, a South-wide Chairman and one member from each of the 19 states. These are all elected each year at the W.M.U. annual meeting.

**Who Handles the Money?**

All money for this fund is sent through the state headquarters to the W.M.U. treasurer. The treasurer sends out all scholarship checks to the presidents of the colleges in which the students are enrolled. These \$250.00 scholarships are sent in two checks of \$125.00 each when students write for them, in the fall upon entering college and by December 31st.

**Who Are Eligible?**

Sons and daughters of our regular missionaries who are 15 years of age, preferably not less than 16, in good health, of studious habits and good character; and who are prepared to meet the designated number of units for standard high school or preferably college.

**Who Are Not Eligible?**

No married students, no students applying for the first time after they become twenty one years of age.

**For Whom Are Exceptions Made?**

Scholarships of \$200 only are granted for not more than two years' preparatory study in cases where condition on mission fields made preparation for college incomplete; or for graduate work, only in cases of our Margaret Fund girls who desire to attend any one of the training schools within the bounds of our southern Baptist territory, and of students desiring theological training. Any student desiring to study medicine in order to become a medical missionary of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C., may receive a Loan Scholarship of \$200.00 per year according to signed contract, such loan to be cancelled when the student goes to a foreign mission field under appointment of Foreign Mission Board, S.B.C.

## Where the Students Attend School

The missionary selects the college and makes all the necessary arrangements with the officials for the matriculation of the student. Many schools give free tuition. Realizing that Woman's Missionary Union is loyal to southern Baptist schools the missionary must write the chairman and give wise and expedient reason in case of selecting schools outside of southern Baptist territory; the committee passes on these exceptions before scholarships are granted.

Scholarships are not granted for use in schools on foreign fields that are under the Foreign Mission Board, as the Board provides for such scholarships.

Scholarships are not granted students remaining at home with parents on foreign fields, exceptions are made however when parents are on furlough.

## The How of It

Begun as an expression of love and appreciation for the services of our missionaries the Margaret Fund has been enlarged and manipulated through love and prayer.

How grateful are we for the approval and blessings of the Master upon its activities! May these enlarged demands and expansions be met with greater interest, larger gifts, greater publicity and more earnest prayers.

How the work of the Master is broadened and magnified by this cause! A majority of these students are volunteers for active Christian service, many already serving in the homeland and in lands across the seas, many ready, waiting to be sent.

How joyful are the "mother" hearts who minister through loving service to the students homesick and lonely!

How grateful are the missionaries for the atmosphere of prayer and love created for their sons and daughters! Hundreds of letters testify to the great work that blesses and enriches the world through this Margaret Fund.

How much have you prayed or given to enlarge or magnify this cause?—MRS. H. M. RHODES, 269 Kenilworth Place, Memphis, Tenn., *Southwide Margaret Fund Chairman.*

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**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, S. B. C.**  
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Dr. Chas. E. Maddy,  
Richmond, Va.

Concord, Ga.,  
March 19, 1940.

Dear Dr. Maddy:

With all my heart I had hoped and prayed that we would get a more remunerative place before time for Norman, Jr. to go to college. He is our son and we longed to have the whole joy and privilege of educating him. He is bright, steady and talented and graduates from High School the first of this June. He feels definitely called of God to the ministry. We have taught him to work and have had him to understand that he will have to help himself through college and seminary. However, I understand that the available jobs at college amount to from \$ 75.00 to \$ 90.00 per year only. Much more will be needed, of course. He is only 16 now, so I feel that it is a little young to try to work his way yet by student pastorates. I know that most churches that call student pastors do not much more than pay enough to run the used car which a pastorate necessitates.

I have never written to or talked with our state or south-wide Margaret Fund Chairman concerning this, so I do not know what requirements you have in order for a child to be eligible. I am writing to you first, Dr. Maddy, because I suppose you give a list of the eligible ones to the Margaret Fund Chairman. I want to know from you if Norman, Jr. is eligible. I am also going to send a copy of this letter to Miss Kathleen Mallory, because I suppose the W.M.U. of the South has requirements. I will want to hear from you and Miss Mallory before I write to the Margaret Fund Chairman.

Probably you would need to know our present income. When we moved to Macon as Associational Missionary, we were promised \$ 1,500.00; but had to pay our rent ourselves out of that. They were not able one single time to pay our salary on time and eventually had to discontinue the Associational Workx altogether. When we moved from Macon, Mr. Williamson was called to two half-time churches, Concord and Meansville. Our salary now is \$ 110.00 and a house. Of course I do not need to tell you that we had to start all over and buy furniture and a car. We have had and continue to have big doctor and dentist bills. Of course I know you might think you have nothing to do with our doctor and dentist bills now and of course you do not except that we gave the strength of our best years to Japan. As soon as we got home from Japan, I had to have a bridge put in. This was necessary because of an abscess which formed at the roots of my teeth while I was in Japan. As soon as we reached America, we had other heavy doctor bills which the Foreign Mission Board did not help us pay. Now I am not wanting to drag out the past or worry you with our troubles. I simply feel that I am due to explain reasons why we are not able to send our son to college. I know that you want to assist only the ones who deserve it. The real facts are that we are deeply in debt for doctor and dentist bills and also for furniture and a car. There are many things we are paying for little by little. The facts are that we sometimes have to add to our debts instead of reducing our indebtedness every month. Our churches expect us to go to rallies, associational meetings and conventions all the time and move in the best society. If we do what is expected of us it takes all we have to live and our debts remain almost unchanged. Our churches, of course, are not responsible for our debts. The only way to be able to send our son to college seems to be by the life investment we made in Japan. Just here I want to say a word or two. Regardless of what has been said and done and whether you are open to believe me or not, I want to tell you that we cov



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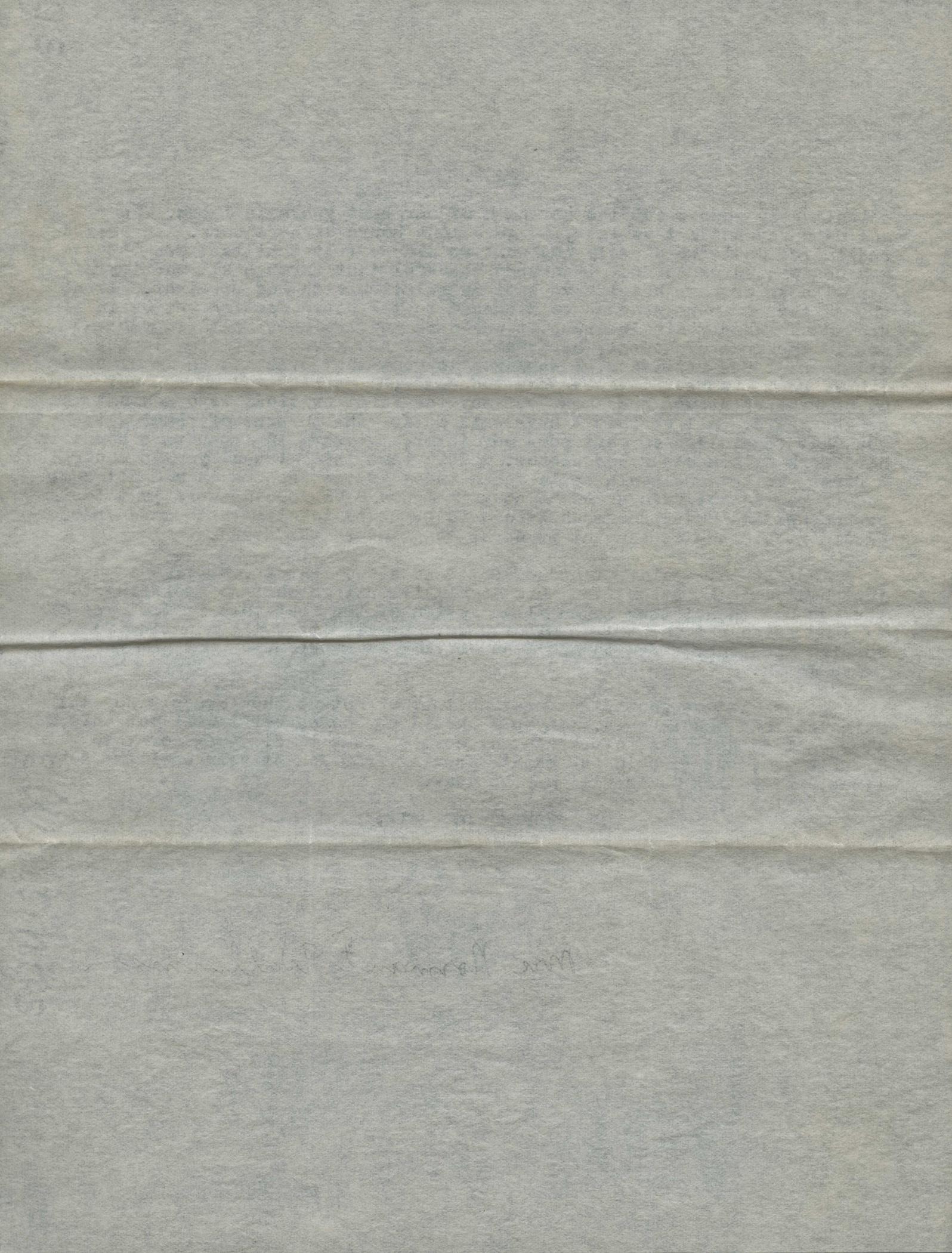
scientifically poured out the strength of our best years in Japan. We got up early and sat up late, we gave long hours of hard work. We prayed and studied God's word daily and what we did we felt that that was the way God wanted us to do. I am very thankful that through all the trying experiences we have had I have kept my relation with God straight. Even though the trip we made up to Richmond to the Board Meeting put me in bed and I nearly died because it was hard to keep ones faith in man and God in the face of honest, hard work like I had given resulting in the treatment I was receiving, I want you to know that even though in my soul I have been crushed almost beyond endurance, I have braved up and not even my nearest relatives have heard me say the first critical word against you or the Board. All of this I have said is for the purpose of saying to you that regardless of what some may think, my years in Japan were spent in hard work with a clear conscience. This last thing I want you to understand I firmly believe we would be in Japan today if the depression had not come and if we had not been asked to stay in Japan 8 years. We were just too overworked and under too much strain to be asked to stay that extra year. We did it because we thought we ought to stand by the Board.

Just at this point, I had expected to stop; but Mr. Williamson has just handed me a letter from this morning's mail which I am enclosing to you because this letter is an illustration of the fact that in the eyes of my many friends I am still a missionary. My life is daily counting for Foreign Missions. Even though I am serving in America, I will always serve Japan.

Please let me know right away whether or not we should apply for the Margaret Fund Scholarship. Maybe I should say more, but I will not this time as I do not like to take up any more of your time. I am sorry to trouble you, but I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Pray that God's will may be done.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Norman F. Williamson



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March 26, 1940

Mrs. Norman F. Williamson  
Concord, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

Your letter of Friday was received yesterday morning. At once I wrote to our Margaret Fund chairman (Mrs. H. M. Rhodes, 269 Kenilworth, Memphis, Tennessee).

In the letter to Mrs. Rhodes I told her practically all that you wrote in your letter to me and also much of what you said to Dr. Maddry but I did not think it would be well for her to see the latter letter which is herewith returned.

Certainly it will give me great joy if the Margaret Fund scholarship can be awarded to Norman Jr. I told Mrs. Rhodes of my happy relationship with you and your family since I was your guest when Norman Jr. was a tiny baby in 1923. I asked Mrs. Rhodes to write to Dr. Maddry to find out if the health of either you or Dr. Williamson was seriously impaired while you were missionaries in Japan and also to ask Dr. Maddry if there was any reason why he thought the Margaret Fund scholarship should not be awarded to Norman Jr. Enclosed is a copy of a Margaret Fund leaflet showing who are eligible etc.

With cordial greetings to Dr. Williamson and Norman Jr. and assuring you that I am sincerely interested in your earnest hope for Norman Jr. to attend college, I am,

Yours lovingly,

Kathleen Mallory.

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# CONCORD HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH

NORMAN F. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR

CONCORD, GA.

Macon, Ga.,  
March 19, 1940.

Dear Mrs. Williamson:

The Woman's Missionary Society of Mabel White Baptist Church decided to name the Circles for living Missionaries this year. So my members and I named our Circle for you,. It's called "The Fannie Lee Williamson Circle".

Now, we would like for you to write us your favorite verse or chapter of the Bible, also your favorite song that we may use it in our circle. In November, our Circle puts on the program at the church and if you can arrange to do so, we will be so happy to have you come to Macon at that time and help us with the program, we meet in the homes second Tuesdays and at the church Fourth Tuesdays.

Do hope you and your family are well.

Let us hear from you soon and visit with us anytime you can. We shall be glad to have you. Oh, I must tell you we have a picture of you, your husband and son, given to us by Helen Williamson. We are using it in our Circle Scrap Book and we are very proud of it too.

Very sincerely,

(Signed) Mrs. W.R. Bridges,  
Chairman od "The Fannie Lee Williamson" Circle.

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CONCORD HERON BAPTIST CHURCH

NORMAN E. WILLIAMSON, PASTOR

CONCORD, GA.

Dear Mr. [Name]:

The church is happy to hear of your interest in the Baptist faith. We would like to have you join our church and help us in our work. We will be glad to have you join us at that time and place which is most convenient for you. We will be glad to have you join us at that time and place which is most convenient for you.

I hope you will find this letter helpful. If you have any questions, please write to me. I will be glad to answer them. I hope you will find this letter helpful. If you have any questions, please write to me. I will be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,  
Norman E. Williamson