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Letter from May-ling Soong Chiang, 1918-08-24, Shanghai, China, to Emma Mills

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Dearest Dada:

Well, so you are going to be the leading spirit in your center of amusement! I wish I could see you coaching them in the Vaudeville, and Teddy as [nurse]! I received a letter from her and Phyllis on the same mail that yours came on. Phyl. was visiting Frances Keston in Chi. You frivolous young things make me feel like a grandmother of eighty. Yesterday Brother had a friend drop in for dinner, and as Brother and I were the only ones at home, I was left alone with him after Brother was called to the telephone to discuss some business matters. Well, this friend showed decided symptoms of proposing: so as I was tired and rather sleepy, I excused myself and told the chauffeur to get the car out. When Brother got through telephoning, I suggested taking a ride and incidentally dropped our guest at his house. Don't you think I did rather well? As he is returning to [Tientsin] in a day or so: I guess I have gotten rid of him for good.

In my last letter, I asked you to renew and to subscribe some magazines for me. Please have them all sent to 30 Seymour Road, Shanghai, China as I shall move there in a few days, and please address all my letters there also. [page break]
How long do you expect to stay being a farmerette? If Mother does not object, I think I shall connect myself with some public charity organization. Only dear me, I do hate nasty smells and dirty sights. But I suppose somebody has to see the dirt if it is ever going to be cleaned up. When you see this mass of humanity, it seems almost impossible to ever stir them up to any sense of the consciousness of living: yet just see the revolutions which have brought the realization of democracy into a country primarily monarchical and aristocratic!

I think this year I shall spend in studying the social needs of the city of Shanghai, and the remedies for the most prominent of its evils. And maybe in time the Municipal Council here will awaken to the fact that while 9/10 of the population here are Chinese, the Council has done little to improve the living conditions of those most in need of improvement.

With love
Daughter

P.S.
Please tell me how much I owe you for the renewal & subscription of magazines: and I'll refund by return mail.
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for the health protection of its pupils, and may be a turn the Municipal Council have been awakened to the fact that while 9/10 of the population here are Chinese, the Council has done little to improve the living conditions of the races most needed for improvement.

With love,
Daughter.

P.S.
Please let me have much from you in the renewal of a subscription of magazines, and I'll reply by mail.
How long do you expect to stay being a vagabond? If not, does not object. I think I shall commit myself with some public charity organization. Only, dear, no. I do hate nasty smells and dirty rights. But I suppose somebody has to see the dust if it is ever going to be cleaned up. When you see the want of humanity, it seems almost impossible to understand, much less any sense of the consciousness of living, but just see the revolution which have brought it realization in democracy into a country formerly monarchic and aristocratic!

I think this year I shall spend in study of the social needs of the city of Shanghai, and the remedies showed decided symptoms of profaning, so as I was tired and rather sleepy, I excused myself and took the charpente to get the end over. When Bertran got through telephoning, I suggested taking a ride and incidentally dropped our guest at his house. Do you think I did rather well?

As he is returning to Shanghai in a day or so: I guess I have gotten rid of him for good.

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Daughter.

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