

SEVEN COLLEGES FOR WOMEN IN ASIA.

Women's Christian College at Tokyo, Japan.

In the Woman's Christian College in Tokyo, is an opportunity we cannot afford to overlook. There is no more important field for such work. We are looking constantly for leaders in our missionary work; we need women who can assume responsibility, as principals in our girls' schools, teachers on the faculties of our high schools, superintendents of our Bible Training Schools and women who can qualify as doctors. We can never evangelize the east with a body of American women. Only as we educate thoroughly the girls of these countries and place upon them the evangelization of their own nation can we hope for the leadership which will insure success. We have been laying foundations for nearly fifty years; now if we fail to take the further step in the higher education of our women, we shall lose that great opportunity before us, of giving woman her place of power and influence in the Kingdom of God.

In April, 1918, this College was opened with an enrollment of eighty-four from seventeen mission and many government schools. The President, Dr. Nitobe, and the dean, Miss Yasui, are Japanese. Four four-year courses—Liberal Arts, Japanese Language and Literature, English Language and Literature, and Business—are offered. It is supported by five co-operating Boards.

Yenching College, Peking, China.

This Union College was founded in Peking in 1905 and is supported by four Women's Boards. The number of students in 1920 was 120. The number of students for 1919 was sixty-one. Miss Luella Miner is the president. The medium of instruction for most of the courses is in Northern Mandarin, fitting all but a few to take directly to their home communities the fruits of their study without transmission into another tongue. The influence of the student body is warmly Christian. Students are expected to attend daily chapel prayers

and regular Sunday morning service at their own denominational church or at the nearby Congregational Church. Special and weekly class prayer meetings are held. Of those who have been graduated one is a leading evangelist, two are studying in America, two are leading Y. W. C. A. secretaries, others are teaching in various mission schools, and a number are wives of educated men. Thus an ever increasing body of alumnae is fulfilling the aim of the college to produce educated Christian leaders for China's womanhood and the Church.

Ginling College, Nanking, China.

Ginling College is located in the old city Nanking, the former seat of Chinese learning. There Chinese girls may study in their own language and are not removed from the simple life and the relations with their own people. They do not have to meet the temptations to which an Oriental girl is subjected in the unusual freedom of American colleges. Each separate Board could not possibly maintain a college for its own girls, since it could not provide the student body, the faculty or the funds. There is reason for gratitude that the spirit of Christian unity prevails to such an extent on the Mission fields abroad that it is possible for many Boards to unite with one great aim in the higher Christian education for women. If we lead these girls into the broader freedom through Christianity we must give them sheltering care and the strong helps of Christian training and example, that in the days to come they may form the foundation of the new Christian education of the Orient.

Ginling College was founded in 1915. Its fourth year opened with an enrollment of fifty-three students, representing nine provinces, twenty-eight cities and eleven denominations. The curriculum, while providing thorough scholastic training, aims first of all to meet the needs of new China. There is self-government and the students have, on their own initiative, opened a school for poor children which they themselves finance and administer. The College is supported by five Woman's Boards. The President is Mrs. Lawrence Thurston.