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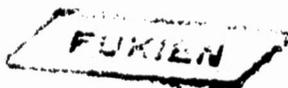
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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
January 13, 1937



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Dear "F.C.U.ites Abroad":

All of you were very much in our thoughts during the Christmas season, and needless to say we missed you. I think each of you will be interested in hearing about our doings here, so I am turning out this "mass production" letter and at the same time asking your forgiveness.

We had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year season on the campus in general. As usual, the Hwa Nan-F.C.U. Christmas Carol Candle Light Concert, with 50 or more voices, was one of the high lights of the pre-Christmas season. I attended it at both places. Another high light in that week was the girls' Christmas party, which was different from any previous parties there - social room of the women's dormitory. The Dormitory Council decided that each girl could invite one gentlemen. Some of the girls were too shy to invite a single man student for fear of gossip about a romance, etc., (I wish there were a few romances around), but they got around that by a group of girls sending invitations to a group of the men students, and safer yet, some invited faculty members! However, some of the faculty members there were among the bachelor group. I was invited by the Dormitory Council. There were about 96 present. They served a buffet supper in the social room, part Chinese and part foreign food. Then we had games, Santa Claus, etc. Everything was very well planned, and the room as well as the entrance to the building was beautifully decorated. From where the last cement step is on the path leading to the dormitory they had bamboo arches all the way to the dormitory entrance, and in the center of each arch was a lighted Chinese lantern. I had the feeling that I was going to a wedding, and others expressed the same feeling. I think every one present, boys and girls and faculty, laid aside the uniform for once, and everybody looked so nice; such an array of colors the girls furnished. I enjoyed seeing everybody all dressed up. You remember, Jen Mei, that I am always partial to the handsome men students!!

The Student Christian Association put on a good community program on Christmas Eve night, which took in the kindergarten children, the workmen, etc. The S.C.A. is very active this year in carrying on worthwhile activities with the workmen. They have a well organized night school, and about ten students give freely of their time to it. The students gave a very fine pageant of the Christmas story, directed by Miss Thomas; costumes, lights, and song all blended in so well that the total effect was very good indeed. It was the best program of the kind that we have had for a number of years.

Members of the choir and others, about 30, were out caroling early in the morning in spite of the rain. As usual they hailed their arrival by the sound of firecrackers, and each one carried a lighted Chinese lantern. It all looked and sounded very pretty as they were trailing over the hills from house to house in the dark. Miss Li invited them all to the dormitory for sandwiches and cocoa before they started out, and I think they ended up there to finish up what was left.

My personal Christmas was very delightful. I had a Christmas morning breakfast for the "bachelors" and su-gus! Messrs. Beach, Henry Chen, Farley, Kellogg, John Voskuil, Miss Thomas, Miss Li, and myself. We had a waffle-sausage-honey-coffee breakfast, (honey contributed by Mr. Kellogg), and plenty of fun along with it. All of us were in some family for Christmas

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dinner. I was with the Suttons. I had a Christmas tree with all the fixings and Santa Claus was very generous to me. The Customs officials were very lenient about duty this year. I did not have to pay anything; very few people did. It is the first time I ever got such a break.

Instead of having a Christmas party when there were so many things going on, the faculty had a New Year's Eve party at the President's house, planned by the Faculty Social Affairs Committee (Y.C. Lin, Francis Chen, Cheng Tso Hsin, Chin Yun Min, and myself). We all had dinner together, 57. Yun Min and Tso Hsin were responsible for that part of it (six Chinese tables), and Y.C. Lin, Francis, and I were responsible for the entertainment. Willard showed some of his movies, new and old, which amused every one. This was followed by general hilarity over various stunts, etc. Yang Hsin Pao was dressed as Father Time and got the idea across in a fine way. Y. C. made a big white clock face with black movable hands which some one kept going all evening to the amusement of all. The Ladies Club ladies made colored paper hats of various, divers, and sundry shapes and styles; we put one in each seat at the table and had some kind of noise maker at each place together with place-cards made by the Hui Gie artist with designs appropriate for the season, so from the very start there were no dull moments. Everyone entered into the spirit of the occasion wholeheartedly. Perhaps the biggest hits of the evening were: (1) a song by Teddy, Hsin Pao, Malcolm, Stowe, and Sutton. The words had reference to the New Year Resolutions of various faculty members, sixteen I believe, sung to the tune of "Rig-a-jig-jig", which was preceded by a flowery introduction given by Malcolm; and (2) a two-act tragedy - "Don't be too Particular" - by Miss Thomas, Miss Li, and myself. The first act showed us as fair young maids, as fair as fair could be, turning up our noses at the best of men, and the second act as old-maids, one deaf, one blind, and one lame ready to take anybody. The program ended with a solo by Mrs. Francis Chen, "Ring Out Wild Bells", and a good time was had by all. The Overholts and McClures were down for this.

Now everybody is thinking about the end of the school term. This is the last day of the three-day rest period preceding final examinations which begin tomorrow. The winter vacation begins on January 20, and registration for the spring semester takes place February 15 - 17. Of course, our offices go on forever, vacation or no vacation; we just know know that the other people are having one!

We had such fine weather up until just before Christmas. We have not had so much rain as yet, but the days have been dark and cloudy and drizzly - anything but cheerful.

Francis Chen and Lin Le Chuan are in Nanking attending a rural church conference called by the Nanking Theological Seminary. C. J. was planning to go, but those dates coincided with the dates we were expecting Dr. Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and C.J. has to be here when he arrives. He was due to arrive in Shanghai by the Hoover on January 11, but up to now we have heard nothing. He was planning to come to Foochow as soon as he could get a boat.

Cheng Ching Tuan left for Nanking a few days ago, but for a different kind of conference - his own wedding on the 24th of January. I do not know who the girl is. I think he met her through a Yenching class-mate, so probably she is not a Fukien girl. I think any other news which I might write, you have already received through the Bulletin.

With best wishes from all the friends here,  
Sincerely,  
rs,

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1 copy Dec. 36 statement  
with Reconciliation  
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

January 19, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of November 25, which clears up the Montgomery Ward item of \$1.06. If they seem to feel that \$1.06 is too small a sum to bother about, which is more than \$3.00 for us, what do they think we feel about their collecting 3¢ and 5¢?!

I am enclosing herewith our December statement together with reconciliation sheet. You will note that there are three items which concern you in case entries for same have not already been made on your books. I do not believe you had made any entries for gain in exchange this year up to the time of your November statement. Mr. McClure's letter enclosed explains the third item shown on this reconciliation sheet which has to do with adjustment of the field surplus for 1935/36, that is, that the amount of the surplus should be \$7,004.18 instead of \$8,131.20, leaving a difference of LC\$1,127.02 to be adjusted on your books. I hope all of this is clear, or will be after you make another study of it.

Re foreign students, I think F.C.U. would be interested in having some. We put ourselves on record with the National Y.M.C.A. about a year ago as being willing to have exchange students, but nothing active has been done about it since on either side. The "Y" was making inquiry as to what colleges were interested so that they would know to what colleges they could direct such students. I think John Voskuil is doing very well here. Of course, he has the advantage of being born in China and of knowing the Amoy dialect. He is fortunate in having a course in Physics and one in Mathematics under an Instructor from Amoy. Of course, the Instructor teaches in Mandrin, but John can converse with him in Amoy dialect later for points he fails to get in class. I think all of his courses except two are under Chinese teachers. He takes an active part in student life on the campus, and I think the students are rather pleased to have him here.

We have had very fine reports from each of the students at Allegheny College and Dickinson, respectively, as well as from the Presidents of the colleges concerned. They are at those colleges on the basis of exchange students, only that it is a one-sided exchange since we have no students from there. Has Mr. Tan Jen Mei, who is at Drew, been to the office there, or do you know him only through correspondence? He was terribly homesick at first. In the last letters he seemed to be better satisfied. The other boys made no mention of

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being homesick. Part of Jen Mei's trouble is that he was rather disappointed in that he cannot get what he wants most at Drew; he is particularly interested in Education, and he is being steeped in theology. He is interested in the theology courses, but he can't afford financially to do both. Lin Kung Hsiang is at Allegheny and Cheng Tien Hsi is at Dickinson. Chen Shih Chieh is also at Allegheny, but he is not our exchange student there. He made application and we did not accept him, as we wanted a more mature man to represent F.C.U. All of these boys went to America last summer, and they are all nice fellows.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the F.C.U. people in America telling about the activities on the campus during the Christmas season. If you think Mrs. Macmillan would be interested in this you might pass it on to her after you have perused it.

Dr. Elisseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute was due to arrive in Shanghai on January 11 by the "President Hoover" the last we heard from him, but according to all strike news the Hoover has been tied up in dock for sometime. It is strange that he has not notified us in the change of sailing date, etc., since he said that he was coming to Foochow first.

I should say that this seamen's strike is costing America a pretty penny, as well as the motor strikes. To have every Dollar Line boat tied up cripples trade with the Orient considerably. First class mail has come through more promptly than we feared, although some has been delayed. With the exception of four or five letters, all of my Christmas mail came through in about a month's time or a little more. When everything is running smoothly we always allow a month, but quite often it comes through in a little less time. There has been more delay in freight shipments than anything else, I believe.

China expended considerable energy in rejoicing over Chiang Kai Shek's release by the Sian clique, especially among the students and young people in general. He has become quite popular throughout China with both young and old. There is a minority whose affection he has not won because he has delayed in fighting Japan. If the group who mutined at Sian lived up to the agreement effected at the time of Chiang's release, he would have all of the militarists on his side, but unfortunately that group has not kept their promise. Just what the outcome will be remains to be seen. Fukien has been very peaceful for the last year in spite of rumors and rumblings in other parts of China.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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February 5, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your letters of December 30, 31, and January 4, together with check for \$161.37 covering Scholarship plus Library income to the end of December.

We are glad that you like the university calendar. We sent them to all the friends on our American mailing list, and it is about all they received from us during 1936. We are sadly lacking in publicity; everybody seems too loaded down with other duties to produce anything "creative" along publicity lines, although we do make new resolutions about this from time to time.

Dr. Elisseeff has not come yet. He sent word that he was coming just at the time President Lin was to leave for Shanghai to attend the Council of Higher Education meeting scheduled for February 3, 4, 5. So we suggested to him that he stay in Shanghai for that meeting and thus meet all of the Christian Colleges' presidents and others from the six union colleges which receive funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and then come with Mr. Lin to Foochow. Mrs. Elisseeff is with him. They are hoping to leave Shanghai before transportation is tied up in connection with the China New Year season. China New Year is February 11, but activity is considerably paralyzed some-time before that. All the boats tie up in whatever port they happen to be a few days previously so as to not be on the high seas on that day. The government cannot do away with celebrating China New Year by issuing proclamations to that effect. Supposedly everybody is expected to celebrate the foreign New Year, January 1, but it does not work out that way. Probably only the government offices are open on China New Year day! Our winter vacation still revolves around China New Year. If it should end just before the day arrives we would have no students to register at the appointed time, so we make a point of placing registration dates a few days after New Year's day. For this reason, we have only one day at Christmas time.

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I am enclosing a check for \$100.00 on payment of/loan from the Trustees. I shall celebrate somehow when the last check is sent in!

*ok. 3/4/37* personal

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

P.S. A telegram has come from Mr. Lin in Shanghai saying that Dr. Elisseeff is coming on Feb. 13.

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February 6, 1957

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge your letter of December 24th, enclosing copy of a letter written to the Dixie Can Sealer Company. We have received a letter from this company, enclosing a copy of the letter which they wrote you February 2nd, and as soon as the shipment arrives, we will make plans to have it forwarded as early as possible.

We have checked with the Methodist Board regarding the payment of US\$250. from the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, Pasadena, California. They have no explanation to give for the change in policy of sending the money to the field rather than to our office, but have made notations on their books whereby subsequent remittances will be sent to us, which will be handled as in the past.

In order to square our budget figures, it will be necessary for us to make a journal entry of the \$250. you have received. The Methodist Board has another \$250. received in January, which we cannot get until the due process of routine work brings it in order for it to be sent upstairs. We will give it attention as soon as it comes to hand.

Most sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*

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February 6, 1937

Miss Ruth Stedman Gravenstine  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gravenstine: (Or is it Mrs?)

I have your letters of December 23 and 31 in regard to our book orders. I did not know until your letter came that Mrs. Varian was no longer in the offices there. I heard President Lin speak of her, as she helped him a great deal when he was in America. I appreciate the tone of friendliness in your letter, and I hope we shall really meet some day. It was my pleasure to meet all of the people there in the offices on a number of occasions when I was at home a few years ago, and I am looking forward to doing so again the next time I come.

I note in your letter of December 23 that Principles of Systematic Entomology by Ferris is out of print; too bad, but can't be helped. Also in your letter of December 31, you ask for further particulars about Shine, The Land Factor in the Evolution of Economic Society. We have no other information about it, so I presume it will just have to go. We shall be glad to have the other two books referred to in the same letter re-ordered when they are again in stock.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have received your monthly statement for December and the check for \$2,105.28 representing the second quarterly payment from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which we are very glad to have.

I am enclosing our monthly statement for January with reconciliation sheet. You will note that there are three items marked which concerns your records.

We had a very pleasant visit with Dr. and Mrs. Elisseeff. They were here just a week. His original plan was to stay here three weeks, but due to the delay in his arriving on the campus due to illness in Shanghai he had to cut it short. They left here on March 3 for Lingnan. He planned to stay there only a few days. He seemed to be well pleased with our work here and promised to try to secure some additional miscellaneous grants for us. Mr. Lin will be writing to Dr. Garside soon and give a longer report of Dr. Elisseeff's visit here. Both Dr. and Mrs. Elisseeff are most pleasant to meet, and all of us enjoyed them socially.

I report a gift of US\$25.00 which Miss Marion E. Stark, 6 Waban Street, Wellesley, Massachusetts, sent direct to Mr. Lin under date of January 20. I think this is the only gift which has come to us directly other than the Pasadena Church gift for scholarships which I have already reported to you. I thought I had reported, but when I come to look it up I can't find any reference to it. We have received the following on 1936/37:

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US\$250.00 (Oct. special gift slip) 12/14/36 ✓  
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Checks for both of these amounts came to us from the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai. We have again asked the church to send the money direct to your office, rather than to the Associated Mission Treasurers.

We have 168 students this term, which is better than we usually have for the spring term. The difference is that very few students dropped out at the end of the fall semester. We loss five by graduation. We took in a few transfer students this term, and several old students who had been out for a while returned. Everything has started off very nicely.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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February 18, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Another one hundred dollars (\$100.00) has been received from the First M. E. Church of Pasadena, California. We are enclosing check for same herewith.

As soon as other remittances for this particular account are received, we will follow a similar procedure.

Very truly yours,

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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February 25, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith is our estimated budget for 1937-38. You will notice that the total income is M\$192,318.00 and total expenditures M\$202,927.00, making a deficit of M\$10,609.00. We are asking the Fukien Trustees to underwrite US\$3,000 to cover this deficit.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that the income and expenditures for Rural Reconstruction are both very elastic, according to what the Fukien Government gives, so that the items under this heading has little real bearing on the deficit. You will note that the amount under Fukien Government in the income section for salaries is a little less than the amount for salaries in the Rural Reconstruction section of the budget. This is accounted for by the fact that several of those people, such as Francis Chen, Edwin Chen, Miss Li the university would employ anyhow without any reference to the amount the Fukien Government gives for Rural Reconstruction. The income and expenditures for Departmental Expenses for Rural Reconstruction are identical.

This letter would ordinarily come from President Lin, but he asked me to write for him as he is rather rushed with looking after Dr. Elisseeff and his appointments on the campus and in Foochow. President Lin, Dr. and Mrs. Elisseeff arrived only yesterday from Shanghai. Both Dr. and Mrs. Elisseeff were sick in Shanghai, Dr. Elisseeff being in the hospital for about two weeks. That together with poor boat service around the China New Year season accounts for the long delay in Shanghai.

We have received the pamphlets, "Three Wise Men and A Star", and are glad to have them. I have just seen them this minute for the first time, but they look very interesting and I am sure they are.

I am sending this letter to Shanghai by air mail hoping it will get to your office in time for the spring meeting. We held it up until President Lin returned, or we should have sent it earlier.

Yours very sincerely,

Eva m. Asher

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March 8, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I am taking this occasion to acknowledge your letter of January 19th, enclosing reconciliation sheet for December. We have included those items which have not been carried forward on our local currency accounting.

We are glad that the Montgomery Ward account is now adjusted.

We have not cleared the LC\$1,127.02, as this involves the \$500. which has not been acted upon by the Board of Trustees. This was discussed briefly at the last meeting of the Executive Committee, but it was felt undesirable for any action to be taken as so few were present. We will let you know as soon as some conclusion is reached.

We are greatly interested in what you say regarding exchange students. We sincerely hope that it will work out satisfactorily, but to be honest with you, we have always, in making such wishes, had our fingers crossed - largely from personal experiences of that nature which turned out very disastrously. It is quite possible, however, that in this changing world new aspects of personal relationships are developed, which will make these exchanges possible. It would be a travesty upon our Christian relations and spirit if this were not so. As a consequence, with less and less reservation, we are hoping and praying that the exchange student idea will be successful.

We have met Mr. T. J. Mei personally several times. He has been in the office to purchase books through our facilities. I believe he is getting adjusted satisfactorily, although I have not seen anything of him since around Christmas time. In so far as we have been able to judge, those students you have sent to America have been very fine characters, and we wish to congratulate you upon your selection.

Your letter regarding the activities on the campus during Christmas has been passed on to the promotional department. You may rest assured that information of this kind is always greatly appreciated.

The seamen's strike is a thing of the past, and we are now in an orgy of sit down strikes. I have not analyzed these situations to know what I would do in case my secretary started out on a similar strike - probably because I cannot imagine her in that role. Nevertheless, I presume we should be prepared for emergencies and have some convictions in case occasion arose.

Miss Eva M. Asher

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So many things have happened since the Chiang Kai-shek episode that that seems almost like ancient history. Mrs. Chiang's proposed visit to the United States is now uppermost in our mind, with the hope that she will be willing to speak at our Annual Dinner to be held early in the spring. She has not definite acceded, and we do not know what the outcome will be.

You are certainly to be congratulated on the continued peaceful situation at Fukien. Of course many times the attitude of the leaders of an institution has a great deal to do with such situations, and I am more than convinced that leadership at Fukien is among the best we have in the Orient. With the fine Christian spirit which has been evidenced, we are sure that there would be no occasion for alarm in the future -- come what may.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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March 9, 1937

Miss Eva Asher,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Focchow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Thank you for your awfully nice letter of February 6, 1937. At least I wish to tell you that I am sure that if and when we meet the pleasure will be mutual I am sure. Mrs. Varian has not been here since about August 1, I believe. I arrived shortly thereafter and have been plugging away at this business of Chinese Colleges ever since. There is undoubtedly something fascinating about this whole program, not forgetting to mention the good work to be accomplished, especially if one has a hope of some day going to China.

Just a word about your little letter of January 11, 1937 ordering two books. One copy of F. L. Whitney, Statistics for Beginners in Education is on its way to China but H. E. Garrett, Statistics in Psychology and Education is out of print, new edition in preparation. Shall we reorder later?

Sincerely yours,

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March 13, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

The Methodist Board of Foreign Missions  
has sent us a check for one hundred dollars (\$100.00),  
representing a gift from the First Church of Pasadena,  
California, for scholarships at Fukien.

We have deposited this with the University  
account at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company.

Very truly yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

March 25, 1937



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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I acknowledge letters from your office dated January 30, February 6, 11, and 18. Your letter of February 18 brings a check for \$100.00 representing payment from the First M.E. Church of Pasadena, California. This makes a total of US\$500.00 received for 1936-37. In my last letter to you I reported the two items, \$250 and \$150, respectively, which came to us directly from the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai.

*5.00 - 4/19/37*  
*Gr. No. # 282*

A gift of US\$5.00 has come to us direct from Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wright, 5848 North 5th Street, Philadelphia, Pa., sent under date of January 13.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for February together with reconciliation sheet, which I think is self-explanatory.

Things in China in general seem to be going along rather peaceful for the time being, and at the same time there is a definite note of progress in governmental affairs. Certainly Japan is re-studying her policy towards China.

All the news is in Mr. Lin's letters to Dr. Garside.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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**FUKIEN**

April 2, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

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Your letter of unknown date is before me to be answered, it having come to hand yesterday, April 1st. I believe you left it undated with the full knowledge it would reach us on April Fool's Day.

We have picked up the items on your reconciliation sheet for December and incorporated same on our regular local currency reconciliation.

We were very sure you would enjoy Dr. and Mrs. Elisseff, and they are very delightful people. We trust you acted your prettiest, and that all the Colleges will put on a special show for their benefit. A great deal depends upon what Dr. Elisseff will report on his trip to China. You will recall that they have in the neighborhood of five million dollars in their General Funds, and there are possibilities involved. This is entirely aside from the Restricted Funds which they are holding, and from which we receive quarterly remittances.

We note the gift of \$25.00 from Miss Marion E. Stark, which has been entered on our books. We have also entered the gift from the Pasadena Church. We feel quite confident that the Church is now working along proper channels as the Methodist Board is now sending us remittances received from that source.

You are to be congratulated on the standing you are maintaining at Fukien in the enrollment. This is something rather remarkable in that it extends to the other universities, whereas everybody thought that there would be a falling off in attendance. There must be some encouragement in the changed attitude of the Japanese Government.

Vary sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

April 15, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.



*Handwritten signature and date: 5/17*

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office dated March 5, 8, (2), 13, and 15 (2), including your monthly statement for February and a check for \$100.00, gift from the First Church of Pasadena. The check came with your letter of March 15. Then in your letter of March 13 you state that \$100.00 from the First Church of Pasadena has been deposited with the university account at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company. I wonder if these two letters refer to the same \$100 or if there were two amounts of \$100 each, one deposited and one sent.

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We are enclosing herewith our monthly statement for March together with reconciliation sheet, which I think is self-explanatory.

We are not pushing the idea of exchange students at all. In fact, I have hardly heard it mentioned since we responded to the Y's inquiry about it that we would be willing to go on record as a college willing to receive exchange students. We sometimes refer to the students we sent to Allegheny and Dickinson last year as exchange students, because they were accepted and given the privileges on the basis that those colleges receive real exchange students from other countries. We may have another "missionary son" here next year, the son of one of the American Board families in Foochow, Topping by name. John Voskuil, who has been here this year as a freshman, has proved that it can be done quite well by missionary children who have been born and brought up in China. But I think it is quite a different proposition for a new-comer.

The General Synod (that may not be the exact official name) of the Anglican Church in China is meeting in Foochow, beginning tomorrow. It is big doings for the Anglicans; they have been busy all year getting ready for it. I think it is the first time it has ever met in Foochow. They are expecting more than a hundred delegates from all over China, and Mr. Barclay of the London office will be here. Bishop Hind is trying to arrange to have as many as can and wish to, to visit the university while they are in Foochow. Some of the delegates, coming from Shanghai way, came yesterday.

We are glad to have Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy back in Foochow. Now that West China has a Bishop, the Gowdys will be able to spend more time at home. For the last few years they spent most of their time traveling. Dr. R. A. Ward, formerly of Foochow and more recently of Nanking, was elected Bishop for West China at the East Asia Conference a few weeks ago.

Things with us in general are going along quite well.

Sincerely yours,  
Eva M. Asher

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April 15, 1937



Miss Ruth S. Gravenstine  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Miss Gravenstine:

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In your letter of February 6 you state that H.E. Garrett, Statistics in Psychology and Education is out of print, new edition in preparation. Please do not reorder.

There is nothing to be done about the two books mentioned in Mr. Evan's letter of March 5. We may raise the question later about the one that is not yet published - Rickett's & Jack - but for the time being we shall let it go.

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Yes, I am always interested in style news, even though there is little I can do about it! Carnelian is among my favorite colors; it is too bad I can't revel in it while it is in vogue. A good long tour of window shopping would help a lot!

We are having some nice weather here for a change now. We have had some very hot days already.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva m. Asher*

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Miss Ruth S. Gravenstine  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Gravenstine:

Please order for us the following  
from Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Company, Kansas City,  
Missouri:

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- 2 - Binders (Cover No. 3617, class W,  
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as we have had it for six or seven years.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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April 26, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find check for \$115.00 covering a designated gift received in March for scholarships at Fukien Christian University. This came from the First Church of Pasadena, California through S. F. Johnson.

Very truly yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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April 26, 1957

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Ashers

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 25th enclosing closings for February 28th, which we have checked with our books and included both items which were designated for inclusion in our balance sheet.

In another letter we are forwarding a check from the Pasadena Church, which came up from the Methodist Board.

I saw Dr. Lin's letter come in, but I have not had an opportunity to read it as yet.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

May 6, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have not yet acknowledged the following letters from your office: February 8, 13, and March 29 addressed to Mr. McClure, and April 2 to me. I, myself, wonder what is the date of my letter which you received on April 1!

Your letter of March 29 settles the adjustment of the 1935-36 accounts between our two offices. If the Trustees approve of giving our appropriation in gold as both your office and ours hope will be the case, we shall not have this difficulty next year.

If you have not already sent the Harvard-Yenching check for the third and fourth quarters when you receive this letter, do not send it at all. We shall need to draw on you for the traveling expenses of the Suttons and Farley sometime in June. With this and other things, we shall probably need to have it all stay there. If you have already sent it when you receive this letter, we shall return it to you. Then near the end of June when we know better how much of this year's appropriation is left, we shall draw a draft on you leaving some margin for payments you make for us there. *Let us know before end of June if you receive the last quarter H-4-2 check.*

Mrs. Kellogg may collect some money from you to pay for some purchases for me, say between \$20- \$35, to be charged against my salary. She is thinking of coming out to spend the summer. If she comes, she will come on an express freighter leaving Los Angeles on June 17.

We are in the midst of the spring vacation, one week. The offices, of course, go on as usual. Student clubs are actively entertaining themselves by various outings, etc., as well as the faculty. We are going on an all-day boat trip around Nantai Island tomorrow, about 50 of us including children. I shall forget the office for one day.

As you saw from last week's Bulletin President and Mrs. Lin left on April 30 for Shanghai, where Mr. Lin will attend the Biennial Meeting of the National Christian Council. We expect the back soon after the middle of May.

The United States - China air mail service is quite wonderful. It takes nine days from San Francisco to Foochow. I suppose ten or eleven days from New York would do it.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

May 12, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters of April 2 and 12 from your office together with the Monthly Statement for March and the check for \$2,631.59 covering the third quarterly payment of the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

In my letter of May 6 to you I suggested that you not send the third and fourth quarterly payments to the field because we would need gold in America for Suttons and Farleys traveling expenses, and that if you had sent the checks before you received my letter we would return them. I was half in error; that is, we did want the third payment sent to the field, so we shall keep it and not return it. We still want you to keep the fourth one there, however. If we do not use all of it we can draw what is left of it before the end of the fiscal year.

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I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for April together with reconciliation sheet. There are a few items of exchange which concern your records.

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The British community in Foochow are having various programs today and tomorrow in recognition of the Coronation festivities in England. Among the activities are a church service, sports, "At Home", a ball, etc. I want to go to the ball, but - Oh, for a man! All of the radios on the campus will probably have full audiences tonight. There are only three or four good ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham have been on the campus for the last six weeks or more. Mrs. Bingham is the eldest of Prof. F. P. Beach's three daughters. She is an accomplished musician and a very fine young lady in general, as Mr. Bingham is a young man. He is the son of the former Senator from Connecticut, Hiram Bingham. They are self-supporting, but from choice they are under the American Board. They are especially interested in doing work with the young people in both government and mission schools. They are living with Mr. Beach for the time being. I do not know what their plan is after the summer season at Kuliang. I don't believe they have quite made up their minds yet as to where they want to live, here on our campus or in Foochow. President Lin extended to them the invitation to live here when he met them in America. They came out in the fall of 1935 and have been at

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Peiping studying Mandrin until they came to Foochow recently. The invitation for them to live here is still good. They would be free, of course, to carry on their program with students in Foochow as well as among our own students here. Mrs. Bingham is already helping Mrs. Scott with the music here. They will be a distinct asset to any group to which they attach themselves, as well as to mission work in Foochow in general.

The end of the spring term is approaching. Commencement comes on June 22, which means only about one more month of real work before final examinations begin. We have 25 in the graduating class, and five or six more who are completing our three-year premedical course. All of the premedicals hope to go on to medical college in the fall, some to P.U.M.C., some to West China, and to Cheeloo.

We have not heard anything directly from Prof. and Mrs. Elisseeff since soon after they got back to Shanghai in March. We heard indirectly that they were there quite a long time on account of his health. They must be in Nanking or West China now. A letter from Yenching this morning speaks of their coming there, which means they have not yet been. I think we made a fairly good impression on him; hope so anyway.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Ewa M. Asher*

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May 17, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 15th, the first question in which is regarding the \$100. which we alluded to in our letter of March 15th. Overlooking this, however, the accounting office issued a check for \$100., which was included in our letter of March 15th. They were one and the same. We are very sorry for this oversight.

The reconciliation sheet for March is acknowledged, and the entries suggested have been taken care of on our balance sheet.

The exchange student problem is in effect a problem anyway one desires to look at it. It is quite possible that it will work out satisfactorily in many cases, but it is a condition so fraught with dangers that extreme care is necessary in the selection as well as in the management.

I should imagine you would be delighted to have Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy back in Foochow, with the prospect of more time to be spent at home. Undoubtedly West China likewise is pleased to have the Bishop, and incidentally both of the Bishops will be required to travel less than was necessary for one to do before.

With best regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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May 17, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

First of all, permit me to answer your letter of March 31st, which included an order for Farrar & Rhinehart, and also one for Longmans, Green & Company. We have noted that all books are to be forwarded directly to the Bookstore, and I believe that this word has been passed on to us before. If any books have been received otherwise, it is either our error or an oversight on the part of the publishers.

Regarding discounts, all publishers of books have been written to by our office and discounts solicited. Quite naturally, we do not call their attention to this matter each time, as we always receive this reduction; and if not, the bill is immediately returned for adjustment. In the case of single orders, we do not attempt to send these to the publisher unless it is a very special case, as single book orders do not carry the same discount as larger quantities, and in addition the cost of handling the order and the postage offset what could be secured in the individual discount. Therefore, we combine the single book orders and sent them to Baker & Taylor, the largest wholesale dealer of books in New York City, where the order is assembled and sent out under one cover, or at a minimum cost, at the same time giving us a trade discount. A number of years ago we checked the procedure very carefully and found out that it is much more advantageous, both in cost and in convenience, to handle the single book orders in this manner.

Your letter of April 16th addressed to Miss Gravenstine covered an order for the Irving-Pitt Manufacturing Company. This has been sent with a notation requesting a special discount, and we are confident that it will be granted as this is the usual discount we receive through our stationery house with whom we deal regularly.

Very truly yours,

*C A Evans*

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May 20, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

We should have acknowledged your letter of February 25th long before this and expressed our very sincere gratitude for the effort in getting us the figures in time for use with the Associated Boards and the spring meeting of the university. Even so, it was a struggle to get things in shape, but it might be of interest to you to know that on all sides very deep appreciation was expressed by members of the committee to those treasurers who cooperated so nobly in our effort to bring an intelligent report before the various boards.

We all realize how difficult it is to set aside routine tasks, and at an earlier date than usual, set up the figures for the coming year. You have some satisfaction in knowing that it will not be labor entirely lost, although many revisions may be required.

We understand that Mrs. Elisseeff was also ill. Apparently they decided to make it unanimous, although it was just too bad. We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the report which he brings back from China.

I also wish to thank you for sending the letter by air mail to Shanghai, as it did help very materially in getting it through.

Very truly yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
May 22, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.



Dear Mr. Evans:

We have not yet had word from you or the Methodist Board that the two automatic can sealers have been sent to us. You will remember that these were sent to you by the Dixie Canner Company (see my letter of December 24), and we asked you to send them with the next Methodist Board shipment. If they have not already been sent, please send them immediately upon receipt of this letter, by parcel post if possible rather than by freight shipment, as the Horticulture Department will soon need them. The tomato season will soon be upon us, and they will not wait for can sealers or anything else! We hope the sealers are already on the way.

( We should like to have a list of the names of the donors who have sent in gifts to your office since July 1, 1936, so that we may send them a personal note from the field. )

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Under date of May 15, we sent you a number of pictures of buildings and activities on our campus for any use that the promotional office can make of them. We shall have some snapshots to send a little later. We are also sending some pictures like the ones we sent you to the C.M.S. office in London.

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On May 19 we sent you 50 copies of F.C.U. News recently got out by Mr. Scott. We are sending them to all those on our mailing list, including the Fukien Trustees and Board secretaries. How many copies of the things we get out would you people like to have? We never know how many to send. If you will give us a definite number we will make note of same and act accordingly in the future. We could use advantageously 120 copies of the things you put out about Fukien or the China Colleges in general. It takes about 60 for the faculty and the Board of Managers, and we can use 60 more for missionaries in Fukien Province to whom we send our Weekly Bulletin.

*Noted 6/17/37 DEJ*

I think this letter will reach you before my letter of May 12, in which I told you I was half in error about the statement I made in my letter of May 6 about the last two payments of the Harvard-Yenching money for this year. That is, we did want the third payment sent to the field so we are not returning it as I said in my letter of May 6. It came to us some time ago. We do want you to keep the fourth payment though so that we will have enough balance to take care of the drafts we shall draw on you about the middle of June for Farley and Sutton in connection with their forthcoming furloughs. For the two of them we shall probably draw between \$1500 - \$2000. Please consider this advance notice. We shall probably have other bills of smaller amounts to pay in America before the end of June, but I can't say now just how much. We shall probably send \$300 - \$500 with our Arthur Thomas order sometime in June so as to take advantage of their cash discount which means quite a little saving in a large order.

This is our first air mail letter to New York. Just for fun let us know what day you receive it. I could mail it on May 24, but I prefer not run so close to the time limit. Sometimes weather conditions hold up the service between here and Canton, in which case mail might not connect with the American planes on schedule time.

Sincerely yours,  
*Eva M. Asher*



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Fukien Christian University

May 26, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Focohow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We are, herewith, enclosing our check for \$100.00 which was received as a gift for scholarships from the First Methodist Church of Pasadena.

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer,

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May 28, 1937

President C. J. Lin,  
Miss Eva M. Asher,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Foochow, China

Dear President Lin and Miss Asher,

We have for acknowledgment President Lin's letters of March 24th. Both these letters deal with various matters which came before the Annual Meeting of the Fukien Trustees on May 13th. I am enclosing herewith the minutes of that meeting. In commenting on the minutes I will keep in mind President Lin's letters. The usual supply of minutes is being sent forward under separate cover.

Review of Work of Past Year. The Board was grateful for the interesting report of the work for the year 1935-36 which we received from President Lin not long before the meeting, and which I should have acknowledged before this. I had copies of this report distributed to all members of the Board in advance of the meeting. Dr. Fairfield and I made brief reports of the work for the year 1936-37 so far as we could describe it from our correspondence from the field. I should have written you in February, suggesting that you send us, about March 31st, a report of the first nine months of the current academic year which we could present to the Trustees at the Annual Meeting. Let me now suggest that you put down on your calendar for March, 1938, a reminder that you send such a report for the first eight or nine months of 1937-38, which will reach New York by May 1, 1938, so as to be available for the 1938 Annual Meeting of the Trustees.

In general, the Board expressed itself as being greatly pleased with the reports of the work of the past year. It recognized that these accomplishments are made possible only by the ability and the devotion of the administration and faculty of the University, working always under the guidance and inspiration of the Divine Providence which has so prospered the institution since it was first established.

College of Rural Reconstruction. The Board was happy to record its recognition of, and good wishes for, the newly-established College of Rural Reconstruction.

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Pres. Lin,  
Miss Leber

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Diplomas and Degrees, October 1934 to April 1936. Action T-1143 was taken to correct the technical omission described in the preamble to the action. I believe the matter is now clear, and requires no further action at this end.

Financial Statement and Forecast. While we cannot tell until June 30th just how we will come out during this fiscal year, the report to date looks encouraging. The Trustees are, as you know, eager to close the year with as substantial a surplus as possible in order to reduce somewhat the large deficits we had to carry forward from previous years.

X Budget Estimates, 1937-38. In defining their contributions to the 1937-38 budget, in Action T-1145, the Trustees tried to put their support at the highest possible figures. They included not only all the sources of assured income but also added about \$12,500 more in estimated "special gifts for current budget" than is yet in sight. Of course the Trustees and the Associated Boards together will make every effort to secure increased income during the coming year. But experience has shown that most new gifts are likely to be designated for capital purposes, such as endowment or for buildings (as, for instance, the library), so the gifts received without any designation may not be much more than the amount required to keep these home base activities going forward and to assist in a modest way in the field budget.

The Board considered the suggestion that for 1937-38 we define our contribution in terms of U. S. dollars, rather than Chinese dollars. But it was thought wiser to continue during the coming year the same basis of appropriation as has been used in the past. Both Mr. Evans and I urged the desirability of changing to U. S. dollars, but apparently our eloquence and our logic were not sufficient for the task. If, a year hence, the field still considers the U. S. dollar basis of appropriations more desirable, please present a renewal of your request for the change, and we'll bring it forward again.

Either Mr. Evans or I will be writing within the next week or so to give Mr. McClure and Miss Leber more definite information as to ways by which the Trustees' appropriations for 1937-38 will be transmitted.

Matters Arising from Associated Boards Meeting. A substantial amount of time was given to a discussion of these matters. Most of the members present had taken an active part in the meeting of the associated Boards, and were both familiar and in accord with the actions referred by the Associated Boards to the individual Boards. We have quoted these actions at length in our Fuxien minutes, so most of our comments here can be brief.

(1) Training Teachers of Philology. The Associated Boards' Committee on Christian Character stressed the importance of having men and women of the very highest academic qualifications as well as the most positive Christian character in the departments of Philology of all the Colleges, and made a concrete request to the Hanking Theological Seminary that it help

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President Lin  
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at this point through providing special scholarships in the field of Philosophy. We are all proud of the personnel and work of the department of Philosophy at F.C.U., and know that everyone will be glad to secure every possible assistance in raising up trained and devoted men to carry on in future when the present members of staff reach retirement age.

(2) Financial and Budget Data. The field treasurer's office at F.C.U. deserves our praise and gratitude for its promptness and cooperation in supplying this type of data.

(3) Cooperation and Correlation. This subject engaged much of the time and thought of the Associated Boards, both in meetings of its various standing committees during April and May, and in the Annual Meeting itself. The action quoted on pages 4 and 5 was formulated only after very careful study. The Associated Boards desires, as always, the fullest measure of cooperation among the participating Colleges. But it recognizes both that conditions in China are constantly changing and that the initiative in matters of cooperation must continue to rest with the institutions themselves and not with boards in the West. Because of the importance of these issues, the Associated Boards proposes an educational conference in China next year, probably just before the Hangchow conference. The Fukien trustees expressed their general agreement, and asked the Executive Committee to take the matter under very careful consideration.

(4) United Promotional Work. Our Fukien Trustees are anxious to cooperate fully with the united efforts of the entire group of colleges. This united promotional work is growing steadily, though - as always in promotional efforts of this sort - the volume of new gifts obtained continues to lag somewhat behind the efforts we are putting forth. We hope that this current year will show satisfactory progress, and our hopes for next year are quite a bit brighter than they are for the current year. An increasing number of potential donors in large amounts are being discovered and are becoming actively interested, and each year should show a growing number of gifts in large amounts, both for the entire group of Colleges and for individual institutions.

(5) Greater Unity. The F.C.U. board has always been actively in favor of every movement in the direction of greater unity, and the present movement is no exception. I am not sure whether we have sent you copies of the report and recommendations of the Committee on Great Unity - if not we will see that they are sent. In essence, the Committee is recommending that as a first step the standing committees of the individual Boards be merged with the corresponding committees of the Associated Boards, which will then serve the individual Colleges as well as the whole group. This will be a very modest step, and while it may not mean very great progress should not cause any serious objection.

Visit of Dr. Kelly. We know that all of you in F.C.U. are looking forward eagerly to the coming of Dr. Kelly, and that you will make every use of him while he is on the campus.

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President Lin  
Miss Asher

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Other matters in President Lin's letters. We have noted with appreciation all the information in these two letters, but will not comment at length except where some special factor is involved.

Fukien film. We are glad to note that you are planning to secure new motion picture film which Dr. Sutton will bring with him when he sails the latter part of June. We should have returned one set of our Fukien film to you, but it could hardly reach you before Dr. Sutton sails, and since there might be complications on account of duty, together with a chance that the film might be lost or damaged in transit, we thought it wiser not to try to send it. We can, however, work in together the present film with any new material Dr. Sutton brings. You ask whether we have any suggestions as to improvement in our F.C.I. films. The present films are excellent as scenic views, and give some interesting glimpses of the University, its personnel, and its work. But to have real human interest, and to make people remember it, it must tell a story. If you would get some individual or group on the campus to write an interesting story of some young man - or young woman, or both - taking them from the time they first make their plans to come to F.C.I., on through the four years of their stay on the campus, then show them going into worthwhile Christian service for China, you would have a picture worth more than all the disconnected scenes that could ever be assembled. The Birling movie is so far ahead of anything else that has ever come from any of our Colleges. It tells a story - simply but well. F.C.I. could do equally well, might even do better.

Staff going to America. Glad to note the plans of Dr. and Mrs. Sutton, Professor Farley, and Dean Chen. It is fine that Mr. Tavenport is providing such generous support. It would have been well if we had known a little earlier that Mr. Tavenport was considering this special appropriation toward Mr. Chen's travel and study here, for our Fukien office here is trying to keep all of our Fukien donors and prospects under constant cultivation, and it is embarrassing both to us and to the field if we make one type of request without knowing that the field is proposing something quite different. No harm done this time, but it is a point at which we should all be careful in future.

Council of Higher Education. The sympathetic attitude of our F.C.I. trustees on this matter is indicated above. Thank you for writing so fully and frankly.

Mr. H. R. Van Dusen. No, this is not Dean Van Dusen of Union Seminary, but a friendly layman in Canton Penna. He was secured through the efforts of Mr. Cartwright, and is a representative of the Methodist Board. I will ask the girls to send you his address, so you can send him a word of greeting.

Mr. Barclay. Glad his trip was so encouraging, and sorry he could not be with us in the Annual Meeting.

With all good wishes, I am

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Most cordially yours,

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FUKIEN

June 1, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Secretary to the President  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge with great appreciation your letter of May 5 in which you enclose the article for publication by Mr. Wang and Miss Hsueh. They are both well written and will fully meet our requirements. Fortunately they are both fine looking young people which will give added interest.

These materials are just beginning to arrive from the various colleges - yours being the second - and as soon as they are assembled we hope to get out a really nice piece of publicity. I shall mail you a few copies when they are off the press.

It is gratifying to know that Fukien is prosperous, at least from the standpoint of enrollment, and that its influence is increasing.

I have enjoyed very much your present word regarding President Lin, also what you say about the freshman group and the other interesting comments.

We have been especially busy during the past few weeks staging our annual dinner of the Associated Boards, attending Board Meetings, preparing mail appeals, getting out special pieces of publicity and doing personal soliciting. This being the first day of June, it is obvious the slack season will soon be upon us. During July and August activities are at a lower ebb in the office, but some of us shall be doing work in cooler sections of the country where our efforts can be more effective.

The enclosed copy of the program of the annual dinner may interest you. There were three hundred thirty-four guests--a large number of whom did not get in their reservations in time to be printed in the seating list.

Thanking you once more for your helpful participation, and with personal regards to President Lin and yourself, I am

Yours sincerely,

George C. Aydalett

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June 2, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We enclose herewith two sets of the report forms for the University of the State of New York which we have just received from Albany. As you know, the Regents are so slow in sending these out each year that our China Colleges, in making out their reports, have to use the forms issued for the preceding year.

We are sending these along now to be sure they are not overlooked later, and know that you will keep them available so you will be able to get off these reports promptly in June 1938. I am enclosing the financial report forms and also the annual statistical form. Will you please see that the proper form gets to President Lin's office.2

Very cordially yours,

*BA Garride*

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**FUKIEN**

June 7, 1957

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of May 22nd by "China Clipper" arrived this morning, June 7th. This afternoon several other letters came through the regular mail, and before the day is over I will receive same. I will append herewith the dates when mailed, and you can then compare the difference.

First of all, I will answer the questions in your letter of May 22nd, allowing the other questions to be answered next week.

You have not received any word from the Methodist Board regarding the order from the Dixie Canner Company, as we had arrangements made with the Methodist Board to make shipment with another consignment going to Foochow. They have always requested us to keep material on hand in our office until time for shipment has arrived, as they have very limited space in their stockroom. In this case, however, they went ahead with the shipment without notifying us when it was going out. Since that time we have been waiting for another lot of freight to be gathered together. As it is urgent that this material get through to you, we are, at your suggestion, sending same by parcel post.

I am sorry that I did not take time before, as I have done today, to investigate the cost of mailing. I find that after casing for freight shipment, together with proportionate amount of freight charges and insurance, the cost will be equal to, if not more than, shipping by parcel post. I have, therefore, authorized the Board to send them immediately.

The list of donors since July 1, 1956 is attached herewith.

Regarding the number of copies we will need of material issued on the field, that is a question we will have to settle with the promotional department, and I will take that up with Mr. Hedrick in the morning.

We note what you say regarding the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation for the last quarter, and will be governed by your final notice regarding the payment of these funds.

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Miss Eva M. Asher

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I would like to dwell still further upon some of these items and give you a more complete picture, but it is late in the day, and almost time for the closing of China mail.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*CA Evans*

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Two letters of May 6th) These letters arrived today.  
One letter of May 12th)

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 11, 1937

*ack. July 22*

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your two letters of April 26 and the check enclosed for \$115.00 from the First Church of Pasadena.

*7/6/36*  
*to Child 7/12/37*  
*ck. # 2897*

Did your office receive in June or July, 1936, a check for \$25.00 from O. G. Starrett of the Central M.E. Church, Detroit, Michigan? In a letter of July 3, 1936, from Mr. Starrett he said the Church had sent in a check for that amount as the first payment for a scholarship to F.C.U. It is the income from a special fund held by their church and the church has voted to make annual payments to us to be used as scholarships on the field. He said the annual income should be about \$50.00, and he hoped the Chinese Sunday School there could add \$50.00 to it each year, making a total of \$100.00. So I wonder if they have sent in \$50.00 or \$100.00 this year. Probably in transmitting the payment to your office he did not specify that it was for special scholarships on the field. We have written him about it recently, just to remind him in case the matter had been overlooked this year. We did not, however, mention the fact that we had not received the \$25.00 he said he sent in to your office last year. President Lin met the Starretts in Hartford. They were formerly missionaries in West China, and for the last two years they have been connected with the above mentioned church in connection with the Chinese Sunday School, etc.

I am enclosing a letter for Mr. Thorn which came here. We have heard since that Bishop Birney passed away sometime the first part of May, after a number of years of illness.

*John Cameron*  
*E*

We are enclosing herewith our monthly statement for May together with reconciliation sheet containing several items to be entered on your books.

We shall be writing you a little later about payments we have made to the families going on furlough and payments to be made to them in America. Dean Chen and the Suttons leave here in about a week and Mr. Farley the last of the month.

We shall have a Board of Managers meeting on June 19 at which time the 1937-38 budget and other items will be considered.

The Spring Concert we had last Saturday, June 5, was a grand success. Probably it was the first time that the majority of the audience had ever seen a Maypole Dance.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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June 28, 1957

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Fochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of May 6th has not been acknowledged, but you will note from previous correspondence that your air mail letter superseded the instructions contained in the May 6th communication.

May I add another word regarding the attitude of the trustees regarding the appropriation of U.S. dollars toward the budget. We are hoping that during the year opportunity will be presented to the board when other things not too involved will be up for consideration. Meanwhile, if possible we will have a preliminary meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the situation.

Mrs. Kellogg has collected \$20. on your account, which we sent her by air mail immediately upon request.

Yes, the China air mail is a very welcome link with the Orient. It is a hard thing to evaluate, but could one ascertain the influence of this new step, it might be found to be one of the very finest gestures in friendliness and good will which we have experienced in the Orient for some time. May it truly work out that way.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
July 7, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, New York

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Dear Mr. Evans:

read  
R.G.  
K.B.

Dr. Sutton and his family sailed on the "Scharnhorst" from Hongkong on June 27 as planned. They expect to arrive at Southampton on July 25 and will spend about two weeks in London. They can be reached there c/o Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, W. 1. They sail on August 8 from Southampton for New York, on the North German Lloyd steamer "Columbus", which is due to arrive in New York on August 15. They will spend about two weeks with Mrs. Suttons sister in Brooklyn - Mrs. Perry Jacob, 48 - 72nd Street, Brooklyn. I am sure the Suttons will call on you soon after their arrival in New York. After their short visit in New York they will go to Alfred, N. Y., where they plan to spend the year. The general plan is that Dr. Sutton will study Ceramics at Alfred University.

The Suttons furlough salary and allowances in America are as follows:

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Salary . . . . .	US\$1600.00	(US\$133.33 per mo.)
Children's Allowance	750.00	(US\$ 62.50 " "
Insurance . . . . .	US\$ 200.00	
Rent (if used)	US\$ 500.00	(US\$ 50.00 Maximum per mo.
Medical.(if.used)	US\$ 75.00	for 10 months)
Re-outfit (if used)	US\$ 200.00	

The furlough salary and children's allowance became effective July 1. We have paid Dr. Sutton in full for July and August, a total of \$391.66 U.S., for salary and children's allowance.

We also paid him in full a straight travel allowance of US\$1,222.28, based on the American Board rates for a family the size of Dr. Suttons the shortest route from Foochow to Alfred, New York. Since this amount is based on the shortest route but he is not taking that route, he is not required to render a travel statement to you or to us. In addition to the amount mentioned above, US\$1,222.28, we paid Dr. Sutton \$255.50 Local Currency, the estimated amount for expenses from here to Shanghai and ordinary expenses incurred before taking the boat. They did not go to Shanghai, of course, but that is a part of the "shortest route" so the payment was based on that.

I think the above covers all of the points of business in connection with the Suttons furlough in America.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

Copy to Dr. Sutton



Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
July 9, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

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UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office under date of May 17, (2), May 20, 26, enclosing check for \$100 for scholarships from the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, May 28 enclosing minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, May 13, June 1, June 2 enclosing blanks for the report to the University of the State of New York, and June 7.

X We have not received the can sealers as yet, but we hope they will be here soon as the fruit season is at its height and the government is pushing us to get things done. The tomato season has passed, too bad, with nothing accomplished. *(Shipment sent 4/9 thru M.E. Bd.)*

I am enclosing letters re Farleys' and Suttons' furlough salary and allowances and what we have done to date. Copies of these letters are being sent to the respective persons. By sending this letter air mail, you will know by the end of July what payments to make to them.

Prof. Farley plans to go to Paris to study and visit museums in various parts of Europe in connection with the work he is doing here in archaeology and Chinese art in general. He cannot get in America what he most needs in his work here. The university administration approves of his plans if he can finance it. The university cannot pay for it out of its current budget. We are asking if the Trustees can help him to the amount of a few hundred dollars over and above their contribution to our current budget, say \$300 - \$400. There may be a possibility of the Harvard-Yenching Institute helping him in this matter, in which case we would not ask the Trustees to do anything. Dr. Elisseeff was very much interested in what Prof. Farley is trying to do here, and he said he would see when he got home if anything could be done to assist him in his plans for study abroad.

As yet, Dr. Sutton has not brought up the question of any financial assistance for his study at Alfred. The attitude of the field administration in general is that we cannot finance from our current budget items of this nature. Dr. Sutton will be living with his family at Alfred and his expenses for study will not be so much as Mr. Farley's. If he does ask for help for this, we hope that the Trustees could help him a little too.

We are getting our books in shape for making the annual report. When that is ready we shall write you about closing, etc.

We shall get out the various reports as soon as possible; the one for the U. of the State of New York will be first, and then the H.Y.I. I am sure we shall not be late with it this year. I am staying on the campus for the most part; may go to the summer resort near here for a few days.

President Lin leaves for Shanghai by air today to attend the National Convention of the China Cultural Association, expenses paid by the government.

Sincerely yours,  
*Eva M. Asher*

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Fukien Christian University

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July 12, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Focchow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We are herewith enclosing o ur check for \$25.00  
for scholarships, received from O. G. Starrett of the Central  
Methodist Episcopal Church, Detroit, Michigan July 6, 1936.

Yours very sincerely,

Assistant Treasurer.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

July 14, 1937

*act 10/2*

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I sent you an Air Mail letter under date of July 9 telling you about Farley's and Sutton's furlough salary and allowances, plans, etc. I forgot to mention in that letter about Dean T.H.E. Chen. We are not responsible for any of his expenses in America. We have paid him in advance the six months' salary (LC\$1200) due him according to our regulations governing sabbatical leave for Chinese professors; that is half pay spread over the period of one year or full pay for six months. We paid it to him in advance to help him with his traveling expenses. Of course, he is entitled to the gift we secured for him from the Hon. Davenport. I do not know whether that is to go through your office, to Teddy direct, or just how. Anyhow, if it comes through your office you will know what it is all about.

We have given the first entrance examinations here at F.C.U. Out of 74 who took the Exams we accepted 54, including 17 girls. (Seven girls from Hwa Nan mind you!). South Fukien reports a total of 36 students who took the Exams given in different places, five of whom are girls. Exams are yet to be given in Swatow, Canton, Hongkong, and Shanghai, and here at F.C.U. again the first of September. The Admissions Committee has not yet passed on the 36 from South Fukien, so it remains to be seen how many will be accepted. We are planning on about 60 girls, new and old, this fall. To provide for sufficient accommodations we are building up the porches on the two ends of the women's dormitory. The indications are that we shall have a larger freshmen class in general this year than last. Of course many who take the Exams and are accepted never show up for registration. Some students take Exams from as many as four or five institutions, and then choose according to political conditions, the family exchequer, etc., as to where they will finally go.

I am enclosing a few snapshots of student life and general scenes on the campus.

We are quite puzzled down here to really know what the fighting in the North is all about. It is the same old story; Japan says China started it and China says Japan started it. I am inclined to agree with the latter view.

Dr. L. C. Goodrich expects visit Fukien the last of this month, coming here from Canton and Hongkong. It is a hot time to be here.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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July 21, 1937

Act 8/13/37

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

The budget estimates for 1937-38 as approved by the Board of Trustees on May 15th stated that the contribution for this year would be LC\$59,607.96. In addition there are special funds amounting to US\$10,822.68.

I am suggesting that you review this situation and notify us when you wish remittances made, or if you prefer to have the same procedure prevail as in the past. There have been several instances where we have had to scurry around to protect ourselves when a draft came in, but I do not recall that it was ever impossible to meet the payment. Therefore, if it is your desire to continue as in the past, it will be satisfactory to us. We would be pleased to have your judgment as soon as you have had opportunity to study the situation.

There are other items of correspondence on my desk which should be answered at the present time, but they are too deeply buried to ferret out.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Coane*

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July 22, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of June 11th arrived here on July 12. Ten days later I am attempting to answer same.

Answering your questions regarding the \$25.00 from G. G. Starrett, we found that this remittance had been received, and, therefore, a check was made out and forwarded immediately.

Thank you for your promotional letter addressed to Mr. Thorne which has been handed over to the proper person. We, herewith, acknowledge receipt of the monthly statement for May also the reconciliation sheet which has been handed over to our accounting department. Incidentally, the air mail letter came to hand, and the data contained therein has been filed by the accounting department. We will be very glad, indeed, to follow out your instructions.

Again, we apologize for the delay with the can sealers, but, frankly, the Methodist Board put us in a very embarrassing position. It might be said that both the Presbyterian and the Methodist Boards who occupy two opposite corners of the same street have been in a very similar position regarding the shipping of goods to the foreign field. They have not been able to get ahead at any time this year. The travesty of it all is that in the end we had to pay the postage. If we had done this immediately, we could have served you more promptly.

The question you are raising regarding additional help for Professor Farley and Dr. Sutton will have to be taken up by the Board at its next meeting. If Dr. Elisseef is interested to the extent of securing help through the Harvard-Yenching Institute, it will relieve the trustees of any further responsibility regarding Mr. Farley.

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Miss Asher

We are greatly concerned regarding the news from North China. It is distressing and extreme to think of the possibility of bloodshed and all that it would involve even to the possibility of a long, drawn-out struggle. We hope and pray it will not be so.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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F.C.U. Graduates who majored in Chinese Studies  
and their Careers after Graduation

*Enclosed with  
 this asher's letter 8/9/37*

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- Sung Shang Ho .....January 1932  
 Teaching Chinese in Talmage College, Changchow,  
 Amoy, Fukien, since graduation.
- Cheng Chang Shui... June, 1934  
 Private tutor of Chinese in Foochow for a time;  
 taught Chinese in a Junior middle school for a year;  
 is now teaching Chinese in the Yenping Senior Middle  
 School, Fukien.
- Cheng I Shih.....June, 1934  
 Teaching Chinese in Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow,  
 since graduation.
- Lin Yuan Han.....June, 1934  
 Taught Chinese in The Swatow Academy, Swatow, Kwangtung;  
 Taught Chinese in the Chip Bee Middle School, Amoy, Fukien;  
 now the Government Head of the First Bureau in Te-Hua, Fukien
- Chang Hsi Hu.....January, 1935  
 Part-time teacher of Chinese in a middle school in Foochow  
 for a time; is now working in the Provincial Government  
 of Hupeh.
- Huang Chan Shen.....June, 1935  
 Teaching Chinese in a middle school in the Hinghwa  
 District, Fukien
- Li Chen Han.....June, 1935  
 Teaching Chinese and Biology in the Technical School of  
 Foochow, since graduation.
- Sung Shang Ping.....January, 1936  
 Editor of a literary magazine in Wuchang, Hupeh.
- Kuo Yu Lin.....June, 1936  
 Teaching Chinese in Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow,  
 since graduation.
- Liang Hsiao Han.....June, 1937  
 Teaching Chinese in Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow
- Yang Shu Fang.....June, 1937  
 Is planning to study Chinese in the Graduate School of  
 Yenching University, Peiping.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 13, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

*WR*  
*10/14*

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office dated June 28, July 8, 12, and 14, and checks for \$167.63 covering miscellaneous scholarships and \$25.00 from O.G. Starrett of the Central Methodist Church, Detroit.

The main purport of this letter is to get off to you without further delay the annual report to the New York State Education Department. It has been held up due to illness among our office staff, which you can blame on the weather. We have just finished a ten-day siege of typhoon winds and rain, so the sun is thrice welcome today however hot.

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to albany  
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The Harvard-Yenching report will be ready to send to you, Dr. Elisseeff, and Dr. Porter in Peiping the first of next week, the Japanese permitting!

We shall also be ready to send you our annual report, comments on closing, etc., in a short time. We have just received your June statement, but have not yet had time to work out our reconciliation for that month.

Dr. L. C. Goodrich was here from the evening of July 25 until noon of the 29th. Unfortunately, President Lin was still in Shanghai, but left there before Dr. Goodrich's boat from here got in, so they missed each other completely. I think, however, Dr. Goodrich got out of his visit here what he wanted most. The Chairman of our Committee on Chinese Studies and the Librarian were here to see that he saw all the things pertaining to Chinese studies on our campus as well as places he wanted to see in Foochow. They went with him around, and I looked after his gastronomic needs. I had a tea for him to meet all of the faculty members who were on the campus at that time. Of things here at the university he was particularly interested in our Chinese library and Mr. Farley's collection. We enjoyed his visit very much; a most pleasant and interesting man.

President Lin was trying to do some library campaign work in Shanghai and Nanking, and was making some progress until the Sino-Japanese relations became so strained. So far, Fukien Province has not been disturbed, but as usual rumors have been rife. These few days war clouds have been gathering around Shanghai. Every one is waiting and watching to see what the Nanking Government is going to do. At least, the government has made it plain that it will not hand out anything more to Japan on a silver platter; Japan will have to fight

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for what she gets now. The general populace, and especially the young blood, seem to favor the Central Government launching a wholesale offensive against the Japanese army, but naturally, and wisely, Nanking will have to think twice before taking such a rash step. She, as well as the world, knows that she is not prepared. It is sickening to have to just stand by and watch the wanton waste in the wake of the Japanese army in the North, particularly in Tientsin.

Mrs. Kellogg, accompanied by three ladies from Los Angeles, arrived on July 18, and is leaving tomorrow for the return trip. They were very much disappointed in not being able to get to Peiping. They got as far as Tientsin and had to turn back.

It is difficult at this time to know how the present situation in China will affect our fall enrollment. If the conditions should remain more or less as at present, "localized" in the North and relatively quiet in Fukien, it would seem that we might have a substantial increase, but no one knows what will break and when and where. We are going ahead with plans for the opening of school as though everything were calm and serene. If we began to draw in our horns every time there is any trouble on the horizon we would soon dwindle down to nothing.

I am enclosing a copy of President Lin's air mail letter of August 6 to Dr. Garside, just in case the original should not make a safe flight. We also sent an air mail letter to Dr. Weindling under date of August 6. Agriculture is still too new a field in China to find well trained men. The few that exist all want to be in the limelight in the larger centers. We are, however, on the trail of several well trained Chinese men, hoping to get at least one or two or them in addition to Dr. Weindling. The Fukien Government aid we are receiving calls for first class men.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 17, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

*Act 10/7*

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of our Harvard-Yenching report. I am also sending all of the material of this report to Dr. Elisseff this morning.

I am also enclosing a sheet of information concerning the accomplishments of the graduates of F.C.U. who have majored in Chinese since we have been receiving Harvard-Yenching funds. This information is asked for in Dr. Garside's letter of June 25 to President Lin. You will note our graduates start with 1932, which means that the graduate of 1932 was a freshman when we began to receive the fund from Harvard-Yenching Institute in 1928.

No mail is coming through from Shanghai, so I do not know what is happening to the mail we are sending out from here daily; whether it is being held in the Post Office here, or whether it may be routed overland as far as Amoy in the direction of Hongkong. I do not know whether boat service between Amoy and Hongkong has been affected or not. No one knows what is going to happen where next. If all the rumors were true one would be justified in believing that Foochow is in for an attack in the not distant future. The Japanese are getting their nationals out of Foochow, and the Chinese in general consider that as a cue to something happening here. Also three Japanese aeroplanes flew over Foochow on August 15 and kept on up the river about 200 miles where it dropped several bombs in the vicinity of Yenping. Many Chinese people are moving out of the city hoping to be out of the way of air attacks in case things do break here. Present conditions in Shanghai have a tendency to make the atmosphere tense everywhere; one lives for the next newspaper or the next report over the radio!

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

August 19, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your letter of July 21 re remittance of budget funds by your office. Since our budget is still on the basis of National Currency instead of Gold, or rather because the Trustees appropriation is on the basis of National Currency instead of Gold, we prefer to continue as in the past to draw on you when we need funds. We shall continue to be careful about drawing drafts of any size without first giving you advanced notice. Our payments in America in U.S. Currency are usually more in the first half of our fiscal year, due to orders of equipment and supplies by the science departments particularly. Mr. McClure agrees with me that for the present we prefer to continue as in the past so far as remittances are concerned.

Our office work has been greatly handicapped during the last few weeks due to illness and vacations. Both assistants in the Treasurer's Office have taken turns at having the flu at just the time the other one was on vacation, so I have been carrying on single-handed for the most part. This accounts for the delay in getting our annual report and reconciliation for June off to you. I hope that we shall be back on a normal schedule within another week and can bring everything up to date once more.

You will probably remember that I reported sometime ago that a meeting of the Board of Managers was scheduled for June 19. In case you have been wondering about the minutes, I take this opportunity to tell you that the meeting was not held. There was a big flood on the river at that time and the group could not get down here. The highway was flooded so that cars and buses could not run, and some of the members could not get to the boat landing on the river. People were riding around in the streets of Foochow in sanpans. So the meeting was just postponed until the regular fall meeting.

Sincerely yours,  
Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

September 9, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I give below the information asked for  
in your letter of July 29 to President Lin.

Deans of the Schools of Fukien Christian University

1. College of Liberal Arts:

Chen Wen-Yun - on leave, 1937-38

Lin Hsi-Chien, Acting Dean

2. College of Science

W. J. Sutton, on leave 1937-38

T. H. Wang, Acting Dean

3. College of Rural Reconstruction

Ching-Jun Lin

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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Excerpt from Miss Asher's letter of September 13, 1937.

"Nothing has happened in Foochow as yet, but rumors breed freely! About two weeks ago we had several visitations of aeroplanes flying very high, but have heard none since then. Of course, Amoy is getting close by, only 150-200 miles down the coast. There have been two attacks at Amoy. The Fukien Government has stopped up the entrance to the Min River by sinking boats loaded with rocks. It is stopped up sufficiently to keep Japanese warships out, but British boats coming in from Hongkong can load and unload by means of small boats coming in and taking cargo and passengers across the place that is stopped up, so we are not completely cut off as yet. No boats are coming in now except British boats. We may have to give up some of the luxuries of life, such as sugar, coal, oil, which in turn affects lights, water supply, transportation, etc. We shall probably have to give up all of the imported foreign foodstuffs eventually, but we can live off the land if it is necessary.

"It is difficult for us here to understand the so-called "American Policy". The Consul here has received orders to close up the consulate and get out, and of course he has no other recourse than to order us to evacuate. Both the American Board Mission and the Methodist Mission decided that Mothers with children should go as soon as any arrangement could be made for them to go. The government keeps sending orders but it does nothing about providing any means for anybody to go anywhere. The American Board Mission made a second and a third list, the third being those who would have to stay to the very last, like Mr. McClure for instance. I have no mission to consult, or to mind, so I put myself on record as coming in the same category as the third list of the American Board Mission. It makes all of us who have definite obligations and responsibilities feel like two cents to even talk about evacuating. Suppose all of us foreigners here at the university picked up and left, I think the school would have to close. In a time like this it is more difficult than ever to secure teachers on short notice. All of the talk of the consulate closing and the Americans leaving caused quite a little excitement among the Chinese in Foochow. They felt very strongly that conditions here did not warrant such drastic action on the part of the American Government. The last notice from the Consul, dated September 10, reads as follows: "In accordance with my instructions, the purport of which was informally conveyed to you upon their receipt, I have now to give you a final and most emphatic warning to remove without delay from the Foochow Consular District, and to inform you that when I have done everything reasonably possible to effect and facilitate your withdrawal I shall close the American Consulate and leave Foochow." So far as I know, only Mothers with children and a few people whose furlough is nearly due are planning to leave as soon as they can. The second and third groups are waiting for better reasons than now exist for leaving."

*Mrs. Carvide*

Excerpt from Miss Abber's letter of September 21, 1937

"Well, we expect to have our first evacuation from Foochow about October 10. Finally, after much criticism of the government giving such rash orders and doing nothing to help carry them out, we have heard that an American transport would call at Foochow about October 10 to take those who wish to go, as far as Kobe. They are hoping to make connection with the "Jefferson", due to leave Japan for America on October 14. I see from the papers that it is not only the Foochow group who is criticising the American Government for its attitude towards its nationals in China, but groups and individuals from almost all parts of China. I do not know just how many are going on this transport, but I do know that the group consists chiefly of Mothers and children. If nothing happens between now and the 10th, some of them will probably decide not to go. Already some have changed their minds in this way. Mrs. McClure and her two daughters are definitely planning to go. The boys are in America, having gone a year or two ago. The McClures' furlough is due next year, and that has some bearing on Mrs. McClure and the girls going now. Both of the girls were in the Shanghai American School last year. We are glad for the Farleys and Suttons that their furlough naturally came this year. It is difficult for families in such times to decide what is the best thing to do, and it is hard on them to have to be separated. But, generally speaking, I think it is wise for the Mothers and children of families whose furlough will soon be due, or those who have the problem of getting children into school, to go now."

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September 21, 1937

TREASURER'S OFFICE

*ack 10/20/37*

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Just a few hours after I mailed my letter of September 13 to you I received your letter of August 12 and letter of August 16 together with your monthly statement for July, the "2nd copy". The first copy has not yet been received. I am sure there is a lot of American mail stuck somewhere along the way. I read in The China Press (Shanghai) of September 11 that 500 sacks of mail which were on the last trip of the Hoover had never reached Shanghai. When she was going down the coast it did not seem a propitious time to unload mail and she thought she would do it when she came back from Manila. In the meantime she was bombed and did not stop at Shanghai at all. The Shanghai P.O. thought that the mail had been left at Kobe to be sent back to Shanghai. So far as Foochow is concerned it is still on the way! We get dribbles of mail most any time, but it is certain that the larger bulk of it is not coming through. The difficulty is, no doubt, to get it off of the boats in Shanghai, for we have daily overland service between here and Shanghai.

In your letter of August 12, you ask why there is any gain of exchange on the payment made to the Dixie Can Company as shown on our reconciliation sheet for April. This payment was for the Horticulture Department, which in turn is supported by Fukien Government funds. We charge all payments chargeable to Government funds, whether Fukien Government or Hanking Government, at the current rate of exchange and give you the benefit of same. We feel that we are under no obligation to give the government the benefit of our budget rate of exchange. Departmental expenditures other than those from government funds are charged at the budget rate; so you are entitled to the exchange item in question.

Please deduct from the next salary payment to Professor H. F. Farley US\$20.90, as his personal share of the payment on his insurance. We sent the check (a draft on you) for US\$220.90 yesterday. He is entitled to an allowance of US\$200.00 for insurance, thus leaving US\$20.90 to be charged against his salary. We handled it this way at his request, as we do every year. The check was sent to the Veterans Bureau, Washington, D. C., so this letter may afford you a few days' notice in case you need same.

During the summer Mrs. William E. Strong sent a gift of US\$1.00 to us direct through the Scotts, in response to an appeal from your office. I enclose herewith the card. I have notified Mrs. Macmillan of the gift and the change in address.

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Foochow is still blessed with quiet and peace, although Amoy a ways down the coast has had several attacks, and also Swatow and Canton.

I have reported on student news up to date in a letter of yesterday's date to Mrs. MacMillan. In the meantime, however, you will receive a cable from us giving you this information. The registration period closed on September 25, and we shall send the cable about that time. We extended the period several days hoping to allow time for some of the students from Canton to get here, but I am not sure they will make it; transportation is so irregular, whether by sea or by land. The British boats running between here and Hongkong have become cargo boats, so the schedule is governed accordingly. We certainly have a fine spirit among both faculty and students. After all, there is nothing like regular work to do to keep up peoples' spirits under whatever circumstances.

with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,  
*Eva M. Asher*

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September 25, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have sent you this morning a cable  
reading as follows:

"Foochow quiet. Work going well.  
Students hundred sixty". Chingjunlin

There is really nothing to add to what is stated in  
the cable and in my letter of September 21. President  
Lin will be writing soon giving a general summary of  
things. We may get a few more students yet, but we  
cannot extend the time much longer.

I am enclosing our monthly statement for  
August together with reconciliation sheet.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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October 2, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Fochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I find I have not acknowledged your letter of July 14th giving us information as to the status of Dean Chen while in America. We will be governed according to your instructions.

We were very glad to have the snapshots of student life and scenes of the campus. They were all very good pictures.

I am also acknowledging your letter of August 17th enclosing copy of the Harvard-Yenching Institute report, also the list of graduates who majored in Chinese Studies and their careers since graduation. We are glad to have this as a statement is being compiled for Dean Chase.

Mail from South China seems to be coming through and the Clipper letters arrive promptly. There is no chance of anything getting through to North China, except through individuals who are returning home, or occasionally by way of Siberia.

We are allowing your books and magazines to go forward in the regular course, and hope that they will arrive promptly. The whole situation is so involved at the present time that one can hardly tell what will happen within twenty-four hours. Within the last couple of days there seems to have been a decrease in the inhuman bombings of peaceful areas, and we hope that hereafter the military will confine their activities to restricted zones.

Our thoughts and our hearts are constantly with you all in China during these very trying days, and our constant prayer is that there will come a peaceful solution.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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October 14, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of August 15th received, enclosing Report to the New York State Education Department. Only one report came to hand, and we assumed that this was for the Department. As a matter of fact, we wrote to Miss McCormack, who replied that as no report had been received in Albany, that we make a copy for our files and send her the originals. We have done this attaching an affidavit sworn to by Dr. Garside covering the signature of Dr. Lin. I am wondering if there is not some way whereby these signatures cannot be attested to in China. Each time we attach these affidavits, questions are raised as to the reason for such a procedure, and we are required to make explanations. On the contrary, if it means that there is to be a delay of several boats, we would prefer to have them come as you have sent them, and we will make all the necessary explanations.

This is merely by way of explanation and suggestion. There is no thought in our mind of making anything harder for you. We wish some way could be open whereby we could be of assistance. As it is now, we live from day to day, with the hope that the Chinese people will be led through this very discouraging time, and that they will have the courage and fortitude to accomplish the purposes whereunto they have set forth. To you who are assisting them there is likewise constant cause for anxiety and apprehension, but we try to temper these feelings with faith and hope to such an extent that our daily tasks may be carried on without undue interruption.

We are very glad that Dr. Goodrich made such a good impression. I have not seen him since he returned, but hope he will attend the next meeting of the Fukien Trustees. I am sure that he was ably entertained if you had a hand in it.

Your mention of the entrance of the Sino-Japanese situation into your promotional work reminds us that likewise our whole plans for the year have been altered. It may or may not be to the advantage of such promotional work to have the approach which the invasion of China has given us, but be it said in confidence, that in our personal contacts have we found

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no one but what sympathized 100% with the Chinese. How far this psychological feeling will carry an effect remains to be seen. If wishes could have helped the Chinese nation to any degree, I am sure that the war would have been ended within a week.

We have received President Lin's letter regarding Dr. Weindling, and we have been wondering if the aid from the government will be forthcoming in this emergency.

Very sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

October 27, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Since I wrote to you under date of September 21, your letter of July 22 has come; received on October 4. August 12 is the latest communication we have received from your office, though it was received before the letter of July 22. We have not yet received your statement for August or September. A boat from Shanghai is due in today, and we are hoping for mail in general. I heard that the Government was trying to arrange with a British Steamship Company to run a boat between here and Shanghai every two weeks. This is the second one we have had since August. The British boats between here and Hongkong are still running, but rather irregularly due to the uncertainty of loading and unloading cargo at the three or four ports. At any rate, we are not cut off entirely, and that is a great help and for which we are truly grateful.

Aeroplanes continue to visit Foochow, but as yet have dropped no bombs. On Sunday, October 24, several flew over dropping leaflets of propaganda: to the effect that everything in North China had been lost by the Chinese, and that if the people would just join in with Japan they would have peace immediately, or some such rot! Fortunately, the people in Foochow are well enough informed that they did not get excited over such rumors. The government here has been doing some purging in the matter of traitors.

Our work has been going on without any interruptions and every one continues to exhibit a fine spirit. Faculty, staff, and students are unusually busy, due to carrying the regular schedule and the extra war-time activities. We have school six full days a week. Ordinarily the wheels slow down on Saturdays at noon, but not now. Everybody is keyed up to war-time psychology so no complaints are heard.

I am enclosing a copy of President Lin's speech given before the Foochow Rotary Club on September 23, concerning the "Adjustment of China's Educational Program to the National Crisis". It may give you people there additional information on the subject. President Lin asked me to send it.

We have had Dr. Stanley Jones' Open Letter to Japan reprinted in pamphlet form to send to friends on our mailing list in America. President Lin has prepared a letter interpreting the Sino-Japanese conflict as it exists at this time, to go with the pamphlet. We shall send them out together soon after the first of November. The letter is in the process of being printed. We shall send your office about 100 copies of each.

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The American transport, "The Parrot", left here on October 11 with 31 evacuees, to meet the "Jefferson" at Hongkong instead of Kobe as we thought previously. Thirteen adults and eighteen children went on it. Seven of the adults were mothers with children, the other six being people whose furlough was nearly due. Out of that number, Mrs. Stowe and Mrs. McClure were the only two who were directly connected with the university.

The Foochow Consul's orders from the American Embassy in Nanking have now been changed from direct orders to close the Consulate and leave to "discretionary powers". I have heard nothing recently about his going, so I presume he is staying so long as Foochow is as quiet as it is at the present time. At least, every one else is going on that basis. America's attitude has changed considerably during the last six weeks, both towards her nationals in China and her part in the conflict in the Far East in general. The Chinese are indeed grateful for this change in attitude, and it makes us all feel better. The Chinese simply could not understand America's stand-offishness and seeming unconcern for what was taking place in China. Perhaps the main reason of their inability to understand at all was the fact that they did not realize how much America has been preaching peace during the last five or ten years. There is no doubt in my mind but that the Americans in China are as much for peace in general, and peace for American in particular, as the American Government itself, but we believed and still do believe, that she can lend moral support to China without becoming involved in the war. Like the President's Chicago speech, for instance. That did a great deal to renew the faith of the Chinese people in the old traditional American friendship.

We have not heard anything from the Farleys or Suttons since they got to America. In fact, we have heard nothing from Farley since he left Shanghai. We received a letter from Sutton mailed just before he arrived at New York. There must be letters in the mail from both families, but held up somewhere. I wonder if Mr. Farley is on his way to France, and whether or not the Harvard-Yenching Institute is willing to contribute anything towards his expenses. If not, we still hope that the Trustees can help both him and Sutton out to a certain extent for expenses in connection with their study. We have not heard from Dr. Elisseeff since he left China. Of course, he is busy with many loose ends to pick up after being away for a long time.

I read in The China Press, a Shanghai paper, of October 16, that Yenching University had closed; that a number of their students had been arrested and the authorities had decided to close. But I do not feel sure that the statement is reliable, as it was a news item from Hankow and not from Peiping. The Shanghai papers are six, eight, or ten days old by the time they get to us.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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Adjustment of China's Educational Program to the  
National Crisis

(Abstract of an address given at the Foochow Rotary Club)  
September 23, 1937

By C. J. Lin

Education generally aims to fit persons to their environment. It can also educate persons to change their environment. There is, therefore, always a need of adjustment in a nation's educational program. At present this adjustment is taking place in China along both of these lines. The first is in the field of maintaining educational work to meet the most trying circumstances prevailing throughout the country. Schools in the three great educational centers, namely, Peiping, Shanghai, and Nanking areas, have practically ceased to function. There, either the academic buildings have been completely destroyed or the conditions make it impossible to carry on school work. In Canton in the South where Japanese air raids have been taking place almost constantly, no effective work can be done although some schools are open. Experience during the last two months has convinced us that the Japanese militarists in carrying on their program of military aggression in China have deliberately planned to destroy schools and other educational and cultural institutions. There is a general agreement in this country that education is an essential part of the life of the nation and that it should be maintained under any circumstances. To adjust this conviction to the present circumstances, steps have been taken to avoid further great losses.

Orders have been sent out by the government to open schools wherever and whenever it is possible to do so. Local educational authorities and the public in general are asked to maintain their financial support to the existing educational institutions in spite of the demands for war needs. In places where institutions have been totally destroyed, or

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where school work cannot function properly because of imminent military operations, there is a system of visiting students whereby students can be transferred to and taken into other institutions of the same grade at any time to complete their education. If educational institutions meet sudden attacks they can make the necessary physical adjustments either by temporarily closing down or by moving to places of safety. Emergency colleges and combined universities are being set up in several of the interior provinces. It is hoped that by such arrangements it will be possible for most students to continue their education except in cases where <sup>the lack of</sup> communication prevents them from going to school.

The second line of adjustment is in the field of educating the students to change their environment. In the past, Chinese educators have complained that education has not yielded the expected results of making China strong and of rendering other important and needed services to the nation. It has been said that the more graduates the schools send out the more unemployed there are in society; and the more either employed or unemployed school graduates there are in society greater is the possibility of having traitors and exploitation of the people in China. It is also asserted that this is largely the result of ill-considered importation of foreign educational schemes, systems, and curricula that do not meet the needs of China.

What are the educational needs of the nation? Here the doctors have differed. Educators have different ideas and the long-expected reforms have not been forthcoming. In this time of national crisis the problem has become more simple; it has now been reduced to how to defend the nation against Japanese aggression, and to save the Far East from being over-run by the Japanese militarists. We are yet far from

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having satisfactory solutions to these problems, but we are working on them. The object is clearer and the program is being put into effect as an experiment. It may be divided into three parts, as follows.

First, there is a strong emphasis on physical drill for bodily fitness. Everybody realizes this need for our students, and a general program of military training is in force in all of our schools. Military training has been required of the students in senior middle schools for sometime, but not until recently was it seriously put into effect. In the past, the public did not wholeheartedly welcome this part of training in the educational program, because the parents did not want to see their children becoming soldiers. They now realize this need for the nation, and the public in general demands that students must learn effective ways and means for saving the life of the country. The youth also responds to it in a fine spirit. All the schools now have training in gas defense and the necessary precautions against air raids. First-aid and military nursing are also among the required subjects. Training in communication service and in production have also become parts of the school curriculum.

Secondly, training in group action and group life is everywhere pushed forward. China in the past has been likened to a plate of clear sand. The Chinese have been loose individuals, each going on in his own way of life in a limited area of cooperative relationship, and caring little for general welfare of the nation as a whole. Now because of the Japanese aggression the people realize that they must get together, hence there is need of training and discipline in organized life and cooperative efforts. In this way they will not only have the possibility of saving themselves, but they will be helping to maintain peace in the Far East, and hence in the whole world.

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In the third place, there is a sincere effort in training students for good character. In the past, only lip-tribute has been given in many of our schools to character building work. Educational institutions boast of their intellectual achievements as their chief objective. In a time of great national crisis like the present one, not only physical fitness, not merely technical knowledge, but spiritual strength of the people is an essential need. Our people must have a keen sense of moral judgment and enough courage and strength to follow it through. It is of supreme importance that citizens should be ready to give up everything for their nation in the pursuance of a righteous cause. Education that teaches unselfish service, the willingness to make sacrifice and receive hardships and suffering for the sake of a larger good is the kind that will be worthy of its name, and that is what China needs most today. We are all working for this kind of education.

The emphasis of the three points mentioned above in our educational program - physical fitness, cooperation and group life, and good character - opens a new era in Chinese educational history, and we believe that it will yield <sup>new</sup> results. People now begin to realize that education can and must be made to fit the nation's needs. We do not have to follow a certain traditional educational ideology and hard-bound regulations. There is an opportunity for a new freedom which allows more worthwhile educational experimentation. Fine academic buildings and expensive equipment imported from abroad are not so essential after all for the education of truly great personalities, as we used to think. Educational institutions concentrated in a few political and commercial cities in the past have proved to be

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detrimental to good educational service. Now by force of circumstances they have to be scattered into the interior which will bring culture to the common people and the necessary reforms of undesirable habits on the part of schools. It is getting away from imitation and the beginning of creative thought and activities. We believe that we shall soon be able to make some real advances in education for the Chinese people. It may be that the present difficulties created by Japanese aggression will be turned into a blessing in disguise to China.

Rotary can contribute to the realization of this kind of education in China by upholding its ideals of justice, fair-play, service above self, and peace and understanding among the nations. It may be hard to do this now for the Japanese militarists are so insistent on using force, but China has always stood for peace. We Chinese certainly do not want war. It is a great regret that China had to face a strong military aggression in war. We must work hard to make war unnecessary in the future. Educators and Rotarians throughout the world must cooperate and work harder than ever to make it impossible for the aggressors to have their way in the world, and that will make future wars unlikely. I believe this enterprise will have the support of all good people on the earth. Therefore, movements like Rotary will continue to prosper, for they always stand to work for peace and friendship among all nations.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

October 29, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

In our letter of October 26, we asked you to order for us "Birds of the World", Volume III and subsequent volumes, published by the Harvard University Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Our Biology Department wants very much to have these books as soon as possible.

Please order for us 1 copy of "Statistical Methods Applied to Experiment in Agriculture and Biology", by G. W. Snedecor, from the Collegiate Press, Inc., Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

We have just discovered that we are nearly out of chalk. We might as well get a case (144 boxes) while we are about it. So make it one case of Waltham School Crayon. The company given on the box we have is The American Crayon Company, Sandusky, Ohio, but we are wondering if you can't get it from some wholesale place there in New York so as to save rail freight which is so expensive. Please have it sent to us direct, a through shipment to Foochow, via Hongkong. Also please remind the company that if a Consular Invoice is necessary to be sure to send with other shipping papers. Otherwise the shipment will be held up for a long time at this end besides the extra cost of securing a Consular Invoice here. Many American companies seem not to realize that they can consign a shipment direct to Foochow; most of them consign them only as far as Shanghai or Hongkong. This delays delivery here in Foochow by some three weeks. We want the chalk to come by the quickest route possible, for there are enough delays ahead at best with all of the uncertainties of shipping on the China coast. Of course I realize that by rail across the continent would be quicker, but we will have to sacrifice that much speed in order not to have to pay so much for it, if it is possible to get it there in New York and have it come all the way by water freight. Kindly pay the full bill for us and charge on your monthly statement.

There is no news around here in addition to what I wrote you on October 27, except that there seems to be something going on around Amoy. Just what is not altogether clear in my mind. We heard that the Japanese took the "Golden Gate" Island opposite Amoy, looted it for food provisions and left it. I can't imagine them giving up anything unless forced to do so!

Sincerely,  
Eva M. Fisher

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

November 1, 1937

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

We received two envelopes from you yesterday, one mailed on September 13 and one on September 20, containing the following: Harvard-Yenching Quarterly payment, \$2,368.42, first and second copies of your statement for August, and letters of September 14, 17, 18 about book orders.

We are enclosing herewith our monthly statement for September together with reconciliation.

We have proof every now and then that foreign mail is coming through, but rather slowly as the above dates will indicate. I still wonder if our mail is getting through. I shall quote once more the letters we have sent you since the outbreak of hostilities in Shanghai, so that if any have failed to reach you, you will know that we have been writing. Letters from the Treasurer's Office - mostly from me - August 13, 17, 19, 30, September 13, 21, and October 27. Letters from President Lin, August 19 (air mail and ordinary mail), September 1, and October 1; and one of September 9 from me from the President's Office. A letter from Mr. Farley yesterday, dated September 22, stated that they had heard nothing direct from Foochow since the war broke in the North in July. That makes me suspicious that our mail is not all getting through, or, if so, very slowly, because I have been writing to them quite regularly. According to his plans when he wrote to me, he should be in Paris now.

There is no additional news to report from Foochow. There has been some trouble around Amoy and vicinity during the past week. On the whole, I don't believe that the Chinese expect any real help from the Nine-Power Conference; they think it may contribute something towards forming world public opinion. From this part of the world, the whole international situation seems to be of a rather flimsy structure. I hope the world outlook will be brighter by the time this letter gets to its destination.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

November 20, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have received dribbles of American mail for the last three days, November 17, 18, and 19, including letters from your office dated September 25, October 2, 5, and 14. On the whole, mail is coming through a little faster now.

We receive books from America from time to time, as well as the second class mail in general, so you are following the right course in allowing the book orders go through as usual.

I had not waked up to the fact that we sent you only one copy of the report to the Education Department of the State of New York until I received your letter of October 14. We have no extra copies around, so it must be that we received from your office only two sets of blanks, one of which we kept for our files and forwarded you the other one. So please for the coming year send us three sets of the blank forms, and we shall try to remember to send you two copies. Until 1934 we did have the signatures attested to here. So far as I can recall we asked you at that time to have it done there because we thought it would be cheaper. The charge here is US\$2.00 and the American Consulate charged us the current rate of exchange which during the year or two previous to 1934 was rather high, amounting to LC\$10.00 in 1932, for instance. If there is not much difference in the cost in having done there and here, we shall be glad to get it done here in the future. Please let us know, in the light of this information, which you consider the better method.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for October together with reconciliation sheet. The item of US\$20.50 under Dr. Sutton's name on your September statement, for shipping charges, should be deducted from Dr. Sutton's salary as it is the shipping charges on a box of freight for his mother, not the Suttons personally.

We also heard from the Suttons on this last mail. They seem to be enjoying life in America, although Dr. Sutton wishes that he could be in the thick of things here.

While we have been free from any active trouble here to date, the people, as well as the government evidently, seem to feel that Foochow may be in for an attack. Hundreds of coolies are now digging trenches all around, particularly between here and Mamoi near the mouth of the Min River. In general, the situation looks rather dark for China at the present time. In spite of everything, a fine spirit prevails on the F.C.U. campus.

A "Merry Christmas" to all of you there,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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November 29, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your good letter of October 27th is at hand, and we are circulating same among the staff as it gives us the everyday side of your experiences on the field.

Undoubtedly the Farleys and Suttons have written you, the Suttons having arrived in good time and taken up their residence at Alfred, New York. Mrs. Farley and the children are at Churchs Ferry. Mr. Farley sailed on the 17th of November for Paris, and we are awaiting his new address.

No definite allocation of funds from the Harvard-Yenching Institute or otherwise has been received. Mr. Farley seems to have figured out a way of carrying on with the present salary, but if we can find any way of helping out the budget, we will gladly present same to the Board of Trustees or to the Institute.

Yenching University has not been closed, it having opened up a little later than usual, and is carrying on with about one-half of the students and staff.

We are very glad to have the synopsis of the address given by Dr. Lin at the Foochow Rotary Club. This also is being circulated among the staff.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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Dear "F.C.U.ites Abroad":

I am sure the Bulletin of November 27 bringing to you the news of the death of one of our students, Huang Chin Yuan, a Junior, and Mr. Beach, caught you quite unprepared. Most of us here on the campus did not even know the student was ill until we heard of his death. He was not feeling well Sunday night; he attempted to get up Monday morning, but went back to bed. When his room-mate returned from the flag-raising, 8:00 a.m., he found him unconscious, so he took Chin Yuan to the Union Hospital at once. He died soon after arriving at the hospital, before he was registered as a patient. He is an only son of a widowed Bible woman at Mintsing.

I have mentioned in letters to some of you the fact that Mr. Beach had not been well all fall. We ourselves did not realize the seriousness of his condition until a week or ten days before the end came. The doctors had not been able to diagnose his case; the X-Ray showed none of the things which were found when the autopsy was made. However, the doctors were sure the last week or two that he had cancer of the liver, and later that he had nephritis, and at the time of the autopsy they found another hernia, not in the same place from where one was removed last winter, though on the same side. The cancer must have worked very fast at the end, for he went so quickly. He spent two weeks with Dr. Gillette at Pagoda, returning to the university on November 16. He told Mr. Stowe that he thought he could take one of his classes if the students came to his home. They went on Wednesday, the next day after his return from Pagoda, and the next day Mr. Beach went to the hospital. From that time on he did not seem to have enough strength to care to talk - too tired - although he retained his faculties until the end. While everyone could see that there was something radically wrong with him, we did not realize his condition was so bad until he went to the hospital, and a few days after that to be exact. Frances and Brewster did not realize it either. They were at Ingtai for a week when he returned from Pagoda. They got back on Monday afternoon, November 22, before he died the following Thursday, November 25. At least he knew that she was with him even though he could not talk much. I am sure it has been a great comfort to him to have her here this year.

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The funeral service for Mr. Beach was held the next afternoon, Friday, November 26, at the Union Hospital Chapel. We suspended all classes and offices that afternoon, and a large number of students and faculty went from here. Our group filled at least half of the Chapel; it was full to overflowing. The flowers were lovely, and so many of them, mostly chrysanthemums of all colors and arranged in wreaths, crosses, etc. Mr. Scott had charge of the service. He departed somewhat from the conventional type of service; the emphasis was definitely on the spiritual side, leaving out in every way possible the physical side of death. The coffin was not brought into the room where the service was held, but was in a side room. The whole service was quite in keeping with the attitude expressed in the statement made by Frances and Brewster, which you have all seen in the Bulletin. They have faced this experience in a very fine way. The very afternoon of the day Mr. Beach died, they attended the Thanksgiving service held at the American Consulate and had the statement read there.

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Mr. Beach's classes were arranged for by Mr. Stowe taking his courses in General Psychology and Mental Hygiene, and Henry Chen the course in statistics. The course in Social Psychology was dropped, giving the students one-credit-hour for the work completed.

Still more tragedy to report. Li Gwan Fang disappeared on Friday afternoon, November 26, around 3:00 o'clock. From the evidence we have to date, it is quite certain that she was forcibly taken by secret service agents. She was on her way to Mr. Beach's funeral service. It was a rainy day, so she took a ricksha at Dong Ciu. She mentioned the fact when she got off of the boat that she had time to stop by her home before going to the service. Sunday afternoon and Monday morning we heard the report from several sources of a woman being taken from a ricksha in front of Dr. Dimond's house, on the road going towards Trinity College, Friday afternoon about 3:00 o'clock. A car was there waiting, and when her ricksha came along four men rushed out, took her, put her in the car and drove off. The place and the time, and the fact that no one from F.C.U. has seen Miss Li since she took the ricksha, all point to the person involved being Miss Li.

We did not begin to get anxious about her until Saturday noon. I did not see her at the service, but I was not sure that she was not there, and I inquired of several people if they had seen her to which every one replied in the negative. But still in a big crowd like that, one cannot necessarily see every one. I came home in the car, so did not know that she did not come home on the boat. Some one mentioned the fact that Miss Li was not on the boat when it left Foochow, but the first thought was that she was spending the night at her home. I was, however, expecting her to my house for supper, but thought nothing of it when she did not show up. I thought because I was not on the boat and had not explained that I was returning by car, and further because it was dark and raining when the boat got here, that she thought it better to go direct to the dormitory. Her I-So thought she was at my house, and so it went; every one thought he had a feasible solution for her absence at every point. The next morning, Saturday, I saw I-So about 8:00 and learned that Miss Li did not come back the night before. Then my first thought was that her Father who had been ill with flu and cold for some three weeks must be much worse and thus Miss Li was detained at home. I spoke of this in talking to Wang Jen Yu, a Senior. He agreed with me that probably something had happened at her home and he said "I had better go at once and help her because she cannot speak the Foochow dialect." So he did. I saw him just before noon, and he said he had been to her home and the family said she had not been home for a week. We reported all of this to President Lin immediately. He went to Foochow soon after lunch and inquired at the Police Headquarters and other government headquarters, but only received a complete denial of any knowledge of anything of the kind; and the same thing when he went again on Sunday. It was late Sunday afternoon when we heard for the first time the story of a woman being taken in front of Dr. Dimond's gate, which is very near her home. Then on Monday the noon delivery of mail brought a letter from Miss Li; C. J. says in her own hand-writing and her Father confirms that it is her hand-writing. Of course, she could not say much of anything in a letter; no clue at all as to what and where. It simply says she has to leave right away for Nanking on some important business, sorry she cannot say good-bye to him (C.J.), and asking him to look after her family until she returns. The statement about going to Nanking does not necessarily mean anything of the kind, we think. She had to give some reason for not being able to come back which would be satisfactory to the censors. There are special secret

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service agents, supposedly belonging directly under the Central Government, who have the authority to arrest certain suspicious persons. We feel pretty sure that that is the group in whose clutches she is.

As to reason, we do not know, but can only guess that possibly they are charging her with having written or spoken something against the government. I do not know what she has written or spoken in the past, but every one knows that no one has worked harder or been more loyal to her country than Miss Li has during these days of difficulty. For that reason we feel hopeful that she is safe.

You can well imagine, Teddy, how little sunshine there has been in the Treasurer's office these days. For the most part, I have just occupied a seat here! Mr. Stowe reminded me this morning that the sun was shining, the birds were singing..... Well, I'll try to find some of it. For the time being we are going on the basis that Miss Li will soon be back; we have done nothing about her classes or about the dormitory.

The Student Self-Government Association has petitioned the faculty, and the faculty has granted their request, that a day a week for five weeks be given for work in the villages. It will not be the same day every week. We begin this week on Friday, for instance; next week it will be Thursday, then Wednesday, etc. They really have worked out quite a good plan. The student body is to be divided into two main groups: (A) Mobile Units, such as anti-air and anti-gas defense, dramatic presentations, mass singing, communications, etc. (B) Training Units - Education of Citizens, Health and First Aid, Anti-war and Anti-gas Defense, Organization of the People, Education for Production, Common Military Knowledge, Current Events. There will be seven students, one from each of these training groups, in each of the seventeen student groups, one group to a center thus making seventeen centers in ten villages visited once a week. The so-called Mobile Units can visit any one of the centers at any time. The seven training units each consisting of seventeen students will meet in the morning for training under some faculty member or members, and go out in the afternoon, accompanied by a faculty member, or members. Participation is required just as attending the flag-raising and flag-lowering ceremony is required; it is not a holiday for students to go home! In the first place, I think the students are thoroughly interested in the plans, and secondly the faculty accepted it on the basis of its being required and supervised by the faculty.

There may be some radical changes in the curriculum and the general administration of the school next term. At least the question has been thrown open to the faculty, or questions rather, of how we shall operate, if we do at all, in case of Japanese occupation of Fukien Province; of if we think such occupation is not far off, how can we operate to the best advantage until that time? There is some suggestion of maintaining core classes in each department and the rest of the students and faculty going out to work, but in an organized way that could be counted as field class work. These are all wild suggestions perhaps at the present time, but something wild has to be thrown out to the group to get action, and reaction. We shall have a faculty meeting next week to discuss what shall be done next term. More than ever the burning question is, how can F.C.U. best serve the immediate needs of the nation.

In general the people think that the occupation of Fukien Province by the Japanese, along with the other coastal provinces, is only a matter of time. That is what the Chinese have more or less expected to happen from the beginning; but the point is to resist as long as possible at every point so as to weaken Japan as much as possible. With

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the turn of events in the Shanghai area and on towards Nanking, people feel more strongly than ever that it is only a matter of time until all of the coastal provinces will be occupied. Therefore, our thoughts turn to the question of what shall we do under such circumstances? From all outward appearances Fukien is planning to resist. The government is using the village people by the hundreds to dig trenches between here and Mamoi, and no doubt is making many other preparations about which we know nothing. Up to the present, everything has remained quiet here. The fact that you see nothing in the papers about Foochow is good news. When Foochow gets into the papers, - well, then you can begin to feel sorry for us!

You have probably already read in the papers that the Customs, Radio, Telegraph and Telephone communications were taken over by the Japanese in Shanghai around November 27 or 28. Of course, Britain and America made some protest concerning the customs, but probably it will amount to nothing. I suppose the Settlement and the French Concession will soon be completely under Japanese control. In the long run that might prove to be to China's advantage. That is, when China makes her come-back and throws off all of the Japanese shackles there would no longer be those "foreign" spots in the midst of a Chinese city. One has to view things with a long perspective these days in order to see any hope at all ahead.

Bishop Gowdy has not been very well since last August, ulcer of the veins in the leg. He was in bed most of the time until he got up to go to Hinghwa for the Annual Conference around November 9. Mr. Lacy took him and Mrs. Gowdy in his car. Then they went to Yenping on November 20 for that Conference. I think they are back in Foochow now, but I have not heard how the Bishop stood the trip.

I forgot to report at the time it happened that Dwai-Die, the messenger, died rather suddenly on October 16. He did his work as usual that day, attended to his duties when he returned to the campus, went to bed, and was found dead in his room the next morning. His room had to be broken into when he did not show up or answer. Some of the servants knew that he had not been feeling well for a few days, but no one thought of it being serious. We have a new man now, a younger man, who is doing very well. I had never heard of him until he came here. I think Chin Yun Min recommended him, a Foochow person.

We are not yet having regular boat service between here and Shanghai, but a boat comes in now and then. We average foreign mail about once in two weeks. We had a mail two days ago, but no letters from F.C.U. it seems so far as I know.

Word came from Mrs. Li Chao Ming recently that she and the children are on Mokaashan. First they were in Soochow, and later left there for Huchow as a safer place, and now that is in the hands of the Japanese. I do not know when they can ever get down here.

A letter from Dr. W. Y. Chen, dated November 28, stated that he was going to Hankow. The only way open is by way of Hongkong. I do not understand just how he will go from Hongkong; I do not believe he can go by the Hankow-Canton railway. He said he would stop a few hours in Amoy, and a day or two in Hongkong. He hopes to stop at Foochow on his way back to attend the Foochow Annual Conference the latter part of December. The N.C.C. is doing a lot of relief work among refugees, as well as wounded soldiers, not only in Shanghai but any place they can get information about and know what is needed. The stories we hear about the condition of

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the refugees in the war zones, and especially now that the cold weather is coming on, are terrible. I think everybody who can has contributed quite generously, and some help has been received from abroad, particularly England and America, but much more is still needed.

In a radio broadcast on November 14 the N.C.C. reported that Yenching University had not closed as had been reported in the papers several times previously, so no doubt it is still going at the present time. There is talk of Amoy University moving to Yu-Chi in the interior of this province. A.U. has a new president, a relative of Admiral Sah. Any news that you hear about anything might be old news and out of date in a very few days, things change so rapidly depending on where and what Japan is going to do next. It may soon come to pass that I can only write you of my social activities; that is, if I expect for you to receive my letter.

We have not started on anything for Christmas. I do not believe that we will have the Hwa Nan-F.C.U. Christmas Carol service this year. The Hwa Nan girls sometime ago expressed themselves against it at this time. Mrs. Scott and Miss Fulton went ahead and picked out the music in case the girls had a change of mind, but nothing has been done to date, so it is probably too late. Our Glee Club has been busy getting ready for two patriotic affairs in Foochow, one a public performance and one a radio program. But I am sure we will have some kind of community program on the campus.

Well, unless something else happens before I get this mailed, I'll just pay postage on this blank space below!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

December 14, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Dr. Garside's letter of October 13 to President Lin and your letter of October 25 to me came on December 7, your letter of October 26 and Mrs. Macmillan's of October 29 came on December 1. In your letter of October 25 you reported the receipt of all the letters from us with the exception of one dated August 30. This was a registered letter sent by Mr. McClure to Dr. Garside containing Bill of Lading, Invoice, etc., for Dr. Sutton's shipment of freight. In the meantime, I have sent you letters dated September 25, October 27, November 1, and November 20, and letters from President Lin to Dr. Garside dated October 1 and November 19.

*Note*  
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Sometime ago we received from you a bill from Charles Scribner's Sons, dated August 17, for 7 Hocking Types of Philosophy, amounting to a total of \$14.81. To date, we have not received the books. Could you take the matter up with the company and see if they were actually sent, and if so, were they sent by registered or insured mail in which case they might start a tracer for same. So far as we can judge at the present time, all other books have come through.

We have not yet received your report for October, so we shall hold our November statement until yours for October comes so that we can send along the reconciliation sheet at the same time. Mail does not arrive very speedily. I think it has slowed up since the Japanese took over Shanghai; they are probably censoring everything.

You have already read in our Weekly Bulletin of the death of Mr. Huang Chin Yuan, a student in the third year, on November 22, and the death of Mr. Beach on November 25. We were totally unprepared for the student's going, as he did not complain of being ill until just the day before. While Mr. Beach had not been well all fall, none of us had any idea that his condition was so serious until a very short time before the end. He went down very rapidly the last week or ten days; the cancer had spread considerably, having reached the lungs. His eldest daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Brewster Bingham, have been in Foochow since last spring. We are glad that they could have this time with him. He had been rather alone since Mrs. Beach died in January 1933. The second and the third daughters are both in America in school.

Misfortune of a different nature came upon the very afternoon of Mr. Beach's funeral service, November 26. Miss Li, our Dean of Women, disappeared. She left here to go to Foochow for the service. She got to Foochow all right, but no one from here has seen her since Mr. Kellogg found a ricksha for her just as they all got off the boat together. We did not wake up to the fact that she was among the missing, however, until the next day at noon. Every one thought that she had stayed over with

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her family in Foochow. She moved her family here from Chinkiang last August to get them out of the war zone. All the evidence to date points to the fact that she was taken by government secret service agents. I think that is quite definite. And having come to that conclusion, one can but think that they are charging her with having written or said something about the government. She may have in the past, I do not know, but I know she has been very loyal and working hard for the national cause during these days of difficulty. I think some hope was held out in the beginning that she would be released soon, but so far as I can gather there is little hope now of an early release. To me personally the whole thing is very complicated, and vague. Nobody comes right out and says anything definite.

Both of Miss Li's brothers and a sister are in America. The other sisters are all married and in other places with their families. Only her father, step-mother, and two nephews are here in Foochow, and since her father is rather elderly, 72, it leaves the family for which she was taking responsibility in rather a bad way.

I am enclosing a copy of my letter of December 1 to "F.C.U.ites Abroad", in case you may be interested in the detailed account of things given therein. I hesitate to send it for fear you will be too bored with all the shop talk, but I send it along for what it is worth.

Foochow remains quiet and peaceful, but the outlook regarding the future of the place has changed considerably during the last month or six weeks. The eventual occupation of Fukien Province is looked upon with a certainty, but just when and how no one is ready to prophesy. We shall probably have more light on the subject soon after the fall of Nanking, which is now virtually a fait accompli, although the Chinese are putting up a stiff resistance.

It is difficult for us to understand the brazenness of the attacks on the American and British gunboats near Nanking yesterday; now for the regrets and the foolish explanations that really mean nothing!

All of the Christian schools in Foochow are trying to think of a way out after this province is occupied. All of the educators here are of the same opinion; they cannot carry on under those conditions, besides life in such areas being untenable. Everubody is now in the process of trying to think the matter through. It was suggested once that all the Christian schools join together under one administration and move inland, but that is putting all the eggs in one basket, and how long will any place inland not be occupied? Viewed from any angle, many problems are involved in moving. When, what, and how to move are not the smallest questions either.

The annual meeting of our Board of Managers was held on December 11. I have not heard yet what was their attitude towards some of these problems. I am sure President Lin will be writing Dr. Garside as soon as the minutes are ready, which I hope will be soon. He is occupied with many things these days as you can well imagine, I am sure.

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For a while it seemed as if we would not have the joint Hwanan-F.C.U. Christmas Carol Candle Light Service as we have done for the last two or three years, but now it is definitely on, and I am very glad. We need something besides war, war, war! Of course, I appreciate that all students' time is very much occupied with patriotic activities of one kind or another, thus leaving little time for other things. We are forfeiting all holidays, Christmas and New Years, for class use. All China has gone on a war-time basis; the government offices are going seven days a week.

However, I expect to celebrate Christmas night with a dinner for all of the "Les Miserables"; in other words, these one-person families on the campus, and maybe some from Foochow, such as Mr. McClure. In fact, he has definitely accepted.

We have been hearing recently about a cold wave sweeping the United States. We have had an unusually long, warm fall here, but it is getting cold.

About ten days ago we sent you 20 copies of the folder we got out for Christmas. We sent them to all those on our foreign mailing list. Most of the Christmas part was on the envelope. We had planned more color for the folder, but could not accomplish it with mail between here and Shanghai so uncertain.

I hope all of you will have had a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" when this letter reaches you.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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CABLE ADDRESS:

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

*WCR*  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

In your letter of October 26 the first paragraph has reference to the closing of our accounts for 1936/37. The difference of \$4.50 covering draft #1802 shown in our May statement is due to the fact that this draft with letter to the General Biological Supply House was returned to us, due to an error in the address. We sent the same draft to the General Biological Supply House again under date of October 11, so it has no doubt been presented for collection ere this. If so, you probably noted that it belonged on last year's account and that it was the missing link in the final agreement of our reconciliation.

*Draft 1802 - 4.50 paid 11/20/37 in error  
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Dec. 31. 1937 corrected by Journal to 305.*

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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December 23, 1937

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of November 20th came through in very good time.

We are allowing book orders for Fukien, West China and  
Lingnan to go through as usual, and also are now releasing orders for  
Yenching. Quite naturally Nanking and Ginling orders are being held up.

We note the expense involved in having signatures attested on  
the New York State reports, and have had sufficient time since writing  
you to receive the reaction of the Department if any objections were to  
be raised. Apparently they accepted our affidavit regarding the signa-  
ture of the President, and under these circumstances, it might seem in  
order for you to send them as you did this last time. Obviously we should  
have a copy of these reports in our files, and we shall make an effort to  
have triplicate blanks sent to you in the future.

We have noted to deduct \$20.50 from Dr. Sutton's salary cover-  
ing shipping charges for Mrs. Sutton.

The reconciliation sheet for October is acknowledged, and has  
been taken care of by the accounting office.

The situation in China continues to keep us in constant turmoil.  
No one knows what the next move is going to be, but there is more and  
more conviction growing that our universities must endeavor to carry on,  
even though under the direction of a foreign power. It will be exceedingly  
hard to do this, and one can imagine all sorts of complicated circumstances  
arising. On the other hand, apparently nothing can be done about it. Sure-  
ly the future of China depends upon the education of its youth.

You all have been doing a magnificent piece of work and we con-  
gratulate you most heartily.

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Case*

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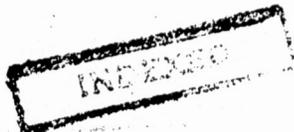
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



December 24, 1937

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of November 15 has been received.

We are enclosing herewith our monthly statement for November together with reconciliation sheet.

Please note that L. M. Crabtree is Miss instead of Mrs. as has been appearing on your statements lately.

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The Hwanan-F.C.U. Christmas concert was very good as usual and furnished us with a real bit of Christmas. The community Christmas program will come off tonight. Other than these general things there is very little celebration going on on the campus. Students are too busy getting ready for examinations on short notice, due to the term closing two weeks earlier than scheduled. And too their minds are too filled with all that is going on around them and anxiety in general.

President Lin's letter of December 21 to Dr. Garside contains all the general information re conditions in Fukien and at F.C.U., plans, etc., and there seems to be nothing more for me to add.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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