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TREASURER'S OFFICE

January 2, 1939

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

We have received the audited Treasurer's report and the minutes of the Executive and Finance Committees, October 14, 1938.

I note from the minutes that you have adopted the rate of 5:1 for the 1938-39 budget, and that this rate was used in your October statement in summarizing the payments you had made for us from July 1, 1938. All of the entries in our books, and on our statements to you, have been made at 3:1. Beginning with the next statement we receive from you, we shall use the 5:1 rate, and will have to make the necessary adjustment for the entries already made. On that basis, we have already drawn the greater part of the Trustees grant to us in local currency (LC\$36,143.40) for 1938-39, including payments to Farley and Sutton which, however, are chargeable against the Rockefeller emergency fund.

I note in the minutes that action was taken re the rate of exchange for the Rockefeller Fund Grant of \$6,000 be determined on the basis of actual transfers of money during the year. I still feel that \$3.50 is a fair rate for expenditures through June 1, 1938, as is stated in my letter of September 26 to you re the rate for the Harvard-Yenching fund for 1937-38, and in my letter of October 27 re the Rockefeller Fund. For convenience I state again my reasons for this stand. For the greater part of that period the actual exchange rate was around \$3.20 to \$3.33 until the jump in April or May, and I consider that \$3.50 is a good average. Therefore the report we made to you in August for expenditures against the Rockefeller Emergency Fund for the fiscal year 1937-38 (that is, through June 30), to the amount of LC\$13,954.50 @ 3:1 = US\$4,651.50, should perhaps be revised on the \$3.50 rate, but certainly not the high rate of 5:1. As stated in my letter of October 27, we are willing to use the average rate you use for the other colleges for this purpose for the same period. For the period from June 1, we shall use the average rate of actual money transfer in accordance with the action of the Trustees as stated in the minutes of October 14. We wish to make up a statement for the period June 30 - December 31, but it is difficult to do it until we know what rate you finally used for the statement to June 30, as we do not know what the balance left is.

Thank you for your letter of October 22, giving a concise statement of 1937-38 balances: Accounts Payable \$14,141.14, Emergency Fund 1937-38, \$5,167.00, and Rockefeller Foundation \$6,000.00. Both President Lin and I wrote you under date of September 26 that we wished to have the 1937-38 balances invested in America, for a year at least. You probably took action on this at the Trustees meeting held the latter part of November. We plan to draw the Fixed Deposits maturing in 1938 as they come due.

Sincerely yours,
Eve M. Asher

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Letters from your office which I have not acknowledged are as follows: September 29, October 5, 8, 24, November 7, 12, 14, 16, 17, and 22.

Thank you for the information in your letter of November 17 re the cost of travel across the continent from Seattle to Brookneal, Virginia. I shall in all cases use the cheaper rates, that is, tourist sleeping cars, upper berth, etc., as I would do if I actually came that way. On that basis, I figure the amount I am entitled to draw is about \$62.00. When I find out the cost of tourist, or second class, passage across the Pacific, I will know the definite amount I can draw for travel. Time passes so quickly that my stay here now before starting homeward is rather limited. I am afraid something too interesting to miss will happen while I am gone! On the other hand, I am quite looking forward to my visit to America. I hope it will only be a "visit", but one can never tell these days. At the present time, it seems quite definite that I shall settle in New York for study at Columbia and to absorb what I can at headquarters.

I received a letter from Mrs. Farley recently stating that it had been decided that Mr. Farley would not come until summer, and that they were all moving to Chicago soon after Christmas. She spoke of Mr. Farley writing to President Lin, but of course that letter went on to Shaowu, so I do not know the details of their decision.

I enclose herewith our monthly statement for November together with reconciliation sheet. You will note that there are two items which should be entered on your books if they have not already been entered. This reconciliation is made up on the basis of the 3:1 exchange rate, so it does not give a very clear picture of the actual state of things on the basis of the 5:1 rate.

We had quite a "Merry" Christmas on the Fukien campus in spite of being separated from the students and faculty. It did seem a bit strange not to have the usual bustle of activities the week preceding Christmas. But they had a number of activities on the Shaowu campus. I shall send you a report of same by Dr. Stowe as soon as I can get it copied, in case he has not already sent you a copy.

I invited all of the children, the parents, and office staff in for a little celebration, including gifts for the children and a Christmas tree, on the afternoon of Christmas Eve, and we all had the feeling that it was Christmas. We had a service Sunday morning

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in which the nearby village school children and teachers joined us. Then on the evening of December 28, I had all of the workmen in. They enjoyed the Christmas tree as much as the children did! Dr. Sutton, Mr. Kellogg, and I had Christmas dinner with friends in Foochow.

Conditions in Fukien remain about the same. There has been no excitement here at all since the scare the latter part of October, for which there was really no reason except that people were in a "jittery" state generally following the fall of Canton. Many of the people who left Foochow at that time have returned, and life goes on as usual. Only time can tell what will be the next development in the Far Eastern situation as a whole. Things seem to be more or less at a standstill so far as the lay public can judge, though we do hear of bombing in the Southwest and in the Northwest from time to time.

The American Government, we note, is taking a firmer stand in Far Eastern affairs. Of course, the Chinese are pleased over the \$25,000,000 loan, and the other party is equally displeased. It is always a question as to how far third powers can go in demanding that the "open" door (supposedly) be kept open without getting in deeper than they planned. And who knows just how far in their own minds are they prepared to go in the matter? The democracies do not seem to be as good at bluffing as the totalitarian states are.

Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy will leave Foochow for America soon after the middle of January. I am sure Bishop Gowdy will call at 150 Fifth Avenue.

With best wishes to all of you there at
headquarters ,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

January 4, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Dr. Sutton's salary beginning with November 1
is \$191.66 per month, made up as follows:

Basic Field Salary	US\$1,500.00
Children's Allowances:	
Peggy	250.00
Lois Jane	200.00
Willard H.	200.00
Marion	<u>150.00</u>
	800.00
	<u>US\$2,300.00 ÷ 12 = \$191.66</u>

While his basic salary reverts back to the field rate, we are paying him the entire amount in U.S. Currency, instead of part in U.S. and part in Local Currency as would be the case if his whole family were here. We feel that we are justified in using this method, as it more or less corresponds with the amount of salary and allowances the mission families who are separated are getting. In fact, this gives Dr. Sutton a little over US\$100.00 more than Methodist families are receiving, based on the same sized family as Dr. Sutton's. He has acquiesced to this arrangement with a very fine spirit, as he always exhibits in everything.

Of course, not having had this information from us sooner you have paid Mrs. Sutton on the old basis for November and December, and will probably make the January payment before this letter reaches you. Also there is the matter of the amount Dr. Sutton is drawing here, which is US\$25.00 per month. We have paid him this amount for November and December and will continue on this basis unless he wishes to make a change later, in which case we shall notify you. After deducting from the monthly salary the \$25.00 Dr. Sutton draws here, a balance of US\$166.66 is left to be paid to Mrs. Sutton monthly. Whatever amount you have over paid her when you receive this letter can be deducted from future payments.

The Sutton family is, of course, entitled to a \$200.00 U.S. re-outfit allowance when they return. Dr. Sutton did not receive anything on this when he was preparing to return, even though it would have been in order for him to do so. Therefore, if Mrs. Sutton should feel the need of more funds, you are authorized to pay her up to \$50.00 on this allowance. This is Dr. Sutton's wish. You need not do anything about it, however, unless she writes and ask you about it, as he is writing her about it.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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January 10, 1939

Ack by Asher
2/25/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am enclosing herewith the December 31st trial balance sheet, budget analysis, cash statement, invoices and copies of Journal Vouchers 331 and 332. The latter shows that we have established on our books in Accounts Payable \$367.25 which is available for the field. This is the present year's budget, but may we call your attention to the following items in Accounts Payable for 1937-38:

Directors Current.....	\$4,425.59
Harvard-Yenching.....	9,473.68
Scholarships.....	241.87
	<u>\$14,141.14</u>
Emergency Bal. 1937-38	\$5,167.
Rockefeller Approp.,..	<u>6,000.</u>
	<u>11,167.00</u>
	<u>\$25,308.14</u>

As over and against this, kindly note that your budget for 1938-39 is overdrawn - even in the U. S. dollar budget. In making up the figures in the current budget, we used the rate of five to one and we have been anticipating that some word would be received from you regarding this, as obviously the payment of U. S. dollars to the Farleys and Suttons, and charged in the budget at the rate of five to one is hardly just. Possibly a letter is enroute.

It is quite obvious that it does not look right to allow the Emergency Funds to lay back and not be used. There has been some mention about investing these funds, but no definite word has been received. We will await instructions from the field.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 17, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of December 12th just came to hand enclosing monthly statement for October and reconciliation sheet.

As you request, we have restored the salary cuts retro active to July 1st, 1938. Accordingly we have deposited \$23.84 to the credit of your account with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company and will hereafter restore the previous monthly deposit.

It is gratifying to know that the University is carrying on so well up at Shaowai, as we had some misgivings as to how they would get on. Everyone seems to have their hands full and apparently progress is being made.

We are looking forward to the time when you will be back in America on furlough, and realize that the time is rapidly approaching.

Incidentally we are calling attention to the rate of exchange you are using which probably you are working on at the present time. Undoubtedly some word is enroute at this time.

With sincerest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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See letter to Mrs. Sullivan 1/17/39
" " " " 1/20/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

January 20, 1939

ack by Asher
2/25/39

Dear Miss Asher:

We have received a letter from Mrs. Sutton, quoting from a communication she had received from the Doctor regarding salary. In it he states that "it is the regular third-term salary in gold, plus allowances for children and rent, and amounts to just US\$100.00 less than received last year." Accordingly, we have figured out the following schedule, which shows that the salary per month is to be \$251.66.

Salary received last year....	\$1,600.00
Children's Allowance.....	800.00
Rent.....	480.00
	<u>2,880.00</u>

According to Mrs. Sutton's
letter 1/17/39..... 100.00 less this year
12) 2,780.00 (251.66 - salary ea. month

\$251.66 less \$25.00 to be drawn by Dr. Sutton - \$206.66 - Salary and Allowance and Rent.

You will see from the above that Dr. Sutton is drawing \$25.00 per month, which makes the net amount for his family \$206.66. Nothing is said of the time that this becomes operative, and I do not understand the reason for the change during the middle of the year. Will you not study through the foregoing schedule and notify us if this is correct. Also please let us know the time when it should be put into effect.

Most sincerely yours,

CA Evans

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*Rec'd 1/18/39
C. J. Lin.*

Sent by Air Mail with letter
of January 19, 1939

ack. 2-15-39

Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China
January 21, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of November 30, sent by ordinary mail, re Miss Thomas' salary, came last night. We have not yet received the original letter sent by Air Mail. Most of the letters from your office, as well as from other places, mailed around the end of October and in November have been much delayed in coming, having arrived here within the last week.

We wrote you under date of January 18, by ordinary mail, authorizing you to pay Miss Thomas' salary to the end of June, 1939; After we heard from Miss Thomas, and received the minutes of the Trustees meeting of November 28, we felt that we should do this for her. I think the field has a very sympathetic understanding of her case, and we want to do all we can to make it possible for her to return to us this summer. We hope this arrangement will relieve her of the anxiety of trying to support herself when she is not physically fit.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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January 25, 1939

ack by Asher

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I trust you are already turning your attention to the figuring of the budgets for 1939-40 so that they will be in hand for the Spring meetings of the Board. To be effective at all, we must have them not later than the middle of April.

We anticipate the following will represent the income for 1939-40:-

BOARD

American Board.....	\$ 3,500.00	
Methodist Board.....	1,682.00	
Reformed Board.....	500.00	
Special Gifts.....	250.00	
Endowment Income.....	7,200.00	\$13,132.00

LESS HOME ADMINISTRATION -

Executive Office.....	\$ 5,906.00	
Incidentals & Trustees.....	375.00	6,281.00

Balance.....	\$ 6,851.00
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In addition to the preceeding, the following are anticipated gifts from various sources:-

Harvard-Yenching Institute.....	\$ 7,894.72	
Special Scholarship Gifts:		
M. E. Church, Pasadena.....	200.00	
O. W. Greff Scholarship.....	36.00	
Osborne Scholarship.....	18.00	
Special Endowment Income:		
Dale Library Fund.....	48.00	
R. W. Jones Scholarship.....	25.00	
R. C. Jones Scholarship.....	200.00	\$ 8,421.72

What will happen to extra gifts for current budget such as new represented in emergency receipts is problematical. Just above \$125,000.00 has now been raised on the \$330,000.00 budget for this current year. One source of income for emergency gifts will not be made available, unless there is closer alignment of the activities of the China Colleges. However, there is nothing against your setting up your budget including a figure which you hope the Trustees will raise, and it will be given due consideration by the Board. Even the figures which we are giving you above are approximate, as the mission boards do not guarantee the above amounts.

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Miss Eva M. Asher

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We are hurrying to get this in the air mail to the Pacific
and will close for the present.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 6, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 4th regarding salary for the Sutton family.

The schedule which you set forth in your letter agrees with our figuring, with the exception that we have been paying rent on the basis of \$40.00 per month. I presume you overlooked this item and will continue to include same, pending your notification to the contrary, at which time we will make adjustments, if necessary.

We have already written you regarding this situation, giving you particulars, and it is possible you will be writing again before you receive this letter.

I note what you say regarding the outfit allowance, and will be guided thereby in case Mrs. Sutton replies.

With assurances of best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 7, 1939

ack 4/1/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am taking the liberty of depositing US\$5.00 in your Bookstore Account in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company which has been given us by Mr. Junius E. Beal. He requests that this be given to Mr. T. H. Cheng of Fukien Christian University, and I trust you will make this available for him.

We recently sent you the stated income which we anticipate for next year, with the suggestion that you include such an amount as you feel is absolutely necessary to operate next year. We are also asking that you let us know as soon as possible what your requirements will be as far as emergency needs are concerned for 1939-40. I realize that this is asking a good deal but who will know if you on the field are not able to prognosticate your wants for the coming year. Mind you, we do not say that any fabulous sum will be raised, and as a matter of fact less than half of the emergency funds for the present year have been secured.

Looking forward, there probably will not be an emergency drive next year, but it will be called "Rehabilitation." No one knows what progress will be made on the unification program, but there is every indication that our program will be much more effective if there is a closer unity between the colleges. Therefore, one of your immediate tasks is to corral such funds as you feel will be required next year which might be classed either for emergency or rehabilitation.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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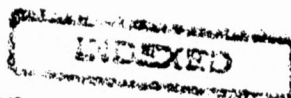
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 8, 1939



*3/24/39
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to Lin & Asher*

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

President Lin has asked me to write my own feelings in the matter of the western members of the staff here who come directly under the university being transferred to mission boards. I really have nothing new to add to what he has already said in his letter of February 1. I can only give a few more details perhaps to support the points that he has mentioned.

First of all, I feel very strongly that there would be no advantage to the university or to us as individuals to be taken on by some board unless we become full-fledged members of the board. That is, the board taking full responsibility for our financial support, and extending to us all the privileges both on the field and at home, as well as the hardships, of their bonafide missionaries. For a board merely to put our names on its roster of missionaries, but look to the Trustees of the university for support as usual, would not, I believe, accomplish what the Trustees have in mind, but rather make it more awkward both for the university and for us. Personally, I much prefer to be a direct heir of the university than a stepchild of a mission board. I feel that the transfer must be whole-hearted in order to be effective, and I do not believe it can be unless the board accepts the full responsibility that goes with it. Miss Thomas' case may be an exception to this because of her long connection with the American Board before she became a member of the university staff.

If we were bonafide members of a mission board, besides the actual benefit to the university in having our salary and allowances released for other purposes, it would save the embarrassment we often face in having our salaries and allowances, which for obvious reasons are somewhat higher, compared with Chinese salaries and allowances. The salary and allowance of a western member, and especially of a family, loom up quite high in any set of figures. Naturally this is often pointed out and referred to in making up a budget or in planning stringent economy to make income and expenditures balance. In turn, too much of this makes one feel that one is guilty of robbing the Treasury! But transferring us to a board in name only would not eliminate this difficulty; it would still show up in the budget and in financial statements that we were being supported by the Trustees.

There are also certain other personal advantages, it seems to me, in being a bonafide missionary under a board. First of all, it makes for a more complete feeling of unity with a group of one's own nationality. While we consider the international spirit which prevails at the university as one of our most precious possessions,

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there are occasions when one feels that one can best be understood by one's own nationals. Unless one "belongs", however, one does not feel free to take one's problems into that group. Also being under a board helps to make one feel more definitely a part of the larger church program. And, too, I think it gives one a feeling of somewhat more security. A mission board can transfer its missionaries to different places in the same country, or even to other countries, including the homeland, if funds are short in one place but are available for work in other places. Several Foochow missionaries have been thus transferred during the last five years.

Looking at it from the other point of view, that is, coming directly under the university rather than a mission board, I do not feel that I have suffered because of not belonging to a mission board. The advantages other than the financial benefit to the university are perhaps more psychological than anything else. The only dissatisfaction I have ever expressed was over what I felt was an increasing tendency on Mr. McClure's part as Treasurer, and also a member of the American Board Mission, to apply American Board rules and regulations to us who did not belong to that organization. That was more on the basis of principle than any personal advantage or disadvantage. I am still rebel enough not to believe in "taxation without representation". We have our own university rules and regulations for western members under the university, and I objected to having another set imposed from the outside. It happens that for the last few years our field salaries have been a little higher than the field salaries of the two cooperating missions. This is due to two reasons. First, since 1932 our salaries have been paid half in local currency at a fixed rate of exchange of 2:1 and half in U.S. Currency outright regardless of the rate of exchange. This arrangement increased our salaries somewhat, as previously we had received our entire salary at the rate of 2:1, even when the current rate of exchange was \$2, \$3, \$4, or \$5. The adjustment was made because of the jump in the exchange rate. Second, the mission salaries have had a cut, or cuts, during the last few years. Previous to 1932, our salaries were considerably less than the salaries of either the American Board or Methodist missionaries. So over a period of years it somewhat evens up.

All of us coming under the university are perfectly willing to abide by whatever salary scale and other regulations the university administration as a whole may work out for us. It has always been the general policy of the university to consult the two missions in Foochow re salary and allowances when any change is being considered for us. But we do not consider that it is necessary to adjust our salary scale every time one of the missions receives a cut or a raise. We prefer to rise or fall with the Chinese staff, as is set forth in the minutes of the Board of Managers, May 14, 1938, when this question was brought up for consideration. For your convenience, I quote the vote:

M-847 VOTED "That the basic salary and allowances for the foreign members of the staff who are paid directly by the university be retained on the basic scale, but subject to cut on a percentage basis according to the financial conditions of the university, as is done in the case of the Chinese members of the staff. (At the present time these coming under this classification are Profs. M. F. Farley and family, W. J. Sutton and family, and Miss Eva M. Asher)".

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If I am directly under the university I much prefer this arrangement, as it makes me feel more as one with the Chinese group whose salaries come out of the same pool as mine. I took the cut along with the Chinese last year, and was glad to do it, January 1 - June 30, 1938 (the cut from July 1 was restored and refunded in November). If I were under a mission board, I would of course be glad to conform to the rules and regulations of the mission, but I do not care to be subject to two sets of regulations. For your information, I enclose a copy of our university rules and regulations with special reference to the western members of the staff coming directly under the university.

All of the above has to do with the pros and cons of being under a mission board. To summarize it, I would say with President Lin that there would be no point in making the change unless the mission board is prepared to take over our full support and treat us both on the field and at home as their bonafide missionaries. I do not see that the transfer in name only would result in any advantage either to the university or to us.

So far as the second proposition is concerned, that of making us affiliated members of one of the mission groups on the field, this would not entail any change in our present relations with the university. It would be more of the nature of a personal relationship with the mission. For administrative purposes we would still be subject only to university rules and regulations. The American Board made several of our university families affiliated members of their mission when the university was first established, but none of those families is here now. Nothing was ever said about making the Farleys, Suttons, and myself, who came later, affiliated members. I think the initiative should come from the mission rather than from the individuals. Most individuals of the two missions do not realize that we are not connected with one mission or the other. Many times members of one mission have told me that they thought I belonged to the other mission. And on occasions, though not regularly, both missions invite me to their group gatherings. The Methodist Mission has been very thoughtful of all of us in this respect since Bishop Gowdy was President here, 1924-27.

I can reiterate what President Lin has said to the effect that we are willing to fall in line with either proposition, as the Trustees may see fit, and that we greatly appreciate their interest in our welfare.

Yours sincerely,

E. M. Asher

*Schedule of Salary & Allowances for
Foreign Staff - Revised 7/22/30, attached*

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 11, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Since I wrote you on January 2, I have received the following letters from you: October 25 (2), December 3, 5, 8, 12 (2), 30. Letters from you and others in the office, dated October 25, 29, etc., came in the same mail with letters dated December 12, received here on January 13. We heard that one American mail was held in Canton for a whole month, which must account for the delay in the arrival of your October letters. These letters practically answer my letter of January 2 to you.

Please note an error in my letter of January 2, near the bottom of the third paragraph where I say, "For the period from June 1, we shall use the average rate of actual money transfer in accordance with the action of the Trustees as stated in the minutes of October 14". It should read, "For the period from July 1 ..." which is the beginning of our fiscal year.

In your letter of October 25, you speak of the problem of investing funds in America at this time from the standpoint of safety and at the same time to secure a reasonable income from same. It is quite a serious problem from the standpoint of income for current use. While we are accumulating U.S. Currency there by using our fixed deposits on the field, it actually amounts to our buying U.S. Currency at the high rate of exchange. If we could only sell U.S. Currency now it would go quite a long ways. We shall have to draw more from now on, as our fixed deposits are nearly all used up. I can fully appreciate the difficulty you face there in connection with investments. After all, safety is more important than a high yield of income when in doubt.

I am glad that you have had a good talk with Mr. McClure about capital funds, as mentioned in your letter of December 5. You have, no doubt, received our annual report for 1937-38. I shall enclose a copy herewith, however, for your convenience. You will note on page 1 that we give a summary of Increase in Assets, the details of which are shown on pages 10, 11, and 12. This, I think, gives you all the information you need for entry on your books.

We have not yet been able to have our accounts for 1937-38 audited, as the records are at Shaowu, and there is no one there who can do this. The Board of Managers appointed Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs as auditors, but their arrival has been considerably delayed. The last we heard they were to sail from America on January 27. You will remember that the Storrs are an American Board family whose work is at Shaowu. We hope that they can find time for auditing

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soon after they arrive at Shaowu and get settled. We shall send you the auditor's report as soon as it is ready.

I passed on to Mr. George Wu the \$60.00 from his wife which you deposited in our Book Store account there in New York, per your letter of December 8. I agree with you that Mrs. Wu is a very attractive Chinese lady. Mr. Wu is one of the most valuable members of the faculty of Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow. He is a very earnest Christian, and his influence is far-reaching among the student body.

I drew Draft No. 1850 yesterday for \$367.25 to cover the Account Payable you set up by Journal Voucher #332, Authorization No. 3901, December 29, for miscellaneous scholarships and Endowment Income restricted, from July 1 - December 31, 1938, per your letter of December 30.

As a matter of information, I wish to report to you that beginning with January 1, 1939, we are carrying our insurance on property in U.S. Currency instead of in Local Currency as in the past. We simply took the Local Currency valuation and converted it into U.S. Currency at the rate of \$6.00 to 1, making a total of US\$86,949.00. This is carried with The Home Insurance Company (New York), in Shanghai. The American Board Mission, whose property is insured with this same company, is planning to convert all of their valuations into U.S. Currency when their present policy expires. We feel that it is better to have it in U.S. Currency in case the Chinese dollar should go to pieces due to the ravages of war. The valuation may seem very small to you. For the last five years or more we have not used actual cost in arriving at valuation for insurance purposes, for the reason that should a building be destroyed by fire, we would not replace it in all probability on as elaborate a scale as the original building. For instance, the Arts Hall which replaced the dormitory that was burned in 1928, cost considerably less than the dormitory did. It is the same size and is just as durable, but the wood work and such things that have little or nothing to do with durability are much cheaper.

A number of the faculty members from Shaowu visited the Foochow campus during the short vacation between terms. President Lin was here about three weeks, and Dr. E. M. Stowe for one week. Others were here for a few days or one day. The spring term opened on February 3 for registration, with classes beginning on February 6. I have not yet received any report of how many students registered. As soon as I do, I shall pass on the information to you. It was good to see so many of the people. They all came to me for meals, as my house is the only going foreign concern on the campus.

for a few weeks

There was some talk of Dr. Sutton going to Shaowu at the beginning of the term for the sake of general morale. In the meantime, there were rumors that something might happen in Foochow around the China New Year Season (February 19), so he is staying here for the time being. It seems somewhat extravagant to keep both Dr. Sutton and Mr. Kellogg here, but we do need a strong, able-bodied man on this campus in case of an emergency. Mr. Kellogg is considerably handicapped in this respect, due

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to one leg being amputated above the knee as the result of a serious infection he had when he was on furlough in 1935. He gets around remarkably well under ordinary circumstances. We want to keep the agricultural work on the Foochow campus going, so Mr. Kellogg more or less has to stay here.

Things here in general are going on as usual. It would certainly seem that Japan is too busy in other places to bother with Foochow any time soon. On the other hand, it is very difficult to size up the situation as a whole and thus have any idea what might happen at a given place at a given time. To an ordinary observer like myself it seems that both sides have been marking time for the most part since the fall of Canton and Hankow last October, but from a military standpoint much ^{more} than that has been happening, no doubt.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 13, 1939

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I wish to acknowledge your letters addressed to President Lin and myself, dated October 29, December 13, December 29, one to me dated December 13, and Dr. Garside's letter to President Lin under date of December 12. All of these letters came while President Lin was here, January 13 - February 3. The October 29 letter arrived on January 14, while the others came through in fairly normal time.

Your letter of October 29 chiefly concerns several financial items in connection with the Executive-Finance Committees of F.C.U. minutes, October 14. We are in agreement with the conditions you set forth therein as concerns the Emergency Budget and Budget Estimates for 1938-39. Dr. Garside also mentions this in his letter of December 12 to President Lin. We recognize that the \$6,000 we asked for in our Budget as "special gifts" is not granted because of the overlapping it would incur in connection with the Emergency Campaign. We shall put forth every effort to keep expenses down to the point that the appropriations in the ordinary budget and the emergency budget will cover the same. We are also adjusting our budget and accounts on the basis of 5:1 instead of 3:1.

Your letter of December 13 to President Lin and myself covers a number of items in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 28. President Lin has replied to all of these in his letter of January 18 to Mr. Evans.

I greatly appreciate the interest the Trustees have taken in my furlough plans. As President Lin pointed out in his letter of January 18, we have in mind that first of all I should do full time study, and get what experience and information I can in the matter of publicity work on the side. I really know nothing about publicity, and am not sure that I could ever do much about it. I only recognize the great need for much more publicity work and the gathering of material for you people there in New York than we have done in the past. We all realize that Fukien is sadly lacking at this point. The difficulty is that every one has so many full-time jobs no one ever has the time and energy required to give to it. My idea was that if I could see and feel a bit the inside workings of our promotional office, I might be able to get a better idea than I now have as to what kind of material from the field they want most. I am willing to do any kind of routine work, or anything, that might give me some insight into this. I do not think I would have time to do it regularly if I am carrying a full schedule of study, but thought perhaps I could work it in at intervals.

On the other hand, there is a question as to whether or not I shall be in New York. I made application for financial aid at Columbia, Duke, and Boston University, and I received the least favorable reply from

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Columbia. In fact, it is quite certain that I cannot expect any help at all from there. We are waiting to see what final offer the other two institutions may make. Only Boston University mentioned that it was quite certain that I could get a scholarship, \$100.00 per year, and the possibility of an assistantship. Duke only sent blanks for formal application for scholarships and assistantships. We shall probably not hear from either institution for several months. I am not sure that I want to undertake an assistantship, since my time is so limited, and too because I would not be studying in the field of my undergraduate major (business administration and accounting). For that reason, any assistantship I might undertake might require a great deal of my time and prevent me from carrying a full schedule of study. So far as I am concerned personally, I am equally willing to study at either of the three places, as the university administration may see fit when all of the information is at hand. We had thought of Columbia particularly on the basis that there might be some mutual advantage in my being near the New York office during the year.

I do not have any definite sailing date as yet. In general, I plan to leave here not later than June. But should circumstances make it necessary to delay, I am prepared to do so.

Under date of September 19, 1938, Dr. Garside sent a circular letter to the Presidents of the Christian Colleges in China, asking for a list of the most important research projects of the western members of the staff. This was asked for by Mr. Bruno Lasker of the Institute of Pacific Relations. I am enclosing herewith lists for Professors R. Scott, E. M. Stowe, W. J. Sutton, and C. R. Kellogg. I hope it is not too late for them to be of use. This is a start anyhow, and we shall try to send a list regularly every year to reach you early in the fall, as requested by Dr. Garside.

I am enclosing herewith 24 snapshots showing something of the activities of the university in its new setting at Shaowu. Mrs. Macmillan might be interested in having these.

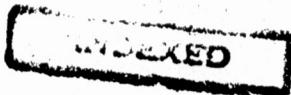
I am looking forward with great pleasure of soon having the opportunity to meet you and the other new members of the staff at headquarters, and to greet again the members whom I already know. To me, our headquarters there has a "reputation" for cordial hospitality. I still have very pleasant memories of all of my visits there during my previous furlough.

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

*snapshots attached
given to Mrs. Macmillan by E. M. 3/15/39*

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February 15, 1939

*ack by Asher
4/1/39*

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your two letters of January 2nd came to hand, and I note your reference to the rate of exchange used in the current budget. We have written you otherwise that the U. S. dollar appropriation for Messrs. Farley and Suttan will be taken out of emergency funds and our last balance sheet was changed accordingly.

As stated in a previous letter, we have reported to the Rockefeller Foundation on the U. S. dollar expenditure, rather than translate local currency payments at any given or variable rate. This will take out of consideration, therefore, the basis rate of Rockefeller Foundation expenditures for 1937-38.

This afternoon, I have an appointment with investment counsel for Yenching University at which time a very thorough consideration will be given to funds held on hand for investment in all of our institutions - at least, I will have the entire group of colleges in mind when we discuss particularly Yenching University.

I cite this because of the very, very difficult investment situation which we face here in America. The government has forced its financial program to such an extent that money is practically worthless. In some instances, as a matter of fact, banks have paid the government a premium for the use of its money, because by doing this certain taxable situations within their own corporation showed a profit by using cash to tide over certain taxable dates. As a consequence this has affected the entire market and money is practically valueless.

We have continued to hold cash on hand with the hope that some dependable developments would come to light whereby we could absorb these funds and produce income. I hope to have something to report to our Finance Committee very shortly.

The other letter contains a lot of news for which we are very grateful. We note your plans for furlough and will welcome you most heartily upon your arrival.

The Farley situation has now come to a climax and he will be off of the staff quite definitely on June 30th. I have written to President Lin at some length, but not with the purpose of changing the decision in any way, as I could see no other result possible. Seemingly Mr. Farley has out-worn the patience of all, and presumably he will be looking for another position.

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Miss Eva M. Asher

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The Reconciliation Sheet for November came with this letter and the gain on exchange, as reported, was entered on our books.

Surely you had a most interesting Christmas Season, although here we did not have much heart to put into the merry-making. It is encouraging to the highest degree when you who are facing the situation so close at hand can have the courage to go ahead so calmly. Of course, faith in the Christ-child should beget calmness and poise in the face of the most difficult circumstances. Yet somehow, we failed to put into effect all of the good teachings which we have absorbed in times passed.

I note that Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy by this time are on the way to America, and most assuredly we will see them if they come to New York.

With sincerest regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 21, 1939

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, Foochow

Statement of Emergency Expenses for the period July 1 - December 31, 1938, against the Balance of the US\$6,000.00 Grant by the Rockefeller Foundation (US\$6,000.00 - US\$4,651.50 previously reported = US\$1,348.50)

1. Shaowu - Building Repairs and General Expenses	LC\$2,972.62 @ 5.50 =	US\$540.48
2. Additional Furniture and Fixtures	LC\$1,013.75 "	US\$184.32
3. Moving Expenses (for books, apparatus, etc.) . .	LC\$ 930.38 "	US\$169.16
4. Repairs and Expenses of Practice School in Shaowu under Education Department	LC\$2,500.00 "	US\$454.54
	<u>LC\$7,416.75 @ 5.50 =</u>	<u>US\$1,348.50</u>

SUMMARY OF US\$6,000.00 GRANT

Reported in August, 1938	US\$4,651.50
Reported February 21, 1938	<u>US\$1,348.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>US\$6,000.00</u>

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 25, 1939

ack 4/14/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have letters from your office dated January 10 (2) received on February 17, and letters dated January 17, 18 to President Lin, 20, 21, 25, received yesterday.

I am awaiting information from Shaowu, such as our January statement and the report on the balance of the Rockefeller emergency grant of \$6,000.00, to reply in detail to your letter of January 10 regarding Accounts Payable for 1937-38 and the overdrawal of our budget for 1938-39. Suffice it here to say that you are free to go ahead and invest the US\$14,141.14 left over from 1937-38.

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I am enclosing our monthly statement for December together with reconciliation. This is the first statement we have made since we received word from you about using the rate of 5:1. You will remember I reported in my last letter to you that all October letters were very slow in coming through, that they arrived here about the middle of January. We have, however, adjusted our accounts on the basis of 5:1 retroactive to July 1, 1938. I expect to receive the January statement from Shaowu very soon. As I have said before, conducting business with divided offices, here and Shaowu, complicates matters considerably which often cause delays which would not occur if we were all at one place. All of the detailed Treasurer's work has to be done at Shaowu. My part in it, other than the banking business, all has to be accomplished by correspondence. This is necessitated by the fact that the current records are at Shaowu. We simply list the business transactions we do here and send them to Shaowu to be recorded.

You stated in your letter of January 10 re clergy certificates for Mr. Yang Hsin Pao, that you had sent the certificates to him at San Francisco before my letter of December 2 reached you asking you to send them to him in care of Dean T.H.E. Chen. I received a letter from Mr. Yang a few days ago telling me that the certificates were delivered to him at San Francisco by the steamship company. You are right in charging him directly.

I have forwarded your letter of January 13 to President Lin to him at Shaowu. I also sent him a copy of your letter of January 25 to me about the 1939-40 budget. Word received from Shaowu last week stated that they were working on the budget, so I very much hope that we can get it to you by the middle of April. I think the emergency campaign is progressing quite well, the fact that the funds in hand when you wrote amounted to a little over \$125,000.00.

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Your letter of January 20 takes up the matter of Dr. Sutton's salary, which was written before you received my letter of January 4 concerning same. The figure of US\$206.66 which you arrived at, including rent, as the amount to be paid to Mrs. Sutton monthly is correct. I did not mention rent in my letter, as I was only concerned about adjusting the basic salary since everything else automatically remained the same. So the figure I gave you as the amount to be paid monthly included only basic salary and children's allowances, namely, US\$166.66 after deducting \$25.00 U.S. which Dr. Sutton receives here. When US\$40.00 for rent is added to this, it agrees with your figure of US\$206.66 ($\$166.66 + \$40.00 = \206.66). ✓

The change became effective from November 1, 1938, because that is about the time Dr. Sutton arrived on the field (arrived here the latter part of October, and we started the new arrangement with November for the sake of convenience). While we adjusted his basic salary to correspond to the field rate, we are paying the entire salary in U.S. Currency due to the fact that his family is still in America. Otherwise he would get only half of it in U.S. Currency. He is getting as much, or more, under this arrangement as the cooperating mission families who are divided.

You will be interested to know that the spring term at Shaowu has started very auspiciously with an enrollment of 163 students, 41 of whom are women. We rarely have that many students in the spring term even under normal conditions. We took in 23 new students, and a number of old students returned. Practically all of the sophomores who were out for military training last fall are back, and a fair number of old students who have been out for personal reasons since the war started in 1937. All letters from Shaowu indicate that the spirit is fine and that things in general are going along very nicely. We had to have one or two small buildings repaired to take care of the increased student body (We expected 140 at the most), and also for faculty families who are returning. Several families were in Shanghai last year. In addition to those families returning, several families in the Foochow district who did not go up last summer have now moved up.

We had a very difficult time securing an English teacher to take the place of Mr. Davidson whom we had engaged for the spring term and who died in January. We tried both in Shanghai and Hongkong through friends, but without any success. We finally secured a Chinese woman whose home is here in Foochow, and who has studied abroad. The reports are that she is doing very well. We are still trying to contact suitable candidates in Hongkong, with the hope of securing at least one. We shall need some one for the summer session. We can also use Miss Sia who is teaching English in Shaowu now if she is available after this term.

Dr. Leger who has recently been assigned to the university by the American Board Mission to take Prof. Beach's place, arrived in Foochow last night. He is coming down to the university this morning. He will go to Shaowu for a few weeks at least. He is going on furlough this summer, and has to go back to North China to get his family before leaving for America.

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Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs, an American Board family for Shaowu, are expected to arrive from Hongkong any day, on their return from furlough in America. They will go to Shaowu soon after their arrival here. Also Miss Josephine Walker, of the American Board, who arrived in Foochow from America about ten days ago, will go to Shaowu. She will probably go up with Dr. Leger and not wait for the Storrs. The Storrs and Miss Walker will have their regular work in Shaowu, but their presence will lend morale to the F.C.U. community, I am sure. We are hoping that Mrs. Storrs will have time to give at least one course in English, and Mr. Storrs might give a course in Religion or Philosophy. They are too late for any teaching this term, however.

We should be glad to have a list of the names of the people who have made gifts to Fukien Christian University since July 1, 1938. There are probably not many, but if we had the names we could add a personal word when we send out material from here.

Conditions here in Fukien Province remain about the same. There are rumors now and then, but Foochow has been relatively quiet since the first of November last year. One or two or three planes visit Foochow at intervals, but no bombs have been dropped here since last July. Three bombing planes scouted the city on February 25. There is no mistaking the sound of a bomber; I know it too well.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eve M. Asher

P.S. Mr. Farley has not yet settled his traveling expenses to America in 1937, unless he has settled it with you since December. I have seen no reference to it on your monthly statements through December. The January statement has not yet come. I mentioned this in writing to him about a month ago, stating that I wished very much to have this item cleared up before I leave here. I would appreciate it if you would follow it up if it has not already been taken care of. We advanced him US\$335.00 and LC\$145.00. Exchange was around \$3.20 to \$3.30 then.

Noted D.E.

E.M.A.

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March 8, 1939

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Mr. C. A. Evans
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New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

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This is in reply to your letter of January 10 regarding the 1937-38 balances carried on your books. You state that you have received no definite word concerning the investment of these funds. I stated in my letter of September 26 to you that we wished to have the 1937-38 balances invested. I am sorry I failed to make myself clear on this point. We now definitely authorize you to invest for us the balance in Accounts Payable, US\$14,141.14, and the balance in the Emergency Fund, US\$5,167.00. Had we not drawn heavily on our fixed deposits on the field during 1937-38, we would have had to draw on you for all of this. But because of war conditions here, we preferred to use funds on the field and let U.S. Currency accumulate in America. Therefore, we do not consider that the Emergency Funds have been lying idle, so far as we are concerned. We advanced funds from fixed deposits, as it were, for emergency expenses in 1937-38, and now we need the balance in Emergency Funds to replace some of it. Our fixed deposits represented reserves against certain special funds we had built up on the field, so we have to keep those reserves up to a level sufficient to cover the special funds, whether they are kept in U. S. Currency in America or in National Currency on the field. We are continuing to draw fixed deposits so as to let U.S. Currency accumulate in America, if possible.

As to the length of time of the investment, I would suggest that you put it on a yearly basis, unless you can secure a considerably better rate by investing for a longer period. In that case, you might invest the US\$14,141.14 for two years and the US\$5,167.00 for one year.

Naturally we could not invest, or draw on, the Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant of US\$6,000.00 before the Foundation accepted our report of expenditures against the same. We submitted to you last August a summary of expenses during 1937-38 against this, amounting to US\$4,651.50. We take for granted that the report has been accepted as we have heard nothing to the contrary. I am enclosing herewith a report of expenses from July 1, to December 31, 1938, for the balance, US\$1,348.50, making the total of US\$6,000.00 accounted for.

You also call attention to the fact that our 1938-39 budget is overdrawn. This refers, of course, only to the Trustees' appropriation of US\$7,228.68 @ 5:1 = LC\$36,143.30, Account "31". There are several reasons for the overdrawal of this item. In the first place, we did not know the exact amount of the Trustees' appropriation until we received your October statement on December 24. The covering letters of the Trustees minutes of October 14, which dealt with the budget, exchange rate, etc., did not reach us until January 13 and 14, even though they were mailed in New York the latter part of October. Had we known earlier that the amount

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of the appropriation in U.S. Currency was so much smaller than last year's, we could have charged the drafts we drew and sold on the field for current expenses against the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund, leaving the Trustees' appropriation to cover payments made for us through your office. Also, the payments made to both Farley and Sutton, all in U.S. Currency, are for the time being charged against Account #31. This has been a heavy drain on that account. Farley's and Sutton's expenses for the current year, you will remember, are included in our emergency budget for 1938-39, but we cannot draw on that until we know the results of the emergency campaign at the end of the year.

I am quite certain that when all adjustments are made at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1939, our budget as a whole will not be overdrawn. Certainly we can count on something from the Emergency Campaign, and we still have the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund intact. You will remember that we asked for US\$6,000.00 as special gifts in our regular budget for 1938-39, but which was not granted as the Trustees felt they could not undertake this in addition to the Emergency Campaign. For this reason, we consider that the first claims on the Emergency Campaign Fund will be to supplement the income of our regular budget.

I am enclosing herewith our January statement together with reconciliation sheet. This shows that at the end of January, including payments you had made for us through December, we had drawn US\$9,370.41 @ 5:1 LC\$46,852.07 against Account #31, which is US\$2,141.73 @ 5:1 = LC\$10,708.65 more than was appropriated. The Harvard-Yenching Funds amounting to US\$3,947.36 which you were holding for us at that time, however, more than offset the overdrawal. There will, of course, be further charges against Account #31 between now and the end of the year, particularly for our book orders through you and the payments to Farley and Sutton. I do not anticipate many payments other than those between now and the end of the year. My travel allowance will probably be the largest item, but the draft for that will probably not reach you until after the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1.

As I have stated above, I feel certain that we shall have enough funds from all sources to cover all of the necessary payments through June 30, 1939. I even think it would be perfectly safe for you to go ahead and invest for us the US\$4,651.50 of the Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant for which we reported last August, if the Foundation has accepted our report. If, however, you prefer to reduce the overdrawal of Account #31 for the remaining period of 1937-38, you are authorized to transfer that amount of the Rockefeller Grant to Account #31 upon the receipt of this letter. If you are willing to let the overdrawal accumulate, since the Harvard-Yenching Fund will largely cover it by the end of the year, we would be glad to have you invest the US\$4,651.50 for us since it represents 1937-38 expenditures.

I am enclosing herewith a report on the balance of the Rockefeller Emergency Grant of US\$6,000.00, the balance being US\$1,348.50, which represents payments we have made during the period of July 1 - December 31, 1938. This amount can be transferred to Account #31 as soon as the report is accepted.

We shall most likely have to draw some U.S. Currency

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for current expenses between now and the end of June. If so, we shall draw against any special funds you may report and against the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund. I am sure we shall not have to draw all of the Harvard-Yenching Fund. What we do not draw of it, can be transferred to Account #31 at the end of the year, if needed. However that fund may be handled, we shall enter the full amount of it on our books at the current rate of exchange as a credit to the Harvard-Yenching Institute at the end of this fiscal year, as we did last year.

When Mr. McClure wrote to Dr. Garside under date of December 24, 1937, re our policy of withdrawing fixed deposits on the field as they came due for current budget use so we could let U.S. Currency accumulate in America, due to war conditions here, he asked if your office would consider crediting us with the bank interest on the accumulated funds as additional income since our local income would be affected by withdrawing the fixed deposits. Since our 1937-38 balances have not yet been invested, or had not when you wrote on January 10, can we count on some bank interest from the same to increase our current income for 1938-39?

I hope I have not bored you too much with figures in this letter. Perhaps the next one can be of lighter stuff!

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
March 24, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of February 11th came to hand on March 15th which is not so bad considering conditions. We note the error which you desire to have corrected in your letter of March 2nd.

The problem of investment of funds in America is acute to the last degree. The government's continued borrowing with the desire to keep the interest rate down has caused them to use all sorts of devices to keep money cheap. Periodically something breaks loose when immediately a government agency steps into the breach and attacks the problem from a different angle. As a result of the chaos and uncertainty business is still holding back, as no one can have confidence in the kind of legislation which is being enacted, and which is to be proposed before Congress.

We spent a couple of hours the other day with the president of an investment house who raised the only voice of real warning which we have heard by saying that Congress has no leadership worthy of name. As long as the President could have his own way, he represented the potential leadership. But, when Congress repudiated him there was no one left to head the procession. As a result of all of this, we are still floundering around with cheap money rates.

Two courses are open - one is to accept the situation and buy securities which will yield from $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ to 3% which in every case are selling at a premium of from 3 to 10 points, with the definite assurance that ultimately they will go down. The other course is to buy medium grade securities with a larger return, but the principal will depreciate still faster in any tightening of money rates.

The talk I had with Mr. McClure left the matter of capitalizing equipment and improvements to be decided here in our office. Seemingly there is no answer to the question we have had in mind, and it means a forcing of the results to approximate the actual conditions. Up to date, I have not been able to find time to do this.

We note what you say regarding the auditing, and raise the question as to the advisability of securing some firm of auditors and have them familiarize themselves with the situation so that they could carry on from year to year. We do not know how you are located in Foochow, and probably this cannot be done at the present time with the major part of the work being carried on at Shaowu. West China and Fukien are the only Universities not employing such service.

Glad to learn that the \$60.00 for Mr. George Wu did not badly interfere with your regular task. I wonder if I asked if it is permissible to use this method. Where other universities have accounts of this nature in the United States, we have rendered some valuable services to interested individuals which are greatly appreciated.

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Miss Asher

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We note that draft #1850 has been sent through and same has been received and paid.

It is interesting to note the change of insurance procedure and presume you believe the amount adequate for protection. Plant values on our books, omitting land and improvements, investments and cash, totals \$320,000.00 plus. If your policy will cover any one building for its ratio of less, this would seem adequate unless there is conflagration. In that event, practically all of your property would go and you would be left high and dry.

Your account of the movements of the staff members reminds us of the difficulties you are encountering and other preparations which must be made in caring for the property. From day to day we watch the papers for any new signs of activity in the zones surrounding our properties and are relieved, as often we find that they are still practically intact.

We are sorry to say that the Farley situation seems to be definitely settled so far as their return is concerned. We have raised the question with President Lin as to return allowance for freight, covering the return of the household effects belonging to the Farleys, but sufficient time has not elapsed for him to reply. From what we can learn, Mr. Farley's collection is of rather vast proportions and, if it is brought to the United States, will cause someone some hard work in getting it properly packed. This matter will have to be settled, of course, before we conclude our connections with Mr. Farley. We are, however, hoping there will be no difficulties involved.

With sincerest best wishes, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

April 1, 1939

ack 5/14/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office as follows: February 15 received here on March 15; January 25, 30, received here on March 17; February 7 air mail postmarked N.Y. February 14 and the ordinary copy air mail to coast on February 18, received here on March 18; February 6, two, and February 11 mailed in Hengkong on March 14, received here on March 19, and letters of February 14 (two) and 15, received here on March 26. That will give you some idea of how mail is coming through.

I am especially glad to have your letter of February 14 with regard to the transfer of Farley's and Sutton's salary from Account 31 to Account 31-A against Emergency Funds to the amount of \$7,350. That will relieve our current budget considerably. None of the above mentioned letters had been received when I wrote you quite in detail about this under date of March 8.

We are today drawing Draft No. 1956, dated April 1, for US\$1000.00 against the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund, at three days' sight. We are selling it through the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai; so this letter may get to you before the draft comes through. This is a precaution to have sufficient funds on hand in case the fall of Nanchang and further operations in that area should have any repercussions on Northwest Fukien. Nanchang is not very far over the Fukien border in Kiangsi Province. There is no tension or difficulty of any kind for the time being in Fukien as a result of the fall of Nanchang, but we have to prepare the best we can for eventualities. We have learned by experience that little can be accomplished in moving people, things, or funds after things begin to happen.

We sent you a copy of our detailed budget for 1938-39 under date of March 25, by air mail, hoping that it will reach you by the middle of April. President Lin sent you a summary of both the Regular Budget and the Emergency Budget from Shaowu under date of March 18. I hope all of this information will reach you in time for the spring meetings.

I have notified Dr. T. H. Cheng about the US\$5.00 from Mr. Junius E. Beal for him, and have asked him to let me know how he wants it handled (reported in your letter of February 7).

I shall report to you on the "Invasion of China by the Western World" as soon as I can get the information from Shaowu (your letter of February 14).

In general everything is going along about as usual.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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April 7, 1939

ack by Asher
5/24/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am enclosing herewith the trail balance, cash statement, budget analysis, duplicate invoices and copies of Journal Vouchers #337 and #338. These cover the closing for March 31, 1939.

The budget analysis shows you are overdrawn in local currency by \$1,370.02. This is due to charging U. S. dollar expenditures on the basis of 5 to 1 and, as we have collected a larger amount of U. S. dollars than has been charged up on the disbursement side, and as more will be received before the close of the year, it would seem in order for you to make application for such U. S. dollar funds as are received from endowment and board contributions as is in excess of the U. S. equivalent charged at 5 to 1. This application will not be altered by such funds as were used in Account 31a - as in that instance we will use only the actual amount required to balance the payments.

I am suggesting to the Accounting Department that we use the Emergency Fund of 1937-38 for covering Farley and Sutton expenditures. After these expenses have been charged to last year's Emergency Fund it will be necessary for us to finally charge any overdraft in the current budget against that fund and thereafter from the current emergency fund. In other words, there are three methods at the present time for meeting the overdraft -- that is:-

1. By the use of balances accruing in the current U. S. dollar budget.
2. By the use of 1937-38 Emergency Fund.
3. By the use of 1938-39 Emergency Fund.

In writing to you as we have, we have had in mind the final closing of our books and we wish to anticipate as much of the procedure which we are to follow.

Trusting the foregoing meets with your approval, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 14, 1939

ack 4/24/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of February 25th.

As the first item of interest, I have again made an effort to get the Finance Committee to invest \$14,141.14 but without success. Frankly I admire their courage because anything can happen to this money market.

Cable dispatches from London indicate that the situation is more strained than at any time within the past year. England now seems to be solidly back of a movement to put on a bold front even to the point of war. They are tired of being bluffed and have started in to do it on a big scale themselves. As a consequence any investment at the present time is gambling with world-wide money situations.

I am acknowledging the December Statement and Reconciliation. We note the adjustments on the basis of 5 to 1 and have in mind that there must be further reconciliation for June 30th in accordance with our previous communications.

We are glad to know that the clergy certificates reached Mr. Yang Hsin Pao.

I observe that Dr. Lin is working on the budget for the coming year with the hope that it will reach us promptly. It is not in hand as yet, but we sincerely trust that it will not be unduly delayed. Others have been coming in very well indeed, and we hope they will all be in hand in time for a detailed study before the Associated Boards meeting.

Your paragraph on the Sutton salary agrees with our understanding and we are proceeding along the lines indicated. It is interesting indeed to note the working out of the exchange problem in relation to salaries.

Your paragraph regarding the work at Shaowu corroborates the report made by Bishop Gowdy when he was in the office a few days ago. He spoke of the fine spirit displayed, although they were working under very adverse circumstances.

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Miss Asher

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It all demonstrates the fine spirit which is motivating the Chinese life during this present crisis.

I am very glad indeed to learn that you have someone to help carry on the English work. Surely you have been afflicted in this respect.

We are all hopeful that the acquisition of Dr. Leger will work out satisfactorily. I am grateful, however, that the responsibility is with the field rather than with our office. You have our very best wishes.

I will have a list of names of Fukien donors made up and include with this letter, if it is possible. *

Miss Cloud is out of the office this week with a case of tonsillotomy and Miss Iverson is carrying on alone.

A recent letter from Mr. Farley states that he has written directly to you making a report on travelling expenses. In view of this statement, I am not pursuing the matter with him, being assured that the report you received will be satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 17, 1939

ack 5/25/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of March 4 together with the monthly statement for February (and also the second copy), and your letter of March 7, and your letter of March 7 to President Lin which came on April 13, a few days after he left for Hongkong.

We are glad to know that the American Board has sent in the US\$650.00 in lieu of salary for Professor F. P. Beach. I note that this covers their fiscal year, September 1, 1938 to August 31, 1939. We asked them to make it retroactive to April 1, 1938, and have it continue until Dr. and Mrs. Leger return from furlough and take up their work here. We secured Mr. C. Y. Lin for the Agricultural Department, beginning with April 1, 1938, and we planned to use this for his salary, as we had previously asked for a salary until the Board could send a family. I have today drawn this amount by Draft No. 1957 against Requisition No. 3902 chargeable to account #175.1, as is stated in your letter of March 7.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for February together with reconciliation sheet. According to this reconciliation sheet, we had drawn on Account 31 to the end of February a total of LC\$38,548.81 including gain on exchange credited to you. Since the Trustees allowance in Local Currency to us is only \$36,143.40, this means an overdrawal of LC\$2,405.41 at the end of February per our books. As I stated in my letter of March 8 to you, I am sure we shall have enough funds from all sources to cover the overdrawal at the end of the year. We have drawn only US\$1,000.00 against the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund to date, and we shall probably have a few hundred dollars more in the special scholarship gifts and the special endowment income section, and we hope something from the Emergency Campaign over and above what you have set aside for Farley's and Sutton's salaries to the end of June, 1939.

There is an item in your February statement for US\$5.14 to the American Crayon Company - Order letter from Mr. Tsai - T38-12-13-7, I do not know the source of this order, as I have heard nothing about it except from this statement. We have no one by the name of Tsai connected with our administration, or with the institution for that matter.

I reported in my letter of February 25 to you that Mr. Farley had not settled his travel account to America in the summer of 1937. I received the statement of account from him last week by air mail, and he said he was sending a check by ordinary mail to cover the

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amount to be refunded to the university in Local Currency, and that he was asking you to send me a check for the amount in U.S. Currency due the university. So there is real hope of getting this account cleared up before I leave the field, for which I am glad.

The Suttons are entitled to an increase for children's allowance at the rate of \$50.00 U.S. per year (US\$4.16 per month), beginning May 29, 1939, for Marion who will be five years old that day. So you may add US\$.42 to Mrs. Sutton's check for May, and US\$4.16 thereafter.

We have a new batch of rumors to the effect that Foochow might be attacked within the next few weeks. All of the schools in Foochow that have not previously moved to the interior have recently been strongly urged, if not "ordered", to do so by the end of this month. It is reported (rumor or fact?) that Wang Ching Wei has recommended to the Japanese the taking of Foochow and a city near Canton, after which he would step in and form a "puppet" government for South China. There are always a few, or many, gunboats along the Fukien coast from time to time, as well as visitations by air to Foochow, but we have no more evidence at the present time of anything about to take place than we have had during the last six months. Foochow was bombed on March 21, the first time since last July. A single plane has come several times since and scouted the city without dropping anything, and we have had a number of air raid signals when no planes have come which usually mean that they are somewhere in the offing along the coast. Foochow is taking all of these rumors very calmly. It is generally thought that the taking of Foochow whenever it comes to pass will not be much of a fracas, and it is also thought that the Japanese will not try to penetrate the mountains very far beyond Foochow. If they did they would have a pretty hard time, I think.

I heard recently from quite an authoritative source that in all China, the Japanese have complete control over only fifty hsiens (what we call a county), and partial control over 450 hsiens. In all of the 450 hsiens partially controlled, the National Government also have their political appointments and collect taxes. On the whole, I think the Chinese Government is more optimistic than it has been for sometime.

Unless things here break, or are about to break, I plan to go to Shaowu about April 25 and return to Foochow by the middle of May. It looks now as if I shall leave Foochow for America the latter part of June or the first part of July (see my letter of this same date to Mr. Parker for details).

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

April 17, 1939

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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of March 7 was received on April 9 and letter of March 15 on April 11.

In your letter of March 7 you sent a copy of the report you sent to the Rockefeller Foundation last fall (July 1 - Sept. 30, 1938), amounting to US\$5,792.00, and asked me to designate an assignment for the remaining US\$208.00 of the total of US\$6,000.00 granted to us by the Foundation last year for emergency purposes. I think you now have this information at hand, as I sent Mr. Evans a report on the balance of the Fund, US\$1,348.50 according to our books, under date of March 8. I note that you added to the report we sent you last August, US\$4,651.50, Dr. Sutton's travel to the field, US\$1,140.50, making a total of US\$5,792.00 reported to the Foundation by your office last fall. That is quite satisfactory to us, but since we did not know that it had been included, we did not take it into account when we reported the balance under date of February 21 (mailed to Mr. Evans March 8). I am sure you can assign something from our report of February 21 for the balance of US\$208.00.

It looks more and more as if I shall be coming home by way of the Pacific rather than by Europe, because of recent developments in Europe. I have not, however, given up entirely the plan to go by way of Europe. Things may clear up yet. We heard by radio yesterday about Roosevelt's personal message to Hitler and Mussolini, but have not yet heard their reaction to same other than that Hitler is reported to have said it was sent to the wrong address! I have secured tentative reservations on the "President Pierce", due to leave Hongkong July 14 and to arrive at Los Angeles August 6, in case I do have to give up the European trip.

While I do not wish to apply for Clergy Certificates quite yet, I think it is a good plan to send you the application blanks now, so that if I cannot decide definitely until rather late I could send you an air mail letter asking you to get the certificates for me and mail them to me at the West coast, in care of the steamship company, Los Angeles. But if I am going by Europe I do not need Clergy Certificates, as the saving from New York to Brookneal, Virginia, would be very little more, if any, than the cost of the application. If I land on the West coast, I would take the Southern route from Los Angeles. Is that covered by Western and Eastern Clergy Certificates, or would I need a Southwestern certificate? I do not have blanks for anything except Eastern and Western.

I have not received replies to my applications for financial aid at Columbia, Duke, and Boston University, so I still do not know

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where I shall be located during the year I am at home.

I am planning to leave for a visit to Shaowu around April 25, unless some of the current rumors become facts in the meantime. There are rumors that Foochow will probably be taken within a few weeks, but we have had rumors to that effect so many times before and nothing happened that I am somewhat doubtful of anything coming of the present rumors. I can't see that there would be any point in the Japanese taking Foochow now, unless they are ready to set up a "puppet" government in South China under Wang Ching Wei. Even if they are ready to do so, I cannot see that they will gain anything from it, judging from what they have not gained from the other puppet governments. If I go to Shaowu, I expect to come back by the middle of May. I am very eager to see F.C.U. in action on the Shaowu campus before I leave for America.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Fisher

P.S. We received your letter to President Lin, dated March 1, enclosing a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on February 17, 1939. It came the day President Lin left for Hongkong, April 9, but before he left, so he took the report on Greater Unity along to "absorb" on the way.

E. M. F.

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April 18, 1939

ack 4/24/39

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of March 8th is at hand and after reading the first paragraph, I am convinced that you have done much better than I could have under similar circumstances.

After writing my letter of January 10th, I was informed by the Filing Department that your letter of September 26th gave us full authority to invest funds. So, as a matter of fact, I have been endeavoring to get these funds invested for sometime. The recent break in the market would seem to warrant investment, but Europe - even more than America - has the jitters and it is reflected in about every country on the face of the earth. The predictions are that some stability must come into existence before we can face the future with any degree of assurance. Meanwhile, we are waiting for these signs to appear.

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We/presenting your report to the Rockefeller Foundation covering the balance of the \$6,000 appropriation for 1937-38 and we feel confident that this will be acceptable. The current budget for 1938-39 is absorbing the Farley-Sutton expenses -- we having carried forward, as you will note from the balance sheet, \$7,350.00 of current emergency funds to cover this amount. This leaves the 5167 to be invested as stated in the first paragraph of your letter.

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Certainly we will have to get together before the closing and study the situation carefully in the light of all of the funds available for use on the current budget. I remember that \$6,000 extra was requested from the Board of Trustees, but quite naturally this could not be underwritten with the Emergency Campaign in full swing. The Trustees in and of themselves can secure relatively little money, and it must be through outside sources that any additions to current budget income is secured. No one knows what the conditions will be next year and it might be well to call attention to the pressure that is being exerted by large donors for us to more closely correlate and unify the work both at home and abroad. It is evident that we cannot expect the same responses another year. One of our most interested board members predicted a fifty per cent reduction in the askings for 1939-40. We hope it will not be that much of a reduction.

By the time this reaches you the March 31st closing will be in hand and you will notice the arrangement we have made covering charges against Account 31.

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Miss Asher

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We trust this will meet with your approval.

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In regard to the investment of the Rockefeller Foundation appropriation of last year, we see no reason why it should not be invested with the other funds for that purpose and will be governed accordingly when the opportunity for investment arrives.

We note your procedure regarding the closing of the Harvard-Yenching Fund and we will refer this to the Accounting Department for the final closing.

Whenever income on field deposits are accumulated, we shall be very glad indeed to credit same to your local income account.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

April 24, 1939

ack 6/29/31

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letters of March 23 and 24, and one from Mr. Parker addressed to President Lin and myself, dated March 24, came yesterday.

We can quite appreciate the difficulty you are facing in trying to invest funds in America, in the light of the information given in your letter of March 24. Being this far away, we had not fully realized the acuteness of the situation. It creates something of an "income problem" for us, as we usually count on from \$4,000 - \$6,000 Local Currency from interest on funds invested locally, but I do not feel justified in authorizing you to take too much of a risk. I think the best we can do is to leave the matter to your discretion on the basis of what you are doing in general for the other universities who have followed the policy of accumulating U.S. Currency in American rather than Local Currency on the field.

The Chinese Dollar is holding up remarkably well under the circumstances and the government banks seem to be standing the strain of war conditions much better than might be expected, but I do not feel that this is the time to transfer our funds back to the field. Things in general are just as uncertain as they were when we decided on the present policy. The H & S Bank, Shanghai, is at the present time giving 5% on fixed deposits for one year, and the Bank of China 7%.

You raise the question as to the advisability of Fukien securing some firm of auditors to audit our books regularly. I have often thought of this myself, and would much prefer to have it done that way, but always end up in thinking that it is too expensive. I do not know exactly what it would cost, even if we could entice any firm to send its representatives here, but it would cost a plenty I am sure. It would mean getting some one from Shanghai or Hongkong, and we would have to bear the traveling expenses as well as the fee itself. I think it would be impossible to get anybody to go to Shaoowu, in addition to its being too expensive. We might in the future, when things somewhat settle down and we are on the home campus again, work out something with other institutions in Foochow, whereby we could share the expenses of paid auditors and thus get a better job than any of us get now and at the same time at not too great an expense. Mr. Lacy of the hospital and I were talking about this a few months ago, but both agreed that this was not the time to do anything about it.

Yes, we are glad to accommodate individuals by handling small sums for them through our Bookstore account in New York, if we are notified as to the details at the time the deposit is made. You have done this, so all is well.

I am enclosing our monthly statement for March together with reconciliation sheet. I mentioned in my last letter to you that I did not know

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anything about the item of \$5.14 for chalk ordered by Mr. Tsai, and I note from this report that no one at Shaowu knows about it either. So evidently it was charged to us in error. (This is on your February statement).

Your January statement showed that you transferred US\$1,711.66 Salary to Dr. Sutton and US\$391.77 Travel Expenses for him to Account 31A, Emergency Funds. There is an item of US\$33.90 for medical allowance which you paid out for him when he was getting ready to return to the field. Should not that also be transferred to that account? Also there is a little discrepancy between our books and yours re the amount transferred for Mr. Farley. You transferred US\$1,548.39 to Account 31A for Mr. Farley. Our books show that US\$1,695.91 has been paid to him for salary and allowances since July 1, 1938; a difference of US\$147.52. It is quite likely that this difference is due to the fact that he did not draw his 1937-38 salary in full before the end of June, 1938. We would just like to have this checked up so that we shall know where the difference comes in.

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Foochow continues to take rather calmly the rumors I reported to you in my letter of April 17, in spite of the fact that the city was bombed three times on April 21 and had an extra air raid signal thrown in for good measure. I believe this is the first time we have ever had three bombings in one day, although planes have often come three or four times in a day. The first two bombings seemed to be aiming at the Party Headquarters in the city, but it was not hit either time. The home for old people near there was hit the first time, killing three and wounding ten. The third raid concentrated on several godowns near the river front on the outer edge of the city. A frame building was hit and half of it destroyed by fire as a result, and a brick building nearby was hit. I did not hear of any casualties. It was thought that the first two bombings in the city were aimed at General Pei Chung Hsi of Kwangsi Province, who had been in Foochow several days and who had left early that morning by car. The first raid took place at 8:20 while it was raining. The other raids were at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., respectively. I was in the city at that time, and for the first time I actually saw bombs falling from the planes. I was on a boat between here and Foochow during the first raid. I much prefer to be on land.

President Lin has not yet returned from Hongkong. I am leaving Foochow for Shaowu the evening of April 26 and expect to arrive there the afternoon of April 28. I expect to return by the middle of May at the latest. I shall stay with President and Mrs. Lin while I am there.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Fisher

P.S. April 25.

Foochow was bombed again this morning, 7:25 a.m. We have not yet had a report of it as both telephones are out of order, whether or not due to the bombing I do not know.

Just had another "visitation" including bombing, 10:10 - 10:50

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NOTE: See letter of April 27, 1939 to Mrs. Sutton

April 27, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We are enclosing herewith copy of the report from the Medical Department covering Mrs. Sutton and the children.

The Medical Department has made some recommendations covering X-ray treatment in Hornell and we are asking Mrs. Sutton to check upon the costs and inform us of the amount involved. The agreement with staff members under medical care states that in special cases full payment is not assured, but the university would expect to give substantial help.

As this is being done under the recommendation of the Medical Department and with our knowledge, we will first find out what amount of money is involved and get the action of the Finance Committee, if it is deemed necessary. We will let you know later the outcome.

I sincerely trust it will not involve any sizable amount, as we do not wish to cause any further embarrassment to these good people.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 5, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

You will find the trial balance sheet, cash statement, and budget analysis for April 30th enclosed herewith - also two invoices and a copy of Journal Voucher #339.

I have been in touch with the treasurer of the board regarding the investment of field funds, but he is unwilling to go ahead under the extreme unfavorable conditions at the present time. To a certain extent I agree with him - but, nevertheless, I am searching for some available security for which we will not have to pay an excessive price and which will not fall off rapidly in any market recession which we may have in the near future. That is a real task.

We are reporting also that on next month's balance sheets you will see an increase in the Harvard-Yenching Institute income for the last quarter. At the last meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Board, the trustees voted to increase the total appropriation for the University to not exceed \$85,000. The amount, therefore, which you will receive for the current year will be \$8,947.36 instead of \$7,894.72 as budgeted.

Probably you will not be able to absorb this additional amount in this restricted account - but, nevertheless, we are making it available for the current year. No sizable amount was received through the Emergency Campaign this last month--work being concentrated on several prospects which we hope will bring results shortly.

A copy of the trial balance sheet will go forward in a later mail.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Shaowu, Fukien
May 6, 1939

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

Seen by E. B. H.

Dear Mr. Evans:

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In reply to your letter of March 27 to President Lin re his subscription to the Journal of Higher Education, he wishes the subscription to begin with the March issue.

I left Foochow on April 26 for Shaowu as planned, and arrived at Yenping the following day (that is the boat part of the journey). I intended to take the bus to Shaowu the following day, but could not as some of the authorities there at Yenping had received orders that foreigners were not permitted to travel in ten places in Fukien Province, and Shaowu was one of the places named. So I had to sit patiently (?) and wait for President Lin. He got to Yenping from Hongkong and Foochow on May 1, secured the necessary pass for me, and we came to Shaowu on May 3. I shall leave here for Foochow about the middle of the month.

I am so glad that I succeeded in getting here. In spite of coming here myself in March, 1938, when we were having some of the buildings repaired, and looking over the entire property, and later having many reports by word of mouth and letters, I find everything here better than I expected. I feel more strongly than ever that we were most fortunate in having this place to retreat to, and that we did the wise thing to move when we did. I feel sure that as a group, as well as individuals, the students and faculty have done much better work here than they could have possibly done in Foochow during the last year. Even though Foochow was quiet for about eight months (quiet from the standpoint of having no bombing), it has not been without tension of varying degrees. And right now that tension has increased to the point that all schools have been ordered, not strongly advised, to move out of Foochow and they have done so. Practically all government representatives and offices have left the city. And many people in all walks of life are again leaving. The general populace remained rather calm until the bad bombing of April 25 and several later ones.

When I wrote you on April 25, we at the university did not know what damage had been done by that day's bombing. Planes came three times, and did considerable damage each time. Quite a few people were killed and wounded, many more than at any time in the past. Very busy sections not near military objectives were bombed, a departure from past bombings. There

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have been several such bombings since I left Foochow, but I do not know the details of them. It is still the general consensus of opinion that the city will not be taken any time soon, because the Japanese cannot spare the large number of soldiers it would require to hold it. It is easy enough for them to take it, but to hold it is another thing yet.

But I started out to write about Shaowu. People here, students and faculty, are comfortably settled for war time. While they do not have as much space and as many conveniences as usual, they feel they are very fortunate to have as much as they do. Everything is clean and neat, but without any frills. Every one displays a fine spirit. I have the feeling that students are more diligent in their work and responsibilities than I have ever known them to be. It is truly a privilege to be a member of the "F.C.U. Family", and I am very happy to have even this short time with them before I leave for America.

I have looked over most of the buildings. They look so much better repaired and occupied! I plan to see every nook and cranny before I leave here, as well as all of the agricultural experiments. I have been out to the rice fields where one of the members of the agricultural faculty has planted 10,000 varieties of rice for experimental purposes. He is most enthusiastic about his work. It is quite a ways out of the city, but he goes out there once or twice a day regularly.

We had our spring concert last night, and it did credit to Miss Lin Ching Hua, a graduate of last year, who has had charge of the music since Mrs. Scott left. That open gymnasium which we use for a chapel was transformed into a festive looking place with the use of a little bamboo, colored paper streamers, and Chinese lanterns, all under a perfect moon. The students are putting on a play tonight, and Monday, May 8, is College Day. That is the extent of their spring vacation. Commencement is June 5, and the Summer Session begins on June 10, lasting until September 26. It is divided into two parts. The fall term is scheduled to begin on September 28.

I have practically given up the idea of going by way of Europe. Conditions there are too uncertain. I do not care to get mixed up in another war. So I shall most likely leave Hongkong on the "President Pierce" on July 14 and land at Los Angeles on August 6.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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May 12, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 1st which pretty much is a summary of letters which you have received from us.

I felt confident that mail had been delayed when you wrote us in March and can appreciate how you feel to have the budget relieved of such a considerable item as the Farley and Sutton account.

Draft No. 1956 for \$1,000.00 has not been received as yet.

We have all been greatly concerned over recent bombings on the coast, as well as in Chungking, but we trust that divine providence will hold a protecting hand over our universities. Our prayers are broader than that, however, in that we are constantly petitioning the Lord to intervene in this inhuman struggle.

The budget figures for 1939-40 came to hand and this afternoon a meeting of the Associated Boards will be held to give first consideration to these figures. If anything important transpires, I will get in touch with you again.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

49 West 49 Street

May 23, 1939

My dear Mr. Garside

I have the honor to inform you that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Rockefeller Foundation held May 19, 1939, an appropriation was made to the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, providing up to a total of \$75,000, in addition to RF 38078, for distribution in full, in the following quotas agreed to by the officers of the Foundation as emergency grants toward general expenses during the academic year 1938-39, with the understanding that any balance remaining unallocated as of October 1, 1939, shall be available for allocation in connection with general expenses of the year 1939-1940:

Chefoo	\$5,000
Ginling	\$7,000
Hua Chung (Central Chinese College)	\$4,000
Lingnan	\$10,000
Nanking	\$15,000
Shanghai	\$4,000
West China	\$10,000
Yenching	\$16,000
Fukien	\$4,000

A check for the full amount of this appropriation, \$75,000 will be sent you shortly, with the understanding that a summary report will be received from you indicating that payments have been made in accordance with the schedule. Under the terms of this grant, any balance remaining unallocated at the close of the fiscal year 1939-1940 reverts to the Foundation.

It was the understanding of the meeting that this appropriation carries with it no implication of future assistance.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

HONNA S. THOMPSON
Secretary

Mr. B. A. Garside
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

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Air Mail

Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China
May 24, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have received letters from your office dated March 15, April 7, 8, 10, 14, 18. I am writing now particularly with reference to your letters of April 7 and 18 which have to do with the overdraft of our current budget (Account 31) and suggestions for closing the account at the end of the current fiscal year, June 30.

We should like to cover the overdraft with funds from 1938-39 income, if possible, and leave all 1937-38 balances intact ready to be invested as soon as economic conditions will permit. By the 1937-38 balances, I mean the following:

US\$14,141.14 now carried in Directors' Current Account No. 174

5,167.00 Balance left in 1937-38 Emergency Fund

6,000.00 Rockefeller Grant for Emergency

To help meet the overdraft on the current budget from 1938-39 income, we hereby make application for the U.S. Dollars you have collected from endowment and board contributions as is in excess of the U.S. equivalent charged at 5:1 (your letter of April 7). In addition to this, we shall have balances left in certain special funds, such as (1) special scholarships and endowment income restricted, (2) Harvard-Yenching Fund, and (3) whatever is left in our share of the 1938-39 Campaign Fund after charging Farley's and Sutton's salaries and allowances against it. So we would prefer to have all necessary adjustments at the end of the current fiscal year made from these current balances rather than using last year's balances. I hope this letter will reach you before you are ready to make final adjustments.

The item of US\$34.35 paid to Morris W. Ehnes for shipping three cases and two bags, and charged to Account 31 per your February statement, was for Dr. Sutton's freight. Since he is allowed something for freight charges, this should be charged to Account 31-A, should it not?

In President Lin's letter of May 13 to you he forgot to reply to the question raised in one of your letters re not having any definite vote from the Board of Managers for our action in regard to Mr. Farley. He remembered this after he had left Shaowu for Yung-an and sent a note back to me asking me to incorporate the explanation of this in his letter to you, but I had mailed the letter before I received his note. For your information, I quote here what he said: "When writing to Mr. Evans please mention also that in dismissing our senior faculty members we do not ask the Board of Managers to take definite action, and generally report to them at the annual meeting, although we have consulted the Managers personally before the definite step is taken by the administration. So the New York office will not find official action by our Board of Managers with regard to Mr. Farley until my annual report next November. But the members have known of and have agreed with the administration take the steps we did."

I returned to Foochow on May 16 after a most satisfying visit with the "F.C.U. Family" on the Shaowu campus. Now I am better able to share with them in their daily life on the new campus. It will mean much to me during my year in America.

There has been no marked changes in conditions in Fukien Province, and Foochow particularly, since Dr. Sutton's letter to you early in May and President Lin's of May 13. We continue to have bombing and interference in shipping.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

NOTE: See letter of May 23, 1939 from Rockefeller Foundation

May 25, 1939

ack 6/26/39 + 6/20/39
by Sutton

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter received from the Rockefeller Foundation showing that \$4,000.00 has been allocated to Fukien Christian University.

As this money will be forthcoming within the next few days, we are authorizing you to draw \$4,000.00 on requisition #3903.

You will note that a report is required as to the use of this fund and consequently an accounting of expenditures should be rendered as promptly as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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via air mail to Pacific Coast - "EMPRESS OF RUSSIA"
c.c. to Accounting Office.

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May 25, 1939

ack 6/26/39
by Sutton

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of April 17th in which you refer to the US\$650.00 received from the American Board in lieu of salary for Professor Beach. The attitude of the American Board is that with Dr. Leger's appointment to the University they have supplied the vacancy and the \$650.00 is for the intervening period when no one had been appointed. Unless someone is appointed to take Dr. Leger's place, the American Board is simply gaining through the death of Professor Beach.

With the mission boards all facing increasingly large deficits, we can hardly go at them for additional cash payments. We are facing a very similar situation with the Methodist Board with Nanking, with seemingly no recourse, although they were one of the original signers of the vacancy clause in the Nanking Constitution.

The monthly statement for February has been checked and note that the gain in exchange on Draft #1836 is only \$10.00. Should this not be LC\$110.00? For the time being, however, we have only credited \$10.00.

We must apologize with all humility that a Yenching bill should have been paid out of Fukien funds. The American Crayon Company invoice passed through four different hands in the office and still it got charged to Fukien when it should have been Yenching. We have drawn a Yenching check to cover this error.

Yes, Mr. Farley reported to us on his salary and I believe we have written you ere this regarding the \$61.16 which is to be credited to the field account.

We note that the Suttons are to be credited with an increase because of Marion's age. We will take care of that in the next salary remittance.

Yes, we have seen from the newspapers the statements made by Wang Ching Wei. Even this morning's paper stated he was on the way to the North to take over the leadership of a Japanese "puppet" government. I wonder how long he will be permitted to carry on in that capacity.

We are greatly interest in what you say regarding the control of the territory. We have heard similar reports and a map made by one of the aids of Nelson T. Johnson showed a few direct lines between cities held by the invaders -- all other territory being under Chinese control. From a reliable source we heard yesterday that there is acute unrest among the invading forces' home control about carrying on this war and that something drastic might happen any time.

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We are looking forward to seeing you and hope that you will have a pleasant voyage back to the States.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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"MISSIONS"

May 31, 1939

ack 7/20/39

Dr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Parker:

Under date of April 17, I sent you clergy application blanks filled in thinking that I might at the last minute send you an air mail letter informing you that I would be coming by the Pacific and ask you to get the clergy certificates for me. I am now definitely planning to come by the Pacific, "President Pierce" from Hongkong on July 14, due to arrive at Los Angeles August 6. There is time, however, to notify you by ordinary mail, I think. Please send the certificates to me in care of the American President Lines, Los Angeles. I have in mind to take the Southern Pacific route from Los Angeles to Virginia, and I am not sure just what certificates I need for that. Will you please find out and get what I need. In case the Southern Pacific should not grant the use of clergy certificates, as is the case with some roads, get certificates for some route which does, and I'll give up going by the Southern Pacific.

If anything should happen so that I cannot get to Hongkong or Shanghai to get the "Pierce", I shall cable you. If that should be necessary, please notify my family, Mrs. W. J. Asher, Brookneal, Virginia, and Mr. R. W. McClure, 960 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California. I hope I shall be able to get out all right, but there is considerable difficulty at the present time in connection with boats coming in and going out. Sometimes they can accomplish it and sometimes they can't. Right now even the Post Office launch does not dare go outside the barrier. But conditions change every few days.

Foochow continues to be bombed. Most of the raids of the last few weeks have been carried out by one lone plane each time. But it keeps at it steadily and keeps traffic and business tied up the greater part of the day. It makes from one to five trips a day, on an average of about three, the days it does come, and usually unloads four bombs each trip. Machine-gunning goes with much of the bombing. Boats on the river are often machine-gunned. We dare not travel on the river at all during the day. Most of the boats run at night, and practically all business is carried on in the evening - everything closed up during the day. A boat fifteen or twenty miles above Foochow, going up river, was bombed and machine-gunned two days ago, killing thirty-two on the spot and wounding some fifty or sixty, some of which have since died. Only three people on the launch escaped being wounded. After the bomb hit the front of the boat, the hydroplane lit on the water and machine-gunned at close range. So far as I have been able to find out, the boat was just an ordinary passenger boat running between Foochow and this village some twenty miles up the river.

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The electric light plant was bombed on May 26. The building was partially destroyed and some of the large steam pipes, but I understand that the main part of the machinery was sufficiently protected as not to be badly damaged. There have been no lights since. I am not sure whether or not the company plans to repair it - only to be bombed again no doubt. We received notice from the company just the day before telling us that they had been ordered to take in all of the line materials on the rural lines and that our distribution line would be taken down on May 27. So we were prepared for no lights when it happened one day earlier. We miss not getting radio news more than we do the lights.

Foochow seems to be a doomed city. If the Japanese do not occupy it, they will continue to destroy it from the air, and if they do occupy it, the Chinese will apply the "scorched earth" policy before they give it up. Every effort is being made to get all civilians to leave the city, but they respond rather slowly. Of course, thousands have gone. The poorer people find it very difficult to move and they are loath to leave their little all here. If they do not go, I am afraid they are in for even more suffering.

Property of the Methodist Mission and the Anglican Mission in Hinghwa, about 70 miles from Foochow, was bombed on May 25. The Methodist church and several buildings of their girls' high school and a primary school of the Anglican Mission were all bombed. So far as any one could judge that was the main objective, as nothing else was touched. The American flag was on the church.

Things here on the campus go on as usual. I am sorry to go off and leave Dr. Sutton and Professor Kellogg here. At best we feel a bit cut off from the general public, and at worst we really are cut off! With the road gone, river travel impracticable, and the telephone often out of order, there is little communication of any kind between here and Foochow. There are so few missionaries in Foochow, due partly to the schools moving inland and partly to people being on furlough, every person is responsible for more than one person can easily look after, and therefore every one stays put more closely than would otherwise be the case. From every point of view, I think Dr. Sutton was very wise to cable his family to cancel their sailing.

I expect to leave Foochow for Hongkong by July 1 at the latest, and earlier (any time after the middle of June) if it looks as though all boats may stop calling here.

I did not get any scholarship grant from either Columbia University or Duke University. It would seem that studying at Columbia is out of the question as that is more expensive than either of the other two. Duke University is no more expensive than Boston University even after deducting the scholarship of \$100 which B.U. offers, so I can still choose between B.U. and Duke.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Usher

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處公辦長校

Shoown.

June 8, 1939.

Dear Eva:

I shall approve of your leaving Foochow as soon as you can secure a passage for Hongkong after June 15. If it is necessary for you to go to Kunglung or Swatow by land in order to get to Hongkong or Shanghai you may also do so, and at the most convenient time.

The University will pay the additional cost of living in Hongkong or Shanghai while waiting for your boat to go to America, after deducting your regular expenses which you would have to stand while in Foochow.

I am still in favor of your studying the furthest in study. You may decide where to go after you arrive New York and have time to consult with Dr. beside Mr. Evans ~~and~~ some members of our Board of Trustees such as Dr. A. J. Fairfield, Dr. Cartwright. You really can do your study at any one of the good standing Universities such as University of Virginia, Syracuse, etc. It is still likely that a tuition scholarship can be secured from some of these universities. The fields of English Literature & History are generally conducted at fairly high level in most of the well known institutions of higher learning. If the tuition could not be saved in some way, I shall be

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ready to recommend to our Trustees that the University pay your tuition for further study during the fourth year.

There is a general need of a course in statistics for an agriculture education and economic students. The students in Agricultural Economics are also required to have some knowledge in accounting. You may brush up these courses when we studying in America. You will likely be asked to help in these fields when you return as we do not yet have any specially trained persons to care for them.

I have not yet heard from Miss Lee of Hongkong. Neither from any other persons to whom I have written. Please call up Miss Lee while you are in Hongkong, and urge her to come. If you get any definite reply from her, please send me a telegram. (Miss Lee, 26 Caine Road, Hongkong. Phone 31036)
Dr. Chen Hsin-tao's Laboratory phone is 24040. Cheng T. H. Chao's phone is 21325 (St. John's Hostel, Hongkong University)

Please send a Shanghai check for \$150 (one hundred and fifty) to Mr. Liao for his Encyclopedia Britannica which I understood to be in our possession. His name & address are: 廖慰慈, 上海, 法界
薛華立路, 和平里一號.

With best wishes for a pleasant trip to Hongkong from
all of us,

Yours sincerely,
C. F. Chi.

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"I am still in favor of your spending the furlo in study. You may decide where to go after you arrive in New York and have time to consult with Dr. Garside, Mr. Evans and some members of our Board of Trustees such as Dr. Wynn Fairfield, Dr. Cartwright. You really can do your study at any one of the good standing universities such as University of Virginia, Syracuse, etc. It is still likely that a tuition scholarship can be secured from some of these universities. The fields of English Literature and History are generally conducted at fairly high level in most of the well known institutions of higher learning. If the tuition could not be saved in some ways, I shall be ready to recommend to our Trustees that the University pay your tuition for further study during the furlo year."

*Excerpt from the _____
of _____*

June 16, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I greatly appreciate your letter of May 6th and the details of conditions in Fukien Province. The account of conditions at Shaowu help us greatly in visualizing the situation. Bishop Gowdy told us something of what was going on there but your letter brings us down to date.

It is rather interesting that the Chinese can find it within their providence to sing. One would think that concerts and the like would be more or less colored by melancholy or a minor cord and yet we hear of these incidents of where the use of music gives expression to their innermost feeling. For instance, the production of the Messiah at Yenching at Christmas was the best yet.

We have noted that July 4th is to be your approximate sailing date and to land in Los Angeles August 6th.

We note that President Lin's subscription to the Journal of Higher Education should begin with the March issue, and we are following same through.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Hongkong
June 22, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I left Foochow on rather short notice, June 14, for Hongkong, as it seemed to be the consensus of opinion in Foochow that it would be the last chance I would have to get out in order to make my July 14 sailing on the "President Pierce" from Hongkong. The Foochow port has been officially closed since May 30, and actually closed since around May 20. The boat I left on called contrary to orders, and since it was in, the company made special arrangements with both the Chinese and Japanese officials to get passengers on board; no attempt to load or unload cargo. I arrived at Hongkong on June 18. I hoped I might get a sailing on the "Cleveland" from here June 30, but it is impossible as it is already full to overflowing and has a long waiting list, which is also true of the "Empress of Russia" which leaves tomorrow. So I have to have another lesson in patience!

Dr. Sutton has been appointed to take my work at the university as from June 14, so he will be signing drafts on your office now. You are already familiar with his signature.

I wrote to your office several times between the middle of May and June 14, but I am not sure that the letters got out. In one of those letters I asked Mr. Parker to send my Clergy Certificates to me in care of the steamship company at Los Angeles. If this letter reaches your office in time, they may be sent to me at the following address:

c/o Mrs. C. R. Yellow
378 South Los Robles
Pasadena, California

*Eastern & Western
Clergies applied for 7/10*

I have asked Mrs. Yellow to meet me at the boat, and to arrange for a place for me to stay the few days I am there. I plan to stay there only a few days, to visit with the various Foochow people in and around Los Angeles. Then I shall go to my home in Brookneal, Virginia, and can come on to New York any time the latter part of August if desirable. It looks now as though I shall study at either Boston or Duke University. Columbia offers no scholarship and is more expensive. Duke offers no scholarship either, but is as cheap or cheaper than B.U. with \$100.00 scholarship offered.

I have drawn my full salary for July at the furlough rate, US \$79.13 per month, so please do not deposit anything to my bank account for July.

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If any of our letters written in May have gotten through, you will know something about conditions in and around Foochow. We have had quite constant bombing since April 21, resulting in considerable damage to property and loss of life. Even worse than the bombing almost is the machine-gunning of boats. We have not dared travel on the river during the day for the last six weeks. Everything in Foochow is closed during the day; shops open up a bit at night. The air raids during the day keep people busy getting away from the busy sections. The bombing seems to be directed towards the destruction of trade and business. All factories of any size, saw mills, electric light plant, paper mill, etc., have all been bombed. Everything in Foochow is quite at a standstill. So if you do not get letters from there you will understand. We had received no outside mail for three weeks when I left. I suppose the boat I left on took mail in, but it could not possibly get to Foochow before I had to start to the boat.

The fall of Swatow yesterday makes me wonder what effect, if any, it will have on Foochow.

I am sending two medium sized boxes to New York by freight; had them consigned to the Board of Foreign Missions. Box No. I contains a rug and a few tins of tinned goods, Chinese umbrella, and two pictures; Box No. II contains dishes and other breakables. Everything in both boxes are used personal effects. I shall write to the Shipping Department with these details, including a list of contents, but just mention it here in case the boxes should get through before my letter. But I hardly think that will happen for there is not a boat from here to New York until next week, and those boats are rather slow. I am in a hurry now to get this letter off by Imperial Airways today - cheaper than the China Clipper from here, and requires only four or five days longer.

Since I have such a long wait here in Hongkong, I am taking a trip to Manila, leaving tonight by the "President Cleveland", and will get the "Pierce" in Manila instead of Hongkong. Will leave Manila on June 10. My address there will be care of Miss Mildred Blakeley, 1261 General Luna, Manila. I do not think you will have any need for it; it is just to report where I am. This is the W.F.M.S. in Manila.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
June 27, 1939

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

Dear Friends:

We are enclosing a copy of the minutes of the Trustees' Annual Meeting held June 6th. A copy is going by Clipper mail to Miss Asher and one by way of air to the Pacific Coast to catch the "President Coolidge" and also one copy to Dr. C. J. Lin.

There were signed reports made by Dr. Cressy, Bishop Gowdy and Dr. Scott. The latter dealt more with the personnel of the University and various activities during the year.

Budget for 1939-40. We are sorry to state that since the meeting a communication has been received from the American Board cutting their appropriation and reducing Fukien's appropriation to \$2,625.00. This is due to the greatly reduced income from invested funds. The Board has been facing this for some time, but has not reduced educational appropriation, making up the difference from gain in exchange from China. As their budgets have been readjusted to care for the exchange at current levels, they are no longer in a position to underwrite the previous amount. This will make a reduction of \$875.00 on your general budget. However, the administration expenses are less by \$299.00, and the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation is larger than first anticipated. There is also every prospect of our getting \$500.00 from the Reformed Board. It will be noted that the Trustees will cooperate with the Associated Boards in an effort to secure \$23,583.84 of special funds.

Communication from Hwa Nan Committee. This covers the process through which eventually a cable was sent to the field, both from the Board of Trustees and also one by the Woman's Committee, urging the Board of Managers to invite Hwa Nan. A cable response has been received indicating that a treble invitation was extended. We are still in the dark as to the result.

Harvard-Yenching Institute Restricted Fund. This item is explanatory and calls for no further comment, except to state that there are possibilities of securing more funds for the relief of the Colleges, unless the Trustees think it advisable to include this amount with the Income Stabilization Fund under III-d. For your information, other boards have appointed committees to confer jointly to reach a decision. Undoubtedly the request will be to turn the funds over to the various treasurers.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS MEETING

Investments. This was a general resolution passed by the Associated Boards and was aimed particularly at Yenching University which is holding some Standard Oil of California Bonds and some Amara Oil Stock. The Finance Committee of Yenching will give the matter attention at an early date and the Fukien Committee will likewise take some action, although Aluminum Company is the only stock which might be considered in the category mentioned.

Appointments to Associated Boards. This was taken care of by the Nominating Committee.

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President C. J. Lin
Miss Asher

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Appropriation for Associated Boards Budget. As the amount requested from Fukien had been included in the budget, it was not necessary to take further action.

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Amendment to the Charter. Since the meeting, one additional signature has been received which leaves one still pending.

Report of the Committee on Western Staff. After reporting on the attitude of the field toward affiliation of university-supported staff with cooperating mission boards, it was decided to dismiss the Committee.

The election of officers and the appointment of committees represented the report of the Nominating Committee and the meeting adjourned.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 29, 1939 *ack 6/27/39*

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

In order to facilitate handling the rush of work which we will have to face during July, I am acknowledging your letter of May 24th which came to hand promptly on June 23rd. It brings to us your final suggestion regarding the closing of the books and we will be governed accordingly in the handling of the balances as outlined in paragraph 2. We have also noted the procedure to be followed in covering any possible deficits in the current account, but will write you later as to the actual result of the closing.

By Journal Voucher #346 we have transferred US\$34.35 for shipping charges on the Sutton account to Account #31-A.

The explanation regarding action of the Board of Managers in the Farley matter is noted and we will look for the action in the Annual Minutes of the Managers.

I trust this letter gets through to you, as well as subsequent ones which will be forthcoming, although I note from this morning's paper that all the China ports will be closed very soon.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Home Address: Breakneal, Va.

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S. S. President Pierce

July 31, 1939

Dear Mr. Evans:

When I was in
Hong Kong I received a letter
from Dr. Sutton stating that he
had sent a U.S. Draft for \$2000.00
^{Accepted 8/4/39} to Mr. Fuller of the Associated
Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, for
sale and deposit to our current
account. He was afraid that due
to slow mail service between
Tsochow and Shanghai, the draft
might be a long time on the
way. So he asked me to check up
on it when I got to Shanghai
and in case it had not arrived
for me to arrange with Mr. Fuller
for a draft of that amount.

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I found that the draft Dr. Sutton sent from Foochow had not arrived, so I authorized Mr. Fuller to draw a draft on ^{8/1/39} ~~our~~ New York office for ~~US\$~~ 2000. ^{not used} The draft will be signed by Glenn V. Fuller. He said he had drafts for the Associated Boards on which he could designate the university concerned. I would have signed the draft had the office been open, but I was in Shanghai on Sunday and saw Mr. Fuller at his home. So please honor the draft when it comes in.

As you know, no doubt, conditions in Foochow were very bad the latter part of June, and every one expected Foochow to be taken. Whenever that happens the university at Shaoowu will be quite cut off from the home

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campus. So Dr. Sutton was busy trying to get last things, including funds, to F.C.U. at Shaoowu. The last letter I had from Dr. Sutton was dated July 5. The tension of the previous two weeks had decreased considerably much to everybody's relief. But the Japanese were still in control of the harbor and there were many battleships around. I know nothing of what might have happened there during the last three weeks. We get very little China news through the "News Flashes" issued on board.

We have had a good trip in general. I took the train from Kobe to Tokyo and Yokohama. As an "inexperienced observer", I saw no signs on the surface that Japan is engaged in war. The thing that struck me most was the utter indifference of shopkeepers to potential

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customers. I did not intend to buy, but I know some people did. We could not decide whether it was a part of a general "anti-foreign" campaign, or whether they thought we were Britishers, or whether they were afraid to be seen talking to foreigners. The Anglo-British Conferences were in session while we were there.

Kobe, Tokyo, and Yokohama (as well as other places no doubt) were having practices in "blackouts" both nights we were in Japan.

I expect to see Miss Thomas in San Francisco, and Mrs. Kellogg is meeting me in Los Angeles, August 6. I received letters from both of them at Honolulu. I plan to be at Brookneal, Virginia, soon after the middle of August, unless for any reason you should want me to come to New York first. If I hear nothing from you to the contrary while I am in California, I shall go on to Brookneal.

Looking forward to seeing
all of you before very long.
Sincerely yours, Eva M. Asher

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678 So. Los Robles
Pasadena, Calif.
August 7, 1939

Dear Mr. Evans:

I got in yesterday morning and am with Mrs. Kellogg as planned. I found here your letters of July 19 and 21 and the Clergy Certificates.

I have to admit that I had completely overlooked notifying the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. about Dr. Sutton signing checks on our Bookstore account. I am enclosing a letter of authentication herewith asking that you will

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please attach to it a copy of Dr. Sutton's signature from your files and forward the same to the Bank.

I expect to leave here about August 10 or 11 for Brookneal, Virginia, and will plan to come to New York in the early part of September.

I hear that Mrs. Sutton has a sailing for sometime in September. I cannot understand why she would consider taking the children back under present conditions. I am afraid she will regret the move as soon as she is there.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

J. I. P.
wrote Central
Hanover 8/9

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August 9, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Brookmeal
Virginia

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of August 7th to Mr. Evans is at hand, and we are taking the necessary steps to notify the Central Hanover Bank about Dr. Sutton's signature.

We have had no definite and final word from Mrs. Sutton as to her decision on going to China. Letters from Dr. Sutton have come which may influence her to remain here.

In the past two or three weeks we have had considerable correspondence from Miss Eunice Thomas, and she indicated that she hoped to see you when you passed through San Francisco. She has not sent us any final word as to what her decision is.

We will be looking forward to seeing you in September in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph I. Parker

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Rec'd 8/20/39.

Brookneal, Virginia
August 19, 1939

Mr. Joseph S. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Oct. 8-21-39

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of
August 7 came in due time. I
arrived here at Brookneal on
August 10.

I found Mr.
here upon arrival telling me that
I had been accepted for work in
the Graduate School of Duke
University, Durham, N.C. Unless
you people there would prefer
that I study at Columbia, or any
other place, I shall make final

Recd 8/20/39.

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Brookneal, Virginia
August 19, 1939

Mr. Joseph S. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of
August 9 came in due time. I
arrived here at Brookneal on
August 15.

I found mail
here upon arrival telling me that
I had been accepted for work in
the Graduate School of Duke
University, Durham, N. C. Unless
you people there would prefer
that I study at Columbia, or any
other place, I shall make final

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arrangements to enter Duke this fall.

Duke does not offer a scholarship nor does Columbia. Boston University offers a scholarship of \$100.00 for the year. Even with the scholarship at B. U., Duke is less expensive than either B. U. or Columbia. I think it is too late now to hope to get a scholarship anywhere. What do you think? If I could find any suitable place which is cheaper than Duke, I would not hesitate to give up Duke. Every U.S. Dollar means so much in China now, I want to be as economical as possible. The tuition

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at Duke is \$200.00 for ^{the} year. It is \$300.00, or more, at both Columbia and B. U. President Lin said he would authorize the Trustees to defray my tuition charges in case I could not get a scholarship to cover the same. I'll bring his letter along when I come to New York.

I should like to have a definite reply as soon as possible concerning whether or not your people approve of my studying at Duke University, so that I shall know how to plan. The time is getting very short.

Could you find out for me what are the lowest rates at the Martha Washington Hotel, or the Prince George, for rooms, or any other

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suitable place which might be more reasonable. With the Fair on, I shall probably have to make reservation beforehand. I shall probably come around the 8th or 9th of September.

I am writing the Purchasing department of the Board of Foreign Missions about getting me a Remington Portable typewriter. If they should get it and want payment for it before I arrive, please pay them and charge against my salary.

Also they are looking after two boxes of freight for me. It will be in order to pay them when they call for it. Anything other than duty, should there be any, should be charged ~~to~~ my travel. I am personally responsible for duty.

Yours very truly,
Eva M. Asher

Box 292
College Station
Durham, N.C.

October 21, 1939

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Dr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Parker:

I have your letter of
October 19 re the number of faculty members
at Fokien Christian University, 1938-39.

Counting down through
the rank of Instructor, we had twenty-five
(25) full-time teachers (22 Chinese, 3 Western),
and one part-time Chinese, and two part-time
Westerners, equal I am sure to one full-
time teacher. Thus we had twenty-six
full time teachers.

My figures may possibly
differ a little with the figures which will
show on the Report to the Board of Regents,
but I believe they are nearly enough right
for you to use.

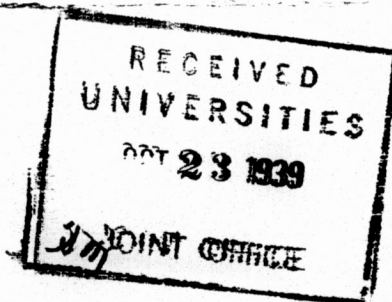
I think you wanted only
teachers, not administrative officers. If you

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want Administrative officers, there would be four (3 Chinese, 1 Western). The Dean & Business Manager are not counted here because I have counted them as full-time teachers (both Chinese). They carry practically a full teaching load; quite likely a normal teaching load.

I have not counted Graduate Assistants in anything, though one did do some teaching - practically full-time, I think. We had four or five Graduate Assistants, in case you want to count them.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher



Box 292
College Station
Durham, N. C.
October 22, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my travel expense from Foochow to Brookneal, Virginia. As you will see on page 2, I am due to refund to the university the amount of US\$24.40. ✓ Will you please deduct that amount from my salary and credit the University Account on your books for the same. I think that is better than sending a check direct to Foochow, considering the uncertainty of the mails, etc. I am sending a copy of this expense account to Dr. Sutton, telling him that I have asked you to deduct this amount from my salary and credit the university account.

Deducted
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The entire cost of my travel home is a little more than it would have been under normal conditions, because I had such a long wait from the time I arrived in Hongkong until I sailed for America. This, of course, was due to the uncertainty of travel between Foochow and Hongkong. The university administration approved of my leaving when I did.

OK due

In reply to your letter of October 11 re the charges on the two boxes the Methodist Board sent to Brookneal for me, both of them were sent by Express, C.O.D. I have included these two items, \$2.80 and \$3.73, in my travel account, so you do not need to make any refund to me. If Mr. Hasemeyer has sent, or does send, you a bill for handling charges from the customs to the Board of Foreign Missions, that should be charged against my traveling expenses. He did not send me a bill for that, but there must have been a charge for it.

There will be little, if anything, left of October salary to deposit to my bank account. But I shall not ask for any advance until I see how much there will be left for October. I may be able to get along, and may not.

\$14.14

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Things here are going all right, but I find my program a bit strenuous. I have been somewhat handicapped, however, by having to change glasses in mid-stream, so to speak. I am all fixed up now in regard to that and it is quite possible that it will relieve me of some of the strain I have felt in studying - so much reading to do.

It has been very warm here except for a few invigorating days. I am told that there is very little snow in this part of the country. I am disappointed, for I want to see some big snows!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Eva M. Asher - Travel Account (June 14 - Aug. 15), 1939
(Foochow - Brookneal, Va.)

Received from Fukien Christian University in advance on
account of travel US\$350.00 LC\$125.00

Expenses in Foochow Currency

Transfer of baggage from tender to "Haiching" LC\$.50
Tip on Haiching - Foochow to Hongkong 3.00
Telegram to Phillips House 1.44

LC\$4.94 ✓

Expenses in Hongkong Currency

Bh Phillips House bill dated June 22, 1939, baggage
transfer, board and room for 4 days \$21.82 - .50
for taking suitcases to "Cleveland" for Manila (Personal) 21.32 ✓
Board and room for 21 days, June 18 - July 14, at \$3.50 73.50 ✓
Hongkong Vise on passport68
Freight and charges on 2 boxes freight Hongkong-New York 48.65

Total HK\$144.15 ✓

Hongkong Expenses paid as follows

LC\$125.00 - LC\$4.94 for Foochow Expenses = LC\$120.06 ✓
LC\$120.06 ÷ 2.35 = HK\$. HK\$51.09 ✓

Asher agreed to pay towards expenses
F\$2.25 per day, approximate cost to
live in Foochow
25 days x 2.25 = F\$56.25 ÷ 2.35 HK\$23.93 ✓

US\$20.10 x 3.44 (HK rate) HK\$69.14
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Expenses in U.S. Currency

US sold to pay balance of Hongkong Expenses 20.10
Steamship Ticket from Hongkong to Los Angeles (Pierce) 220.00
(Tourist Class)
Tips on "President Pierce" 11.50
Baggage transfer from San Pedro to Los Angeles . . . 2.50
Tip for re-roping trunks after Customs examination .25
Car from San Pedro - Los Angeles 2.00
Train fare from Los Angeles - New York (Practically the
same as it would have been from Los Angeles to
Lynchburg, so I got it all the way through knowing
I was going to New York) 37.55

Carried Forward US\$293 .90 ✓

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Brought Forward	US\$ 293.90 ✓
Pullman (Upper) Los Angeles to Lynchburg	11.20
Meals on train (night of Aug. 11 - night of Aug. 15)	6.92
Tip on train, Los Angeles - Lynchburg	1.50
Transfer of small baggage in New Orleans	.55
Room rent in Pasadena, California (meals free)	5.00
Express charges on two boxes of freight from New York to Brookneal, Va. (\$2.80, \$3.73)	<u>6.53</u>
TOTAL US\$ 325.60 ✓	

US Advanced in Foochow on Travel US\$350.00
Less expenditure per above . . . 325.60 ✓

Balance due University . . . US\$ 24.40 (Am asking Mr. Evans to
deduct from my salary and
credit University a/c.)

It will be recalled that I stayed in Hongkong only from June 18 - 22, at which time I went to Manila at my own expense. To save bringing in another exchange (from US to Pesos, etc), for the sake of reckoning expenses I have used the Hongkong rate (HK\$3.50 per day) throughout for the twenty-five days I would have had to waited in Hongkong had I not gone to Manila. As a matter of fact, the expenses were practically the same from the US standpoint, that is, US\$1.00 per day for room and board. That is what I was charged in Manila. And US\$1.00 in Hongkong amounted to \$3.44 HK Currency and the rate per day in Hongkong was \$3.50, just a fraction more than US1.00.

Also, since I had such a long wait in Hongkong, due to the rupture of transportation between Hongkong and Foochow, I offered to pay towards living expenses in Hongkong what it would cost me to live in Foochow, that is, approximately \$2.25 per day. This you will find under expenses in Hongkong, F\$56.25 or HK\$23.93 (at the rate of \$2.35).

Rates of exchange used throughout: Foochow - Hongkong \$2.35
(current rates while I was there) U.S - Hongkong 3.44

Eva M. Asher
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October 25, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Box 292
College Station
Durham, N. Carolina

Dear Miss Asher:

I wish to thank you for your very prompt replies to my letters of October 17 and October 19. The information regarding the number of faculty members is exactly what we need, and we are revising our tables for this year accordingly.

We have just received a letter from Dr. Sutton, which indicates that our letter to you regarding the Rockefeller report was received after your departure. In order to be sure that this report is received in time, we are reminding him by cable that the report should be sent in at once.

Dr. Sutton's letter also indicated that the reports for the Board of Regents at Albany had been mailed, and on the late mail yesterday these were received.

Again thanking you for your fine cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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November 18, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Box 292
College Station
Durham, N. C.

Dear Miss Asher:

Previous correspondence will reveal my skepticism as to your ability to survive on limited income plus such indigestibles as typewriters and so forth. Having satisfied yourself as to the experiment, we note from your letter of the 18th that it is necessary to have other assistance. Consequently, as requested, your November salary, amounting to \$79.16 has been deposited in your account at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

I am wondering what China hand has found it difficult to keep occupied. Even here in the United States there seems to be ample opportunity to keep busy.

The Editor of Asia Magazine sent me a complimentary copy of the November Number containing Malcolm Farley's first article entitled, "Fukien - China's Rich New Field for Archaeology." He makes a significant statement and which explains some of the attitudes which have developed. It is as follows:

"I went out to Fukien in 1922 with a passion for archaeology reaching back almost to 1900 and a certain amount of actual experience. It was, therefore, natural that I should continue that interest in my new home."

Incidentally I have had one letter from him recently which is not at all appreciative of some very bland statements which we have made as to his future with Fukien Christian University.

With best wishes to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July
August 21, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Brookneal
Virginia

Dear Miss Asher:

Mr. Parker is on his vacation this week, so I will acknowledge your letter of August 19.

We are glad to know that you have arrived safely in Brookneal. I hope that you are getting a little rest and vacation before the school work of the autumn begins.

So far as I can see, Duke University would be a thoroughly satisfactory place for you to spend your coming year in study. So that if you find that Duke is less expensive and more convenient than Columbia or Boston, we would encourage you to make plans to attend there. We will await further word from you as to financial details, particularly with reference to the amount of help from ~~various~~ ^{University} sources in line with President Lin's authorization.

The hotel rates here in New York City are about the same as they have always been. The Prince George has for a number of years made special arrangements whereby our staff members can get one of their better grade rooms for \$2.00 a day, or \$12.60 a week. About the same arrangements can also be made at the Hotel Parkside, 18 Gramercy Park, South, (East 20th Street, just east of 4th Avenue). Most of our China Colleges group stay at one or the other of these two hotels. The National Bible Institute, on West 57th Street, also provides accommodations for both men and women at a modest price. Dr. Beech always stays there, as some of our other people do also. I believe you can get a room for about \$10.00 a week. The Martha Washington Hotel would be good, though we do not have any special arrangements with them. The cost would probably be a little more than at the Prince George or the Parkside.

If you will let us know which of these hotels you prefer, and will tell us a few days in advance just when you are planning to arrive, we will be glad to make a reservation for you.

If the Methodist Board wants any payment on the portable typewriter they are purchasing for you, we will make payment and charge your salary as you direct. If they render any bill for the freight on your boxes, we will charge

Miss Eva M. Asher

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it against your travel, noting that if any duty is charged you will take care of that personally.

In the last week we have had two letters from Dr. Sutton. Both of them tell of the increasing difficulties they are facing in Foochow, and of the complexities involved in trying to secure funds for carrying on the work of the University.

We will look forward to seeing you here sometime about the 8th or 9th of September.

Very cordially yours,

Bob Linside

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August 22, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Brookneal
Virginia

Dear Miss Asher:

This letter is part personal and part business. I should like to welcome you to this country, and to say that when you come to New York we are all looking forward to seeing you. We hope you will come up before you return to China.

The business concerns our desire to know what Fukien is doing in a non-academic way to help the common people during wartime. I am preparing some publicity based on non-academic services to the Chinese people. We have a general idea of what is being done by staff members and students at Fukien, but I should appreciate as detailed a statement as you can give me.

It was a great treat to see the Gowdys when they were here last spring. Uncle John looked much better than I had expected, considering the reports I had received of his poor health. I haven't seen any other newcomers from Fukien, not even my father who has been in Tennessee since his return.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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Brookneal, Virginia
August 26, 1939

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Your letter of August 22 has been received. Thank you for your hearty welcome to me to this country. It is good to be back again, though I feel I left a considerable part of myself in China!

You ask for a detailed statement of what Lukien is doing in a non-academic way to help the Chinese people during wartime. A rather large order, but here goes!

1. Through ^{the} Extension Service of our agricultural department we are emphasizing more than ever the general uplift of the people in the rural districts. This work is carried on from both the Foshan campus and the Shaoen campus, under the direction of Prof. Kellogg at Foshan, and Prof. C. Y. Lin^(Lin) at Shaoen. I happen to know more about Prof. Kellogg's work, because I was on the

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Fooshow campus for the most part; only went to Shasun for a visit in May.

Prof. Kellogg has an experiment station on the Fooshow campus where he does experimental work in (1) rice selection, (2) chicken breeding, (3) goat breeding, (4) rabbit breeding, (5) beekeeping. These are the main things, but as you know he is interested in all growing things.

Prof. Kellogg has spent more time out in the villages during the last ten months than at any time during his missionary career, I dare say, spending longer or shorter periods as the conditions called for at Kutien, Futsing, Hinghwa, Mintsing, and many smaller places nearer Fooshow. His work was usually tied up with the District leaders in their lay training conferences in the larger places mentioned above. He would sometimes spend a week or ten days at a place, giving demonstrated lectures to the pastors, teachers, farmers, and the Young Men's Club (corresponds to the Y-H Clubs in America I think).

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As you know from your own experience, China has been very rural-minded for the last eight or ten years. And she has been even more so since the war started. To meet this need, all of the institutions work through every possible channel to get the information re better farming methods and production in general, as well as better homes, to the uttermost parts of the province. Therefore, we work through the rural pastors and teachers. Farmers from far-off districts often send for, or come in person, for eggs for setting purposes, goats, rabbits, etc. The farmer can easily get 5¢ for improved stock eggs as against 1¢ - 1½, or 2¢ at the most for the small eggs. The proportionate difference would also hold for improved goats, rabbits, wheat and rice.

Besides emphasizing improved seed, stock, etc., we emphasize increased production during wartime, so that the people in a given section may be self-supporting should they be cut off from other sources of supply from the outside.

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I probably do not need to tell you how wrapped up Prof. Kellogg is in his work. In spite of his physical handicap he goes off alone on long country trips whenever and wherever he hears he is wanted. For instance, he heard that a farmer in the Kang-Cheng district wanted to know about modern methods of bee-keeping. So he got his equipment together and took the Kang-Cheng launch about 3:00 a.m. returning that evening around 9:00 o'clock. Your father could tell you more exactly what Mr. Kellogg does on his country trips than I can. Both Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Hayes thinks he is doing wonderful work in teaching and inspiring the teachers, pastors, and farmers to use better methods.

At Shaswen, Prof. C. Y. Lin is emphasizing ~~about~~ rice breeding. When I was up there in May, I saw his fields where he had planted 10,000 varieties of rice for experimental purposes. Besides emphasizing the value of using better seed, he also emphasizes methods of planting and caring for it, as well as soil ^{and fertilizer}. Shaswen is the best rice district of the entire province.

Mr. Yang Shu Fu is doing work in forestry. He has a nursery on the Shaswen campus from which he furnishes seedlings to the farmers who want them. He has

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planted 8,000 trees, pine and tung oil, on the hills near Shaowu.

Mr. (Lin) Ching is carrying on extension work around Shaowu in poultry, goats, vegetables, etc.

Farmers School. The University conducted a Farmers School last winter. It consisted of young men from the rural district who had completed higher primary work. They received intensive training over a period of three or four months as to better farming methods, increased production, public welfare such as sanitation, better homes, mass education. This work was in cooperation with the local government (magistrate of Shaowu). Every one of the young men was sent ^{back} to his home district by the Kaim government to promote and carry out the methods he had learned among the people of his district.

All of the student clubs and organizations, under the supervision of faculty members, are rendering service to the people in and around Shaowu. They are active in Sunday School and church work in the churches, and go in bands on Sunday

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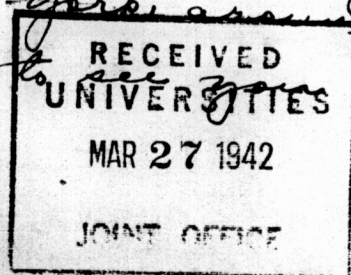
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afternoon, or week days, to nearby villages. I had the pleasure of going with The Rural Service Club out to a village they have chosen to work with. They work in close cooperation with the school which serves the double purpose of working with the pupils and reaching the homes. Besides Sunday School, they do work in mass education with the adults, and special work with the women re sanitation, better homes, etc., and lectures to the villagers in general concerning community ^{and public} welfare.

The emphasis on everything in China these days is improvement, whether it is the individual spiritual life, farming, or whatever one's occupation may be. That spirit spread throughout the rural districts is bound to bear fruit sooner or later.

I am sorry I had no typewriter available, for I realize it will be more difficult for you to "wade" through than if it were typewritten. I expect to come to New York around September 8, and will be glad to see you in person.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher



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*Wrote Mr. Scanlan
9/6/39*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Washington

In reply refer to
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August 26, 1939

Miss Eva Mae Asher
Brookneal
Virginia

My dear Miss Asher:

The Department has received your letter of August 22, 1939, requesting a renewal of your passport.

As you have resided in China in the past and may contemplate using your passport after renewal for travel to that country, it may be stated for your information that because of the disturbed situation in the Far East which makes travel in portions of that region unsafe and which has made it necessary for a considerable number of our citizens to leave certain areas where there is special danger, the Department is, in general, for the time being not issuing passports valid for travel to and in China.

If you desire to have the restrictive stamp with regard to travel in China omitted from your passport, it will be necessary for you to submit to the Department for its consideration a statement of the reasons which you believe necessitate your travel to China at this time. You should advise the Department of your exact proposed itinerary in China and of the location of any permanent address in that country which you may contemplate. If you are to proceed to China as a representative of some organization, a statement from that organization concerning the necessity of your proceeding to China in its interests at this time should also be submitted.

Action upon your application is being withheld pending the receipt of advice from you in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John J. Scanlan
Acting Chief, Passport Division

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Brookneal, Virginia
August 30, 1939

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Dr. B. G. Garride
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Garride:

I was glad to receive your letter of August 21. I have definitely decided to go to Duke University this fall, leaving here September 21 for Durham, N. C.

I am leaving Brookneal for Washington and New York on September 1. My address in Washington will be:

Miss Eva M. Asher
90 Miss Linda V. Nance
The Keystone
2150 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

I shall be there until September 7 or 8. I shall write you from there early next week telling you definitely when I expect to arrive in New York, so that you can make reservation for me in one of the places you mentioned in your letter of August 21, whichever is the cheapest. I am all for economy now when \$1.00 in U. S. currency means so much in China.

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I wish to have my August salary deposited to my account in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. as usual. 9/5

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^{attached} I am enclosing a letter ^{from} the State Department, ^{and} ^{my} ^{reply}, ⁱⁿ connection with the renewal of my passport. My passport expires ~~for~~ on September 11, and I can have it renewed for two years for \$5.00 whereas a new one costs \$10.00. I sent the passport with \$5.00 requesting renewal. The enclosed letter is the reply. Will you please make whatever statement you deem necessary and send it together with my letter to the State Department. If possible, I want to have the passport renewed without the restrictive stamp.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in the near future,

Very sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

Ack. 9/5/39

C/o Miss Linda V. Nance
The Keystone
2150 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.
September 2, 1939

Dear Dr. Garide:

I shall leave Washington
for New York Thursday morning, September 7.
Please make reservation for me at one of
the places you mentioned in your letter
of August 21, whichever proves to be the
cheapest. So far as I can judge they are
all equally satisfactory. Please notify me
here where you make the reservation, so
I'll know where to go should I get to N. Y.
after office hours. I plan to leave here
sometime in the morning, but do not yet
know the exact time.

I got to Washington
yesterday afternoon, and am enjoying it.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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September 5, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
c/o Miss Linda V. Mance
The Keystone
2150 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Asher:

Thank you for your letters of August 30 and September 2.

After checking up on various possible hotel accommodations, we find that the Hotel Parkside, 18 Gramercy Park, South, is about the most economical and most convenient. As you probably remember, it is located on East 20th Street, about five minutes walk from our office. They will give you a reasonably comfortable room there for \$12.50 per week. We have asked them to make a reservation for you, beginning Thursday morning of this week.

I return herewith the letter which you enclosed with your letter of August 30, together with a copy of the letter I am today sending to the Department. Up to last week, the Department would probably be willing to grant your passport without any further discussion, upon receipt of this communication. But with the development of the European conflict, they may be much more reluctant to issue passports of any kind. Perhaps since you are only asking a renewal, they will be willing to grant it.

Our accounting office informed us that your August salary was deposited in the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. as usual.

The development of the conflict in Europe adds to the number and complexity of the problems which our Colleges are facing in China, and which we are facing here in New York in our efforts to serve these Colleges. For one thing, it will probably be more difficult than ever now for us to secure the additional support which the Colleges must have to carry on. But this work must go forward, and we must do whatever is necessary to make that possible.

We look forward to seeing you here on Thursday.

Very cordially yours,

BT Parkside

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Cancelled,
reservation at Parkside
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% Miss Linda V. Nance
The Keystone
2150 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.
September 5, 1939

Dear Dr. Garride:

Since I wrote you a few days ago asking you to make reservation for me in one of the three hotels mentioned in your letter of August 21, I have received an invitation to stay with friends in Long Island City, N. Y. I shall accept their invitation, so please cancel whatever reservation you have made.

^{9/8/39}
~~Friday~~ at 11 A.M. - physical
^{make}
~~eye - app. later~~ ^{exam.} I should like an appointment with Dr. Vaughan of the Methodist Board for a physical examination sometime between September 8 and 12. Also ask him to make an appointment for me for an eye examination sometime during the above mentioned dates.

I am leaving here for New York Thursday morning, September 7, at 9:00 or 10:00 o'clock, and will come to the office upon arrival about the middle of the afternoon.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

September 25, 1939

Miss Eva M. Asher
Brookneal
Virginia

Dear Miss Asher:

The Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company desires new signatures for the Fukien Bookstore Account. Consequently, we forwarded cards to Mr. McClure for his signature and also one to Dr. Sutton. Mr. McClure has attached his signature and we are sending the cards to you for your signature. When Dr. Sutton returns his, they will be attached to these cards and form the record for the bank.

We are enclosing stamped envelope for the return of the cards.

Not hearing further from you, I presume things are working out satisfactorily as planned and I sincerely trust you will have a very pleasant and profitable year. We will call upon you at intervals in case of necessity, but primarily we want you left free for your work at Duke.

With sincerest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Box 292
College Station
Durham, N.C.

September 27, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of September 25
re the specimen signature cards for the
F. C. U. Bookstore account in the Central
Hanover Bank and Trust Company came
to me here today. I am returning the
two cards, signed.

I came here on September
21. With the preliminaries of registration and
getting settled over, real work has begun.
I can see I am going to be kept busy
enough with reports, readings, term papers,
etc. But I think I shall enjoy it. I am
taking three courses in English and one
in Religion - "The Living Religions of the World."

This is a very beautiful
campus with spacious buildings and grounds.
The "Duke Forest" lends a real country atmosphere -
Country in the sense of getting close to
nature.

2 Sign. Cards mailed to Central Hanover,
attn. of Mr. J. W. Thomas
9/29/39

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It was good to see all of you in the office there, and to have a good visit. I greatly appreciate all of the courtesies extended to me by the various members of the staff, and all the help I received in many ways. You made me feel quite "at home" on the ninth floor!

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher



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October 4, 1939

Miss Eva Asher
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Asher:

Last year an attempt was made to secure contributions of books and equipment from American universities for the use of China's colleges. Owing to a lack of understanding of the real needs in China this effort was not entirely successful.

We have been asked to discover precisely what is most needed by the universities in China, so that an intelligent appeal may be made in this country. You can help us by returning to this office in the enclosed envelope your suggestions regarding the most urgent emergency needs of Fukien Christian University in the line of books and movable equipment.

It would also be of value if you would suggest the best method of transportation from the China coast to your campus.

Cordially yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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October 11, 1939

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Box 292
College Station
Durham, N. C.

Dear Miss Asher:

Thank you for your letter of October 8th regarding the typewriter and invoice for cleaning the rug. We are passing this on to the Accounting Office and you will receive the charges in due course of time.

The charge for freight from the Methodist Board will be debited to the field account. I notice, however, that one case shipped on September 13th by express was for collect charges. On October 5th, the second case was forwarded presumably in the same manner.

Will you not kindly let us know the costs and we will reimburse you for these charges. This should not have been forwarded in this manner.

We note what you say regarding the salary payments and will be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 17, 1939

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Miss Eva Asher
Duke University
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Miss Asher:

I do not know whether you received a letter before you left Foochow, asking for a report on the use of the Rockefeller grant for 1938-39. Such a letter was written to you, but you might have left before it arrived.

We are in urgent need of having such a report on which we can base our report to the Rockefeller Foundation before asking for another grant for this year. Have you the expenditure of emergency funds sufficiently in mind over the last fiscal year so that you are able to suggest items to the extent of US \$4,000, which could be assigned and reported to the Rockefeller Foundation?

You will recall also that we need to add to this report an assignment of an unused amount of \$208 from the previous year's grant.

If you can help us at this point, it will enable us to get ahead with the report. There is not time now to correspond with President Lin or Dr. Sutton and get such a report here for use.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Ack. 10/25/39
JDP

Box 292
College Station
Durham, N. C.
October 18, 1939

Dr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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Dear Dr. Parker:

I have your letter of October¹⁷, re the report for the Rockefeller grant for 1938-39. I do not remember receiving a letter about this before I left Foochow on June 14. If I did, I know I sent it on to Shaowu, where all of our accounts are kept. In asking for reports of any kind in the future, I think it would be a good plan to send a copy of the letter making the request to President Lin at Shaowu.

Since all of the detailed accounts are handled at Shaowu, I do not have enough information to make anything like an accurate guess as to how the Rockefeller grant for 1938-39 was spent. I am sure some of it was spent for transporting supplies to Shaowu. We chartered a special boat several times during the year to take things as far as they could go by river, and then chartered trucks from there to Shaowu. I should say, roughly, that at least US\$1,000 was spent that way; and perhaps more.

The next largest item, or I should say the largest item, would be for repairs on buildings, including alterations, and probably materials for the new library which they were planning to build, and which I suppose has actually been built. They were making plans for it when I was up there last May, and estimated the cost at about LC\$4,500. This was to be built at Shaowu to relieve congestion in dormitory and class room space, and to provide better library service. Dr. Sutton was buying material for this building before I left in June, so I know some of it was charged on the 1938-39 accounts. Actual construction had not begun in June, so the entire cost could not be included in 1938-39.

If Mr. Evans has received a copy of the Treasurer's Annual Report for 1938-39, that might throw some light on emergencies for the year. I know mail has been coming through very slowly for the last few months.

Re the \$208 you speak of on the previous year's grant, I am sure you have information in your files for that. I sent in a report during the first half of this year, I think it was, showing how the balance of that grant was spent. You will find the report for the entire expenditure in two separate reports which were sent in at different^{times}, but the whole thing summarized on the last one.

I am sorry I can't be more explicit about the 1938-39 grant.

Sincerely, Eva M. Asher

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October 19, 1939

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Duke University
Durham, N. Carolina

Dear Miss Asher:

In making up the figures for our Annual Report, we have not been able to determine those relating to the number of faculty members of Fukien Christian University during the year 1938-39. Unfortunately, the report to the Board of Regents for last year has not yet arrived. If this were in hand, it would give the key to the desired information.

Will it be possible for you, from memory, to count up the number of staff members both in Foochow and in Shaoow, indicating the number of Chinese and the number of Western members? If any of these are part-time teachers, we would need to estimate the amount of time in terms of full-time teaching.

According to the report to Albany for 1937-38, there were totals of twenty-five full-time teachers and nine part-time, the part-time equaling two full-time teachers.

If you can give us information which will help us concerning 1938-39, or a good approximation, it will help us very considerably.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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