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Chicago, Ill.,  
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Dear Mr. Evans,

I feel sure that you  
are sufficiently interested in  
my husband's welfare so that  
you would wish to know  
of his illness.

He had not been well for  
about six weeks but kept  
trying to work just the same  
until two weeks ago when  
he had to give up much  
against his will. He became

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The doctors are anxious<sup>[3]</sup>  
that he should receive all  
the encouragement possible.  
I am sure that he would  
appreciate a letter from  
you a great deal if you could  
find time in your busy schedule  
to write to him.

I know that you will  
add your prayers to ours  
that the doctors will soon  
be able to find out what is  
causing his illness so that  
he can gain back his health  
and strength.

I shall be very grateful for  
any encouraging message you  
are able to send him. Very sincerely,  
Helen H. Farley

quite ill and miserable very<sup>[2]</sup>  
quickly and I finally had to  
take him to Billings Hospital  
here at the university a week  
ago Wednesday.

The doctors have been unable  
to reach a definite diagnosis  
because of some unusual  
symptoms but he is very  
dangerously ill. For a time  
they thought it might be some  
tropical infection which he  
picked up in China but now  
they believe it is some  
abdominal trouble.

He is very much in  
need of encouragement and

January 21, 1941

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley  
8225 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I deeply appreciate your letter of January 19th informing me of Mr. Farley's illness.

I have ever wondered how Mr. Farley could carry on with so much energy and endurance. I myself have had a pretty good physique and have stood all sorts of punishment, but at intervals I have found it necessary to just stop and rest up.

I am very much concerned over this state of affairs and know that the other members of the Board will feel likewise. I wish there might be something which I could do which might be of some assistance besides from writing a letter which is going forward separately.

You may rest assured that our prayers will mingle with yours in the effort to give spiritual stimulus and strength for the healing process.

Undoubtedly further examinations by the physicians will reveal the true state of affairs, and I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you in that event.

With sincerest best wishes to you all, I am

Gratefully yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 21, 1941

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
5825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Farley:

Word has filtered through that some unnamed bug has laid you low for the time being. I am surprised at this, especially as you have always possessed a super-abundance of energy.

I have a very deep sympathy for you because from the day I first went to work for a newspaper until the middle of last June I had never missed a day from my desk, wherever that might be, but when it did come I was flattened out in such a way that I didn't seem to have much strength to combat the disease. I did, however, recover rapidly, but know the feeling which has not departed from my memory as yet.

Apparently you are in pretty good hands and with the combined prayers of all of your friends you should make a rapid recovery.

I have just been reading Glenn Clark's, "Health Through Prayer" a Harper publication, and it is a rather remarkable book. It has brought to mind more vividly the words of an old song, "There is Healing in His Blood." Truly, when we have a definite work to perform and place ourselves unreservedly in His hands, He is able to work miracles. I bespeak for you this power and healing process, and I hope Mrs. Farley will let me know how you are progressing, and so with all the solicitude at my command, as well as earnestness, may I beseech God's richest blessing upon you.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

M. R. McDaniel, Superintendent

Department of Chemistry  
Norvil Beeman, Head of Dept.

Jan. 21, 1941

Dear Dr. Garzide,

I thought you would want to know that Mr. Malcolm Farley is in Billings Hospital in a very precarious condition. For about a month or more he thought he was suffering from some kind of indigestion. For about two weeks he has been in Billings with enlarged spleen, infected liver, and water on the lungs. Efforts to locate the trouble have been fruitless. The doctors have told Mrs. Farley it may be a tumor.

He has steadily grown worse and is now quite weak and emaciated. Saturday evening Mrs. Farley was told that there was little hope of a recovery.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Norvil Beeman  
910 North Ridgeland Avenue

Kindly tell Mr. Cartwright.

The Farleys' address is  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
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January 28, 1941

Mrs. Malcolm Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Farley,

We have been deeply distressed to learn from Dr. Beeman of Mr. Farley's serious illness. Dr. Beeman's letter indicates that the doctors had not discovered, at the time he wrote, the basic source of Mr. Farley's trouble, but that they were quite gravely concerned. We most earnestly hope and pray that they have now discovered the proper remedial measures, and that satisfactory improvement is resulting. But we realize that this is a very difficult time for you, and all of us join in deepest sympathy.

Very sincerely yours,

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*Handwritten:*  
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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

February 5, 1941

Mrs. Nora H. Farley  
Apartment #1  
5825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

OUR SINCEREST AND DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THIS HOUR OF TRIAL.

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MALCOLM F. FARLEY

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue . . . . . New York, N. Y.

February 3, 1941

Board of Trustees  
Fukien Christian University

Dear Friends:

You all will regret to learn that Malcolm Farley, a former staff member of Fukien Christian University, died suddenly Saturday morning in Chicago. We had received word that he was seriously ill, but with his rugged constitution we entertained no fear that he would not recover.

Besides Mrs. Neva H. Farley, he leaves four children. The last address is Apartment #1, 5823 Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Regretting the necessity of passing on such sad news,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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February 3, 1941

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I was absent from the office Saturday afternoon when your telegram arrived giving us the sad news of Mr. Farley's death. Consequently, the first I heard of it was upon arriving at the office this morning and I immediately telegraphed to you. An hour has passed since learning of this news and yet I cannot think with composure as yet. It has completely unnerved me. Lack of details makes this all the more mystifying and I hope that some way later on we will learn of the cause of it all.

I am deeply grateful that on Mr. Farley's last trip to New York and during a luncheon period while we were frankly discussing conditions, yet we parted with expressions of sincerest friendship and good will.

As one who deeply admired and appreciated Mr. Farley's intuition, as well as studied knowledge, yet now at this moment they seem to stand out in even bolder relief and I am sending a cable to the field, and a notification is being sent to the Board of Trustees.

Again, may I express to you my sincerest sympathy while at the same time acknowledging the deep sense of loss of a personal friend.

Very sympathetically yours,

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
Apartment #1  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

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Mrs. Malcolm Farley

NOTE: See cable of Feb. 11, 1941 from C. J. Lin

February 11, 1941

Mrs. Neva Farley  
5825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

We cabled the field immediately upon receiving news of Mr. Farley's sudden death. This morning we received the following:-

"FARLEYS 1925 WILL NEVA BENEFICIARY ADMINISTRATOR FACULTY DEEPEST SYMPATHY." - C. J. LIN -

Properly interpreted this would mean that the Will executed in 1925 is in China. You will know, of course, whether there are other papers of more recent date among his possessions.

We all join with the faculty and administration in China in emphasizing our deep feeling for you at this time of great sorrow. Dr. Serge Eliasseff was with us for luncheon last Friday and expressed deepest sympathy for you and the family, paying special attention to Mr. Farley's fine qualities and expressing deep concern over your loss.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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March 6, 1941

Mrs. Nora H. Farley  
Apartment 1  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I think of you frequently and have often wanted to learn more of conditions surrounding Mr. Farley's death, but I have hesitated to write you as I know that you have a multitude of things to which to attend. Neither do I wish you to review any situation which must bring poignant memories.

Time is a wonderful healing power and I trust that through the indwelling of the spirit of God these past days have become richer and richer in the consciousness of a new inborn power which is yours.

Of course, one of the things which comes to my mind is the solution of the problem covering your possessions in China. I have not discussed this with our Board, but it is a thing which we must eventually consider. As things stand now, Mr. McClure is overseeing the property together with a group of Chinese. One could hardly speculate on how your household goods and possessions could be shipped. In fact, I am told that this is impossible.

As a matter for informal thought, I am bringing up the collection of ceramics etc., which Mr. Farley collected. This, of course, has intrinsic value could a purchaser be found, but it is futile to think of such a thing at the present time under prevailing world conditions. At any time it would be a difficult matter to secure a purchaser by under present restrictions it is next to impossible.

It goes without saying that Fukien would be immensely benefited by having the use of this collection and it is possible that some way might be found where a nominal amount might be secured which would reimburse the Farley family for the expenditure of money in making this collection. Mind you, this is just a thought. It is the basis for further consideration and I believe that our correspondence - if you see

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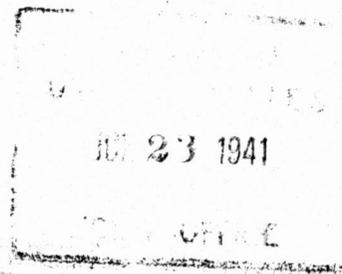
fit to reply - should be understood as strictly a matter of investigation and information. I could write you endlessly on possibilities involved in such a situation, but possibly I have said enough for the time being.

For your convenience, I am enclosing a stamped envelope and I trust that it will not be too difficult to give me a word or two regarding your own reaction.

Most sincerely yours,

G. A. EVANS

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Please return to Mrs. Evans<sup>513</sup>



5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

March 11, 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I thank you for your letters. The many letters from our friends have been a real source of strength in giving me courage to face these difficult days. I have tried to find time to write to you before but I have had so many things to attend to that it hasn't been possible.

As you may know, my husband was working under a grant to Field Museum from <sup>the</sup> Rockefeller Foundation. They have very generously agreed to continue the grant which runs until June in order to allow me to finish up as much of Mr. Farley's work as possible. That in itself is a full-time job so I am sure that you can understand that with that, business matters which I must attend to and the scores of letters which I have to answer in addition to taking care of my family - with all of this I

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am kept busy. And I am glad to have so many things to occupy my mind.

I wonder if you have not seen Dr. Frank Cartwright since he was here about a week ago. I thought that you would see him and learn the details of Mr. Farley's death. I shall tell you briefly in case you have not yet had an opportunity to see him.

As I wrote you before the doctors were unable to diagnose Mr. Farley's illness. They were trying to build him up so that they could operate the following week to determine what the trouble was. But bronchial pneumonia set in very suddenly, his heart gave out, he was too weak to fight any more and in about an hour's time he took an unexpected turn for the worse and slipped away without ever realizing that his life's work was over. The autopsy revealed that it was cancer of the pancreas with other organs involved and nothing could have been done for him so it was a blessing that he was relieved from his intense suffering without the additional suffering of an operation which could not have helped him.

I am staying here in Chicago until June but I have not made any definite plans for the future yet. I am planning to move to some college community as the two older children will soon be ready for college and

Wrote to Dr. C. J. Fin  
3/10/41

I am hoping to find some kind of work to at least partially support us. I do not feel that I can start to use the insurance money as it would not last long with a family of five to support.

In regard to our possessions in Foochow - it is certainly a most difficult problem. I have already written to the State Department and they have written to the American Consul at Foochow to inform them of Mr. Fairley's death. I do not see how anyone but myself could possibly make any disposition of our possessions at the University. I am wondering if it would be possible for me to get a few of my things now such as my silver, linen, dishes and rugs and then leave the rest of the things until the situation in China clears up so that I could go back and dispose of the rest of our things. No one who has not seen the things can have any realization of the task it would be to do that. No one on the field would have the time or feel capable of doing it I am sure. The library alone is about ten thousand volumes. The collection of Chinese things runs into the thousands also.

It had always been our plan to give at

least a part of the library and the collection to the university. That was one of the objects Mr. Farley had in mind in making the collection from the very first. In spite of his bitter disappointment he never gave up the hope of going back to China some day and doing that. I have no expectation of ever going back now except to make some disposition of our property there.

Do you think that it would be possible for me to get some of our things sometime in the near future and what do you think of my idea in regard to <sup>disposition of</sup> the remainder of the property? I realize how many problems there are involved and how very difficult it would be to try to make any final disposition of our possessions there even under the most favorable conditions. But as you say it is a thing which we must consider and I am trying to think out some way which would help solve the problem as far as both the university and myself are concerned. It is certainly not easy. I wish you would write and tell me what your ideas and those of the Board are in regard to the whole matter.

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I am wondering if Dr. Sutton is on his way home. He would know more about our things than anyone else but I would not want to delay his coming home one day. I realize probably better than anyone else how much he is needed by his family.

I shall be very grateful for any suggestions or help which you may be able to give me in regard to the whole problem.

Very sincerely yours,

Neva H. Farley

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5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
April 15, 1941

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I am writing to you in regard to cashing some travellers cheques from Thomas Cooks which Mr. Farley had not cashed. They have asked me to present proof that I am the sole beneficiary and administrator of Mr. Farley's estate.

Will you be kind enough to send them a statement to that effect? I presume that if you mention the cable which President Lin sent that that would be sufficient. The letter should be sent to Thomas Cook and Son, 16 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago - attention of Mr. E. A. Siler.

I am wondering if you received my letter of March eleventh. I wrote to you at some length about my property in Foochow. But perhaps you have been waiting to talk the matter over with Dr. Sutton before replying.

Thank you for your help with regard to the travellers cheques.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

Write to Thomas Cook & Son  
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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.

St. Paul, Minnesota

Apr. 10, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

I received this morning the following cable from  
Fochow :- "Due extremely hazardous conditions  
possibility robbery civil disorders invasion  
recommend sell absolutely everything F.C.U.  
Harvard-Yenching Institute for transportation  
interior reserving only most sacred personal  
things. Wire your idea American dollar price."

(Signed) Wiant.

Mr. Wiant is the administrator of the estate, a  
very close personal friend and very level headed.

Do you know anything about conditions in Fochow?  
Have you had any word of similar nature? Have  
you heard of any such transaction in regard to  
Mr. Farley's museum? Is there any way that  
I could send money to Mr. Wiant? Why do you  
think he suggests selling it to F.C.U. Harvard  
Yenching Institute for transportation? Do you think  
they would move it for me personally if I

<sup>2</sup> could furnish the money?

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I wonder if you will try to answer these questions for me as well as you can with what knowledge you have and send me a reply by air-mail, please.

I have written to Mr. Plumer who knows the collection and is at the Fogg Museum in Cambridge asking his advice and also asking him to consult with Dr. Shesseeff about it.

I am totally at a loss as to what to do about all this and would greatly appreciate any suggestions or advice you can give me in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

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April 22, 1941

Mrs. Nora H. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

A very unusual thing has occurred in our office in relation to your previous letter. Questions which were raised in that communication were discussed with the President of the Board and the letter was apparently lost in transit. This morning's mail, however, brings it to light which permits us to acknowledge more in detail your letter of April 15th.

First of all, we are writing to the Thomas Cook and Son quoting the cablegram received on February 11th. We trust this will assist you in adjusting the cash situation.

I did have in mind when your letter came to hand the fact that Dr. Sutton would be traveling east and could probably answer most of the questions you have raised. I have talked with him at some length and expect to see him again at our annual meeting the first week in May. As a matter of fact, we have had this whole situation very much on our hearts and trust that some solution, or at least a partial solution, may be made.

From reports in the newspapers the last few days, it would appear that a drive is being made by the Japs to take Foochow. We have no apprehension about the campus, but it would only make the shipping of freight more difficult.

This situation now is not a position where it cannot be dropped until some sort of conclusions are reached. Possibly there will be something coming out of the annual meeting which will be of assistance. Anyway, we will keep in touch with you and trust you will not hesitate to write us if you have any ideas which will be helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
May 25, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for writing the letter to Thomas Cook and Son for me. They have now cashed to travelers' cheques for me.

I am wondering if you have had any word from Foochow since the Japanese have taken it. There was only a small item in the Chicago papers about it and I haven't been able to find out anything except that it was bombed and taken over by the Japanese.

Could you tell me who wrote the little article about Malcolm which was in the last pamphlet issued by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China? I thought that it was a fine tribute to him and only wished that he might have had a little more recognition and encouragement during the last two years of his life which were so difficult for him. Dr. Shailes Matthews and several others at the University of Chicago

2 spoke to me about seeing the article. 5-25-41 [2]

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I wonder if you have any additional copies of that number. Malcolm's mother did not receive a copy of it and she would like very much to have one. I am sure that her name is on our mailing list - at least it was but the list may have been revised. If you have a copy that you could send to me I will see that she gets it.

The weeks and months have not seemed to bring any softening of my sense of loss and loneliness but God has been kind in giving us many friends who have been a great help and comfort. The path ahead seems long, hard and dreary without Malcolm's firm guiding hand with the children. He was such a good father and I depended upon his help with them so much that I find it very difficult to manage them, make plans and do everything myself. I know now that God gives us strength for ~~the things we must do.~~

We will be here until about June 20<sup>th</sup> when we expect to go to Indiana to spend the summer with two of my sisters there. You can reach me at any time by addressing a letter to me at my parents' home in Church Ferry, North Dakota.

My very best wishes to you and our other friends there.

Very sincerely yours,

Neva H. Farley

May 28, 1941

Mrs. Nova H. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Under separate cover, I am sending you some of the Spring issues of "The China Colleges." We also like the publication and especially are proud of the memorial to Mr. Farley.

During these past two years I have thought of Mr. Farley many, many times and each instance there has come a very keen desire to be of some service to him and to the family. Mr. Farley himself, however, contributed so many factors to the condition which he faced and of which we talked about very frankly on a number of occasions -- all of which made it impossible to take any remedial steps.

Quite in a different vein, we have just been going through the experience of one who steadfastly stood by the refugee women housed at Ginling College during the horrible winter of 1937-38 and subsequent there-to only to have her break completely in health and pass on within the last two weeks. It happened that one of the first graduates of Ginling College is now in this country and attended the funeral service, and yesterday she brought to us word of that funeral. To us all who listened to her it seemed that there was a victorious if not jubilant entry into the Kingdom of God of a soul devoutly consecrated to the cause of China.

Similarly, we can say the same of Mr. Farley, as it was ever his burning desire to be in China and to do for China and to carry on for the future welfare of that great people.

I can understand the difficulties you are facing and sympathize with you deeply. At the meeting of the Fukien Board, the first week of May Mr. Farley's death was recalled with deep sorrow and a suitable minute was passed to become a part of our records. I have not written up these minutes as yet, but will send you a copy as soon as possible.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

June 5, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for the copies of the "The China Colleges." I have sent one to Mr. Farley's mother and I know that some of our friends will be glad to have copies.

I do not know just what you refer to in your letter by saying he "contributed so many factors to the condition which he faced." I only know that I shall never cease to be thankful that he did not go back to China alone and that the children and I had these last two years with him. I also know that no one could have been more devoted to the Christian cause in China or have done his work more faithfully and conscientiously. No one will ever know what a blow it was to him to be dismissed and discredited by President Lin without one word of appreciation for his years of loyal service. I ran across President Lin's letter to him several days ago and wondered again how he could possibly have written such a letter. But I am trying to stifle my regrets at the unhappiness it caused <sup>Malcolm</sup> him with the hope

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that someday President Lin will realize that he was unjust and the knowledge that Malcolm has gone to a land where there is no unhappiness and where he will receive his just reward and acclaim.

Please do not feel that this calls for an answer - in fact I would prefer that you do not answer it. But coming across President Lin's letter brought it all back to me and I had to get it off my mind.

I appreciate more than I can say your very sympathetic interest in our family.

You have probably seen Dr. Goudy by this time and learned as much as he knows about the situation in Foochow. I had lunch with him, Dr. and Mrs. Beech of West China University last week but we had time for only a very short visit. He was most kind and sympathetic as always.

We are leaving here in two weeks but I can always be reached at Churchs Ferry, North Dakota.

My very warmest regards to you and best wishes for a pleasant summer.

Very sincerely yours,

Neva H. Farley.

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June 12, 1941

Mrs. Eva H. Farley  
8825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of June 8th and while you have admonished me not to reply, yet I am doing so entirely aside from another letter which I shall be writing shortly.

The comment you make upon a quotation from my previous letter is most interesting and absolutely true. I know of no one more conscientiously devoted to the cause of China than was Malcolm Farley. The last time I saw him, he was so thoroughly confident that he would get back to Fukien that it was almost contagious. I left him with the thought that if a man had that much enthusiasm and determination he could accomplish almost anything, and who knows but that his power and strength will live in China even more effectively than were he permitted to return in person.

After analyzing my last conversation with Mr. Farley and taking into consideration all the factors involved, I wondered whether his approach to the problem would be well received by Dr. Lin or not, and I could very well realize that such an approach might easily defeat its purpose.

I do not know that Mr. Farley wrote to the field after that, and presume he did not as he was so exceedingly busy with the work which he was doing.

I want to say that I am exceedingly grateful for having had the opportunity to discuss very frankly many of the issues involved and that we parted such good friends. I can look back with gratitude on this.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 20, 1941

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
8825 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Farley:

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fokien Christian University have been written up and as Secretary of that meeting, and as Assistant Secretary of the Board I have been called upon to convey the expression of sympathy as voted in that meeting over the death of Mr. Farley.

It is indeed refreshing when a Board of busy people called together to consider items on a long docket and representing very active interests should pause at such length as did this Board in memory of one who gave so unstintingly and unreservedly of himself for the cause of the University. The resolution which was voted is as follows:-

"The Trustees have learned with deep sorrow of the death of Professor Malcolm Farley, for nineteen years Professor of English. Mr. Farley was one of those rare souls so utterly devoted to his own line of research that his enthusiasm proved infectious. In addition to his assigned subjects for teaching Professor Farley was the outstanding Archeologist in the Fokien area, devoting himself particularly to the study of Ancient Chinese Ceramics. He traveled widely throughout the Province and personally undertook or oversaw extensive excavation. During his furloughs he would study in other geographical areas or in the museums of Europe and America to the end that his knowledge might be based upon experience. A collection of porcelains and shards gathered by him is one of the most complete in all of China.

For his contribution to the study of Chinese culture, for his teaching ability in his curricular assignments, for his contribution in the realm of music and for his splendid Christian personality, the faculty and Alumni of Fokien Christian University will long remember him. The Trustees extend to the University and especially to Mrs. Farley and to the children their deep sympathy."

I would like to add were it possible the words of praise and commendation uttered by each member of the Board who knew Mr. Farley. It stimulates one to realize that life's efforts are not in vain and that they do live on mellowing and influencing others to a degree that we do not ordinarily realize in these busy days.

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That part of the Synod's meeting was very beautiful to me and I was glad to add a word of testimony for Mr. Farley.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/s

(above mailed to Mrs. Farley at Charles Ferry, North Dakota)

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September 30, 1941

Mrs. Mava H. Farley  
Churchs Ferry  
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Dear Mrs. Farley:

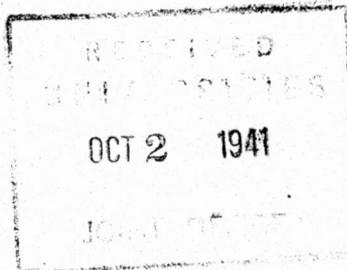
I have before me a letter from President C. J. Lin asking me what is to be done regarding your property in Fochow. He indicates a willingness to do anything possible to be of help and is asking for suggestions. I have talked with Dr. Sutton regarding this, but have no record of the conversation and do not recall his reaction.

Please be advised that we are willing to cooperate at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

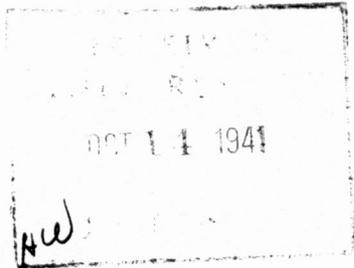
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1653 Hewitt Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Oct. 9, 1941  
C. K. J. J.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your recent letter reached me here this week. I also received your letter written in June which I appreciated very much. But it was just at the time we were moving from Chicago and I was too busy to answer. Two of the children were ill - the oldest boy with a streptococcus infection in his throat - so I was very much occupied. Then I worked in a restaurant and thereby earned our board all summer but as you can imagine it was rather strenuous work and left me little time for anything except my family.

We are now in St. Paul where we moved just before school began. You may remember that both Mr. Farley and I were graduated from Hamline University here in St. Paul. The schools in St. Paul are considered to be very good, we are only five hundred miles from my parents' home in North Dakota and we still have a good many friends here so this seemed the logical place for us to settle. The older children will soon be ready for college and so they can live at home and

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The children like their new schools and are fast making new friends. We all like it here very much and I am quite satisfied that this was the wise move for us. I am buying a house - not a new one but a comfortable old one in good repair - and am scouring the city for good second-hand furniture. I feel that the children need the security of a home of their own after being so unsettled for the past five years and we are all quite happy at the prospect of having a home of our own again.

We expect to move in two weeks and our address will then be 1757 West Minnehaha Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.

In regard to our property in Foochow, I believe that I expressed my feeling in regard to that in earlier letters.

Mr. Paul Wiant of the Methodist Mission, who is acting as administrator for me, has expressed the willingness to pack and ship to me whatever he can. But when I last heard from him in May he had not received one of the numerous letters I had sent him by Clipper and regular mail.

However, I feel that a final disposition of the property would be very difficult to make unless I go back to Foochow myself. I am

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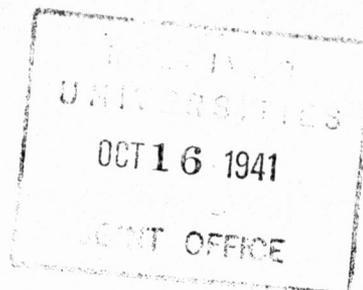
3. hoping to be able to do so after the war. I [3]  
have authorized Mr. Wiant to sell the most  
of our furniture, <sup>and</sup> piano and give away the  
household goods, clothes and other things which  
I do not plan to have brought back to America.  
I have sent him detailed lists of what to sell,  
what not to sell, what to send me, what to give  
away and what to leave until later. Of course  
I do not know whether or not he has received  
any of these lists as I have not heard from  
him since May. But I would like very much  
to have some of our things now since we are to  
have a home of our own.

I appreciate President Lin's willingness to be  
of help. I am wondering whether he is anxious  
to have the property disposed of or whether he just  
wanted to express his willingness to cooperate. Of  
course I am anxious to make some disposition  
of everything as soon as possible but I do not  
see how very much can be done yet.

I should be glad to know what your reaction  
to the whole matter is.

We are deeply grateful to the Board of Trustees  
for their beautiful expression of sympathy.  
It does help to ease the burden of sorrow to know  
that his spirit made itself felt and was  
appreciated by so many others working with  
the same purpose in a great cause.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva Jb. Farley



October 14, 1941

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
1653 Hewitt Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I am indeed grateful for your letter of October 9th and for bringing us up to date on your present condition.

One reason for writing you was that we wished to omit nothing in our effort to bring about adjustments which would be of help to you, as well as clearing the atmosphere for the University.

Dr. Lin had no thought of hurrying the matter whatsoever. He is genuinely interested in doing everything possible to render some assistance. I can tell from his letters that he is deeply conscious of all of the implications involved in the situation, while at the same time having a very deep personal feeling for you and the future of your family.

I think you have taken the wisest course in approaching Mr. Paul Wiant and giving him authority to proceed along the lines as indicated. He is just the one to carry through if there is any possible way of making the adjustment.

You speak about returning to China after the war and I wish that I could be as optimistic in looking forward to that date. It seems almost impossible for us now to visualize end after the war condition.

I am writing to President Lin informing him of what progress has been made and will write you again if there are any new developments.

You certainly have gone ahead courageously and surely the good Lord has been with you. It is our sincere hope and prayer that His continuing grace will be ever with you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Boards for Christian  
Colleges in China  
150-Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of October fourteenth. I am glad to have your approval of the procedure I am taking.

I am now writing to you in regard to another matter in which I should like very much to ask your assistance.

As I may have told you I am buying a home here. I expect to pay for a part of it with the adjusted service bonds of Mr. Farley's which he had not cashed.

The difficulty is this: those bonds have to be signed by the administrator of the estate requesting payment. Mr. Paul Wiant has been appointed as administrator by the United States Court in Shanghai. The only property, except for these bonds, which Mr. Farley had is in China so that is why he was appointed. The estate is now being probated there.

If those bonds have to go to China to be signed,

2/ returned to the United States, the money paid to Mr. Wiant in China and then returned to me it would take six or eight months. And I need the money as soon as I can get it.

I talked with one of the men in the Federal Reserve bank here and he thought that the quickest way to handle it would be for you to contact the Federal Reserve Bank in New York in order to find out what has to be done in order to get the bonds cashed. He was not even sure that assets in China had not been frozen but I have heard nothing of that.

As you know Mr. Farley's will made me sole beneficiary and administrator but since Mr. Wiant has been made administrator in China I suppose that would not be of any value.

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I am writing to the Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Washington, D.C. and explaining the situation to them, also telling them that I am asking you to try to expedite the cashing of the bonds for me. The letter I received from them in regard to the matter came from M. Wesley, Chief, Division of Loans and Currency and asked me in reply to refer to SUR:ASB.

The name and number on the bonds is Malcolm F. Farley A 4057866 and the bonds are numbered from 33723474 to 33723504.

I had no idea that there would be so many difficulties involved in cashing the bonds.

If you find that a cable to Mr. Wiant or to Mr. Paul Kops, the lawyer Mr. Wiant employed in Shanghai, would

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hurry matters up I shall be glad to pay for it.  
I shall be glad to meet whatever expense is connected  
with it in any way.

But I feel that it would be a great saving of time  
and a great help to me if you could find out there  
what papers are necessary or what the procedure  
should be in order to get those bonds cashed as soon  
as possible.

I hope that it will not prove to be of too much <sup>trouble</sup>  
to help me with this. I shall be very grateful  
to you for anything you can do to help get  
this taken care of as soon as possible. It is  
rather a difficult problem and I thought  
that your help with it would be of the utmost  
value.

Very sincerely yours,

Neva H. Farley

My address after Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> will be

1757 <sup>West</sup> Minnehaha Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota

until Oct 21<sup>st</sup> it will be

1653 Hewitt Avenue

St. Paul, Minnesota

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October 20, 1941

Mrs. Nova H. Parley  
1787 West Minnesota Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Parley:

Your letter came to hand this morning and I have read same with a great deal of interest.

I have not had opportunity today to get the one man at the Federal Reserve Bank with whom we are most familiar and who can direct me without hesitation to the right person to talk with.

This certainly is a complicated situation and I promise I will do everything possible to be of assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 4, 1941

Mrs. Myra H. Farley  
1757 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I have not been unkind of my promise of October 20th, but I have been endeavoring to reach people who could make some change in the ruling of the Treasury Department, whereby it would not be necessary for you to return the papers to China. The last word, however, is that if there are one or two administrators, both must sign the bonds. However, the bonds may be deposited with a Federal Reserve Bank with a request for payment. This detached request would then be sent to China to be signed by the administrator there, and same would have to be witnessed by the United States Consul in China.

This seems to be the only procedure at the present time and I am sorry that I have not been more successful.

Very sincerely yours,

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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Nov. 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you so much for your letters of October 20<sup>th</sup> and November 4<sup>th</sup>. It is indeed good of you to go to so much trouble in finding out about the bonds for me and I do appreciate it.

I have not heard from the Treasury Department yet in regard to cashing the bonds so I am wondering whether to deposit them with request for payment or wait until I get final word from them.

About two weeks ago I had a letter by Clipper from Paul Wiant written Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> saying that he had finally received my letters. In the first letter I wrote to him which I sent by Clipper I sent him a notarized statement giving him power of attorney to act for me. He says that with that he thinks he will be able to clear with the court quite quickly. But he also says that nothing can be sent out.

I also received a letter from the State Department in Washington inclosing copies of the correspondence in regard to the estate and also a copy of the will. They suggested that I appoint an administrator in China which I have already done of course.

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2. But it doesn't seem likely that I will be able to get any of our things from there very soon.

We moved into our house three weeks ago yesterday and we are all so glad to be in a home of our own again. Mother Farley is with us now and I am expecting my parents and two sisters for Thanksgiving. It is nice to be nearer "home folks".

I am giving a little talk and showing some of my Chinese costumes at a church supper tonight and am talking at a woman's meeting next month so I can still help China's cause in a small way.

Thank you again for your help with the bonds and your kindly interest in our welfare.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva B. Farley

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April 14, 1942

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
1757 W. Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I did not reply yesterday to your letter of the 10th as there was a meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute yesterday evening and I had hoped that some definite action would come out of it. However, Dr. Elisseoff had nothing definite to state and the Institute did not take any action.

There is a letter in today from President Lin and the last paragraph indicates that practically all of the equipment and books have been taken up stream from the Foochow campus and that the only things of value left are your possessions and the museum collection. If it is possible for the University to transport these things into the Interior, it would seem best to do that in any event as it will be protecting a very valuable collection. This would seem to be the first step. However, we must bear in mind that at the present a collection of this sort, aside from your personal belongings, is of little value unless it is placed in the hands of museums or individuals definitely interested in this sort of a project. Therefore, its value is from next to nothing at the present time and under prevailing conditions, up to an unmentionably large amount were it possible to get it into the hands of people who would appreciate it. My recommendation is to save it by any or all means at the present time, and it would seem that the University could undertake to move it with the understanding that adjustments would be made at a later date.

If anything comes from the conference of Mr. Plumer with Dr. Elisseoff, please let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 27, 1942

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
1757 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

The Harvard-Yenching Institute met in Special Session on Monday afternoon and among other things gave careful thought to the possible purchase of the Farley Collection of ceramics and bronzes, which collection now, presumably, is on the campus at Foochow.

The Institute had in hand a report from Dr. Stelle who had visited both Shaowu and Fukien, having gone to the latter place especially for the purpose of inspecting the collection. The Institute also had in hand a letter from President Lin strongly urging the appropriation of \$10,000 for the purchase of the collection. It is my understanding that a great deal of time was given to the consideration of this topic as Dr. Elisseoff was on the campus and knew something about Mr. Farley's activities, and may I add that Dr. Stelle was in Fukien Province during December and later was able to fly back to the United States and he is now in Washington.

The result of the deliberation was that it was deemed unwise to appropriate any funds for the purchase of the collection at the present time for the following reasons:

1. Under prevailing conditions, there is no commercial value whatsoever involved.
2. It does possess a certain educational value in certain fields of instruction, but even this is contingent upon proper cataloging.
3. The removal of the articles from where they are stored at present might destroy the possibility of even properly cataloging by one familiar with this work. It is, however, recommended that it be protected by the University in the best manner feasible.

The minutes of the meeting have not been written, but in conference with those who were there, may I add that it was reported that the greatest care would have to be used in any repacking as the grouping of the articles, as at present, more or less localizes them, making it possible for one familiar with that work to properly write them up. There is a third thought for consideration which is immediately pertinent, but which does not apply to the long-range future picture. It is to the effect that even the educational value for instruction is greatly limited at Fukien at the present time.

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All of this has grown out of a very sincere desire on the part of the University in Shaowu to make some substantial recompense for Mr. Farley's work and possessions. Not having funds available within the University, they turned to the Institute for assistance.

On two different occasions in the past, I have admonished the University to move the collection to a safer place, and even now I do not know if it will be possible to do so if the Japanese re-invade Foochow. I have designed a cable dealing with this subject which I am quoting herewith:

"INSTITUTE DISAPPROVED FARLEY COLLECTION GRANT. REASON COMMERCIAL VALUE NOW NIL EDUCATIONAL VALUE CONTINGENT CATALOGING. RECOMMEND MOVING IT SHAOWU."

However, before this cable is forwarded, I would like to have your judgment as I do not wish to make any recommendation which does not have your sanction.

I am not discouraged over this decision as it is no more than I expected. I have positive knowledge that Mr. Farley was admonished by the Institute to put the valuable pieces in shape for education purposes or for proper classification. He was so thoroughly overworked, however, and had such a deep on-going interest in adding to the collection that time was not available. Without any question in my own mind, this on-going purpose had a great deal to do with undermining his health.

May I add further, that this first approach clarifies the situation as to the attitude of the Institute and now makes it possible to have the University frankly face the issue as soon as possible.

The Board of Trustees of the University, at its meeting held on May 7th, instructed the Finance Committee to give early thought to a number of important items, and I shall be glad to bring this whole question before that Committee. I feel confident that the only right approach will be to bring into consultation several experts. Meanwhile, any suggestions which you may be willing to make will be greatly appreciated.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
June 2, 1942

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter found me right in the midst of Commencement activities at Hamline University at which time my class was celebrating its twentieth anniversary so I have not had time to answer your letter before this.

I hardly know what to say in reply. I am not at all surprised that the Harvard-Yenching Institute did not accept President Lin's proposal that they appropriate money for the purchase of the collection. In fact I should have been very much surprised if they had.

Of course under prevailing conditions the collection may be destroyed at any time and is worth very little to anyone. Under the most favorable conditions it would be an immense task to pack and ship the most valuable part of the collection to a place of safety even if there were someone there competent to do it. Also, as you wrote in your letter, a great many articles are now grouped in certain classifications which would be very hard to maintain in packing. So I am fully aware of the objections any institution would have in putting money into such an uncertain enterprise.

I was very much pleased to know that President Lin thought enough of the collection to make the

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proposal that Harvard-Yenching Institute buy it. I am sure that Mr. Farley would have been very gratified to know that too as he always had the feeling that President Lin did not think that his collection and work along that line was of much value.

I am sure too that President Lin will do all that he can to protect the collection altho we have never at any time since we left China asked for any special protection of our property there. It seemed to us that there were so many other things to be done which were so much more important that our property was only a minor consideration.

I remember very well letters from Harvard-Yenching Institute urging Malcolm to classify and label the collection and he realized perfectly the value of such classification and it was his full intention to do it. But I also remember that, until just the last couple of years Malcolm was in China, he was carrying a full teaching load and was not given any time for such work. In fact it was a complete surprise to him when he accidentally discovered that part of our salary was paid by the Harvard-Yenching Institute supposedly for work in Chinese research. So he then asked that he be given some time for the work since part of his salary was paid by them for it and he did not think that it was fair to either them or him to go on that way. He was given some time for it but at that time a great deal of excavating was taking place in Foochow and such a wealth of material and the opportunity to learn something about it came to hand that he thought it was more important to secure the material and learn what he could from the excavations than it was to classify the material he already had. He wrongly thought that he would have

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3 time after our furlough to do the classifying. 6/21/47 [3]

How little we know of what the future holds for us and who can say that he did not pursue the right course at the time in doing as he did.

You wrote in your letter that you were sure that his "on-going purpose had a great deal to do with undermining his health". I think that it was the worry, uncertainty and discouragements of the two and one-half years prior to his death. And yet, on the contrary, just before his illness he weighed over one hundred and fifty pounds which was good weight for him so it seems as if it was just a part of the Divine Plan that his life on earth should end at that time.

As far as the cable is concerned I have no objection to anything in it but I do not see how they can move any of the collection to Sheou now with the Japanese right at their back door.

Of course Malcolm's intention in making the collection was to eventually give it to F. C. U. and I wish that I could do that right now and do away with any further controversy about it. But since I have the entire responsibility for the care and education of our four children I feel that I must salvage a little from it if possible if there is anything left of it.

I greatly appreciate your efforts and those of President Lin in our behalf. I have the greatest admiration for our F. C. U. faculty in the way in which they have carried on in this crisis and only wish that we might have been able to do our share in it. We are ever mindful of the wonderful privilege we had in living in China and learning to know and love the Chinese people. We are still doing all that we can to help the people around us gain a better understanding of our remarkable, gallant Chinese friends.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva S. Farley

June 22, 1942

Mrs. Nova H. Farley  
1757 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I should have written you ere this in response to your very gracious letter of June 2nd.

I have, however, had opportunity to talk with Mr. Bishop regarding your personal belongings at Peking, and I have talked with Bishop Gowdy. As a result of these conferences, I sent a cable as outlined in my letter of May 27th. No reply has been received as yet. Mr. Bishop made an appraisal of the contents of the house for Mr. Wiant. Under ordinary circumstances, a fair sum might be realized, but of course, at the present there is no commercial value whatsoever.

This whole picture is one of such variegated highlights and shadows that one wonders at the swiftly changing events which have characterized these past years. I wish that I could give some word of encouragement and assurance. At the present time, however, I have nothing but good will and sincerest best wishes to offer. I am hoping, however, that some word from China will show an opening which will prove more substantial.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 15, 1943

Mrs. Malcolm F. Farley  
1757 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Confidentially I am passing on to you a few paragraphs from a manuscript written by Mrs. A. J. Martin, widow of British Consul General Martin, whom I believe was in Foochow.

As the British authorities are endeavoring to restrain Mrs. Martin from publishing this manuscript because of the conditions revealed therein, this material is very confidential.

I wanted you to have these paragraphs, however, as it shows the estimate of Mr. Farley of a very brilliant woman. I trust you will keep it in confidence.

Very sincerely yours,

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by  
Mrs. A. J. Martin

The military road from Foochow to Pagoda Anchorage yielded a magnificent collection of bronze mirrors of all periods, besides pottery which dates back centuries. We were lucky to get various pieces, the bulk of it went to Malcolm Farley, one of the greatest experts of this century, now gone to God.

I believe his reward in Heaven for a life time of devotion to a great cause, that of advancing learning on such subjects as ceramics, is to be the possessor of a completely perfect, a celestially made Te Hua Kuan Yin, Goddess of Mercy. That would keep him happy for all eternity, just sitting on a cloud and looking at it.

I can see him now, his thin nervous face, sensitive, keen; his hands holding a porcelaine bowl, stroking it, looking at the base, the lip, the design, noting the color, the texture of the glaze, loving every bit of it, and telling you all its points, the things which identified it for what it was, an aristocrat, a genuine piece. He was so generous with his knowledge, and he knew so much. It always seemed to us an odd an unexplicable thing that his genius was unrecognized by his co-workers at the University. He died in real poverty, being as impractical about money as most geniuses, and a fund of knowledge was lost to the world.

When he visited us in London he was pursued by the leading experts and collectors, they simply picked his brains. He needed a business manager. How many people of his sort do.

I shall always be grateful to him for the way he poured out his knowledge, the way he made you see what he saw, and remember, and know the next time you had a piece and had to decide for yourself if it was right or not.

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,  
Aug. 6, 1943

*Jill*

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of May fifteenth with the enclosure from Mrs. Martin's manuscript reached me safely and I am so glad to have it.

I had not heard of Consul Martin's death. He was British Consul in Foochow and later in Amoy. Because of their common interest in Chinese antiques both he and his wife were very good friends of Mr. Farley's.

I am indeed happy to have the characterization of Mr. Farley by Mrs. Martin. We greatly treasure all such bits.

The children and I are spending the summer here at my mother's. My oldest boy was eighteen the last of July so had to register but I do not think he will be taken now as he is working on one of my brother's farms. He wanted

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to enlist in the navy before he was eighteen but they really need his help on the farm this summer.

A letter from Mrs. Henry Lacy a few weeks ago told of selling some of our things at the university. She wrote that Mr. Farley's library is in very good condition which is rather surprising after being in a closed-up house for this length of time.

I am always glad to receive the pamphlets and other material sent out about the university. How I wish we were able to help them in their gallant struggle.

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending the excerpt to me. We do appreciate it. You may rest assured that I will hold it in strictest confidence.

Very sincerely yours,  
Keva H. Farley

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July 6, 1944

Mrs. Malcolm Farley  
1757 West Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

After a great deal of negotiation back and forth the Board of Managers finally voted to purchase the Farley Collection at a cost of \$10,000. It was done with the expectation that the Board of Trustees would provide the funds.

As you well understand every dollar which comes to the Board of Trustees is allocated for the current work. It has, therefore, been agreed upon that temporarily the funds will be charged to the 25th Anniversary Fund which was set aside for post-war activities. We were directed by the field to pay one-half of this amount at the present time and the balance later in the year. I have set this down for October 2nd if that is satisfactory to you and I hope you will write me frankly. It is our understanding that this has been discussed with you and that the total amount meets with your approval.

We have only a brief description of the "Farley Collection" and I am wondering if you can give us any further ideas as we would like to get out a brochure with the hope that some of our friends will give substantial assistance to this cause.

With every good wish to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,  
July 16, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of July sixth reached me just as I was leaving Saint Paul. It was with considerable surprise that I opened it and found your check for five thousand dollars as half payment for the Farley collection.

At Christmas time I received a letter from Frank Cartwright stating that he had received a cable from Foochow to the effect that the university would buy the collection at the price I had put on it for them of U. S. \$10,000. I expected to receive a follow-up letter from President Lin but as yet I have had no word from him. Of course I realize that he is an extremely busy person. I wrote Henry Lacy something of my wishes in regard to the collection but I have not heard yet whether or not he received the letter. He has been looking after our things there since Paul Wiant came home.

I have heard indirectly that the Japanese are now occupying Foochow and that the foreign women and children have been evacuated. I am wondering whether or not that will make any difference in regard to the university buying the collection now. Of course if the collection

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were to be destroyed I would not feel that I could accept any money for it so I hardly know what to do with the check I now have.

I do know that a part of the collection has been moved to the Arts Hall where President Lin considered it safer than in the house. The greater part of the collection was already in the Arts Hall but some of it was in our home.

In regard to the contents of the collection, there is no list of the contents but I do have some material which would be helpful in getting out a brochure. I have some pictures of the collection and also some descriptive material which Mr. Farley wrote when applying for a Guggenheim Fellowship before his death. However that material is in Saint Paul and so I'll not be able to send it to you until I return home sometime next month. If you should like statements concerning the collection I can give you the names of several persons in this country who have seen the collection and know its value because of their own work in the field of Chinese culture. But you may already have that information. I shall be glad to give you any assistance that I can in getting out a brochure.

You may be interested to know that our oldest son has gone across with one of the marine bands. Our daughter is working as a nurse's aid this summer and will start her college work this fall.

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I should be glad if you would let me know of any recent developments in Foochow. And I shall be glad to give you any information that I can about the collection.

I shall wait until I hear from you again before I do anything with the check which you sent me.

Sincerely yours,  
Neva B. Farley

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July 25, 1944

Mrs. Neva Farley  
Churchs Ferry  
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I received your letter of July 16th promptly but I deferred <sup>writing</sup> until Dr. Cartwright returned from his vacation. He arrived in New York this morning and I conferred with him immediately.

First of all may I say that last December when Dr. Lin wrote to Dr. Cartwright, the letter was shared with our office and other immediate members of the Fukien Board available, and it seemed perfectly in order to acquaint you with the decision of the field. It is quite possible that President Lin felt that what he had written to Dr. Cartwright was sufficient and then again it is also quite possible that he wrote a letter and it has been lost in transit.

In conference with Dr. Cartwright this morning he wished me to inform you that a cable has just been received from Henry Lacy stating that conditions in the Foochow area are not as bad as reported in the newspapers and the first scare having subsided the schools are returning to their normal work. This applies particularly, of course, to the intermediate and middle schools in that area.

Our understanding regarding the collection is, that it has been stored away and much of it covered over with concrete. I believe some of it was moved to Shaowu. The consensus of opinion here, however, is that they in China know best what they are doing, and while it is quite true that several people whom we have approached have desired to hold off making any gifts toward the purchase of the collection due to the uncertainty of conditions in China yet we are willing to take the judgment of the field rather than people here in America. You see what I have said before that the Japanese definitely are not occupying Foochow at the present time, and their encroachment from the north and west which started recently has been checked; for how long we do not know.

Regarding material for a brochure, I would think that when you return to St. Paul will be time for you to send such material as you have available.

Thank you so much for the information regarding your family. It is indeed remarkable how young life matures and takes on the responsibility of world affairs. The Scotts, Miss Asher, and Miss Eunice Thomas are on the way back. Merlin Bishop is

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helping out in the Chungking Treasurer's work but we have not heard from Miss Helen Smith. The University is continuing to carry on under the leadership of President C. J. Lin.

In view of what I have said it would seem certainly in order for you to cash the check if it is agreeable to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,  
Aug. 23, 1944.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Thank you for your letter of July 25<sup>th</sup> which was waiting for me here when I returned from taking my mother to the clinic at Bismarck. Conditions here have prevented me from answering it before.

The doctors found a recurrence of the cancer which my mother had seven years ago and this time there is nothing they can do for her. They say that she can not live longer than six months and our only hope is that she will not have to suffer too much.

In view of this I am going back to St. Paul next week to close up our home there and make arrangements for putting our daughter in the dormitory at Hamline. Then I'll come back here and stay as long as I am needed.

While I am in St. Paul I will try to gather up the pictures and other material for the brochure. One thing which I think should be included in the brochure is Mr. Farley's purpose in making the collection.

When I wrote to Henry Lacy, who is now

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Looking after our things in Foochow, I told him that before I sold the collection to anyone I wanted it clearly understood that I would sell it only on condition that the children and I would be allowed to have the things which we want from the collection. That does not sound like a very business-like proposition I know but I am not selling it as a business proposition. If I were I would not sell it to F. C. U. at the price I have put on it when I know that I could get twice that much or more elsewhere. I want F. C. U. to have the collection because Mr. Farley intended to give the collection to the university when he retired. Under the circumstances I can not do that but I do want the collection to stay there as a memorial to him. Of course, anyone can understand that <sup>not</sup> all of the Chinese things in our home were a part of the collection. There were many things which were mine and the children's and other things both in our home and the Arts Hall which were never intended to be a part of the ultimate collection. And then there are other things which we want for purely sentimental reasons. This applies to the library also. The things which we will want will probably not be the most valuable ones but the ones <sup>to</sup> which

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As I wrote to Mr. Lacy, I would really prefer to wait until after the war to sell the collection. I am still planning to go back to Foochow as soon as I can after the war to make the final disposition of things and it seems to me it would be easier to arrange about selling the collection then. But if F.C.U. wants the matter settled now it will be agreeable to me with the stipulation I have stated. But I do not want to accept the check you have sent me until you are fully aware of my wishes in regard to the collection.

I was glad to get the news about Foochow and our friends there. I always feel that what we get from the newspapers is not absolutely reliable.

All mail should be addressed to me here for the next few months. I'll send the material for the brochure to you as soon as possible.

Very sincerely yours,  
Helen F. Farley

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August 31, 1944

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
Churchs Ferry  
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Your letter of August 23rd has just been received and I have read same with much interest. I am greatly distressed to learn of your mother's condition and trust you will have abundant strength to carry on through this ordeal you are facing. My youngest sister was taken from us for a like reason so I can understand something of your position. Of course we shall await any further word from you regarding the material which may be used for a descriptive pamphlet and thank you for your spirit of cooperation.

Regarding the collection over which we have been corresponding, I would think that Henry Lacy has made it fairly clear to the Fukien people what the conditions were under which you were willing to part with the same. From this end we have looked at every angle of the situation which we can imagine and have likewise had some experience in approaching museums here in America, and collectors, and am sure that you are correct in your statement that as a business proposition you could get very much more than what Fukien is offering. There is, of course, no finer thing which you can do than to leave this collection as a memorial for Malcolm Farley to Fukien Christian University. Under such circumstances, were it to remain substantially intact, \$10,000 would be a very nominal sum. Of course if you were to reserve any considerable number of pieces, that without doubt, would affect the value of the collection to the University. You will have to judge yourself as to how far you desire to go in that direction and of course the University will have to decide whether these conditions are acceptable.

Personally, I would think that some of the things that have very special significance should be kept by yourself but probably you know, at the present time, just about what those things would be. You have written very frankly and I do not see any reason why we should not refer the matter to the University at Shaowu and get a decision at once, or as soon as possible, and to that end I would suggest that you keep the check for the present until we can hear more from the attitude in China. My thought would

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be, in writing to President Lin, to say that Mr. Henry Lacy has the full details of what you have in mind and that a conference with him would seem to be desirable before the matter is finally closed.

Your letter is such a friendly presentation of your case that I think it might be advisable for us to send a copy of it to President Lin for his complete information. May I say, however, that I know that the University is anxious to do everything possible to reach a solution which will be acceptable to you and which will be within the financial means of the University.

With sincerest best wishes to you and with the hope that the good Lord will be with you during these coming days, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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Churchs Ferry, N. Dak.,  
Nov. 3, 1944

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of August 31st was waiting for me here when I returned from St. Paul after closing up our home there but my mother was in need of such constant care that I had no opportunity to answer your letter. The end came very quietly the first part of last month and we were thankful that she did not have to suffer any longer. It is hard to part with loved ones but a blessing to know that they are released from suffering.

Since I heard of the fall of Foochow I did not think that you would want the material for the brochure. I did not find any descriptive material that was of sufficient detail to be of any value but I did find a number of photographs which might be helpful.

Have you had any information in regard to the situation in Foochow? Of course I realize that everything of ours there may be looted and destroyed by now. But I am hoping that somehow or other the collection and library may be saved.

Last month I had a letter from Henry Lacy dated the last of July in which he stated that he had communicated with President Lin in regard to my wishes with respect to the collection and library and President Lin understood the situation.

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I am glad that I was able to make you understand how I feel about it. As you well know it would be so much easier to talk these things over and come to an understanding about them but I did not want there to be any misunderstanding about the conditions under which I was willing to sell the collection. I am grateful for your sympathetic understanding of my wishes.

I realize that it may all be a thing of the past by now if the Japanese discovered it but I am trying to take an optimistic point of view and am hoping it is safe.

Last week I received a letter from Mrs. Beeman telling me of the arrival of Eva Asher and the Scotts. I would certainly like to have a chance to see them but here in the middle west we see very few of our China friends.

I am holding the check which you sent me until I have further word from you in regard to the situation in Foochow.

Thank you again for your sympathetic letter.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

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December 12, 1944

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
Churchs Ferry,  
North Dakota

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I have delayed writing you since yours of the 3rd of November came to hand for several reasons. One reason was that we were hoping to get a meeting of the Fukien Finance Committee and Board at which time I could talk to individual members regarding the situation we have been discussing by correspondence. Unfortunately we have been unable to get a quorum of the board together before the 14th of December, and that delays things considerably. I had also hoped to get a letter from President Lin before this on the questions raised on the Farley Collection, but it is apparent that mail connections are very difficult. Last week we received a letter from him dated August 31st and that only referred to reports to the Regents of the State of New York and the closing figures for the year.

Things now are definitely complicated because of developments as shown in the following cable received Monday morning.

"FOOCHOW CAMPUS THOROUGHLY LOOTED. ARTS HALL BURNT  
OCTOBER NINETEENTH. STAFF SAFE. SHAOWU SITUATION  
NORMAL."

It would appear from the foregoing that the Japanese have deliberately despoiled the campus and this probably includes the collection in which you are so vitally interested. One cannot know definitely, however, as some of the valuable pieces were packed away in the cellar of one of the buildings and covered with concrete. If this hiding place was discovered surely the collection was confiscated.

I am passing the word on to you so you will be advised as to the latest news from Fukien and also the possibility of considerable losses.

Miss Asher was with us for several weeks and looks fine. She is now at Brookneal, Virginia. Miss Eunice Thomas is here in New York and has been in the office and is looking very well. I have not seen Dr. Scott but they say he is slowly recovering weight. Immediately upon his return, I am told, he looked terrible.

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December 12, 1944

I'll keep you informed of any new developments, but meanwhile please make as much of the coming Christmas season as possible. Christ came to bring peace but we mortals have made an awful mess of the world. Anyway let us try to have peace in our hearts.

Most sincerely yours,

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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.,  
St. Paul 4, Minn.  
Dec. 21, 1944

Mr. C. A. Evans  
Associated Boards for  
Christian Colleges in China  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

Your letter of December 12<sup>th</sup> just reached me here. I was glad to get first hand news of what has actually happened. I have had several letters from friends - Eva Asher, the Scotts, Mrs Lacy and Paul Wiant - so I was partially prepared for your report. I had not heard, however, that the Arts Hall had been burned.

Of course there will be little or nothing left of the collection and library so as soon as I can get to my safety deposit box after Christmas I shall return the check for five thousand dollars which you sent me as half payment on them.

When I think of how our Chinese friends there may be suffering and how many of our boys are sacrificing their lives mere possessions, even such as the collection and library which my husband built up with such devotion, are of little importance. I am ever so grateful to Mrs. Benny Lacy and

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other friends of ours who were able to realize something for us on our household possessions. I have little hope that much of anything escaped the looting and burning.

Our son, Curtis, is still in the Marianas but they have told him that they are sending him to Hawaii to study Chinese. Of course he is anxious to get back to China.

Let us hope that another Christmas will bring peace and our boys, and thousands of homeless people, back to their homes again.

I hope that you and our other friends there will enjoy the blessings of this Christmas season.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

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December 27, 1944

Mrs. Nova H. Farley  
1737 West Kinnokaha Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

I am in receipt of your good letter of December 21st and wish to thank you for your consideration. We, too, were greatly chagrined to learn of the devastation of the Foochow campus and await further news with great eagerness. Yang Hsin-Pao talked with me just a few minutes ago (he is in New York at present) and is anxiously seeking news about his own people. He is greatly concerned over the whole Fukien situation.

I note that you intend to return the check sent you sometime ago as a partial payment on the collection and upon receipt of same I shall report it to the field, although I do not know how communications are getting through at the present time.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.,  
St. Paul 4, Minn.  
Jan. 4, 1945

Associated Boards for Christian  
College in China  
150 - Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans,

I am inclosing the check for five thousand dollars (\$5,000<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>) which you sent me as partial payment on the collection since the collection has been destroyed.

I am interested to know that Yang Hsin-Pao is in New York. I, too, am very much concerned about our friends in Foochow.

Will you please let me know if you hear any further news in regard to conditions on the F. C. U. campus in Foochow.

I am hoping that this year will bring some measure of relief to the Chinese people and peace to the world.

My best wishes go to all of you for a year of accomplishment and enrichment.

1/8/45 check \$5,000.00 cancelled and  
re-deposited -

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

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January 10, 1945

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
1757 W. Minnehaha Avenue  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Farleys

This will acknowledge your letter of January 4th in which you enclosed a check for \$5,000 which was sent you as a partial payment on the Farley collection. We have credited this gift to the original account to which it was charged and are notifying the field accordingly.

We have had an opportunity to talk with Miss Asher within the last week and she tells us that the collection was stored in the basement of the Arts Hall which was destroyed by fire on October 19th. I was not sure of the place where the collection was stored prior to that. This seems to establish the fact that undoubtedly it was destroyed. There is something of irony in the fact that when we gave some sort of consideration to getting the collection out of China to America we were told that it would be impossible for us to do so because of the Chinese authorities. Nevertheless, what really has happened is that the collection has either been taken or destroyed.

We wish to thank you for your consideration and for your patience during these months and I shall keep you acquainted with any further developments which may arise.

With the Season's Greetings to you, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.,  
St. Paul 4, Minnesota

Feb. 8, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Evans,

A recent letter from one of my nephews attending Tulane University gave us the information that he has interested their Wesleyan group there in sending their mission money for this year to Fokien Christian University. He asked me for material about F. C. U. which I have sent him. But I had to ask him to return the materials I use it constantly in speaking. Will you please send him any material on hand at the Board offices which might be of use to them. His name and address is Richard King, 5000 Pitt Street, New Orleans 15, Louisiana.

I am inclosing a check for ten dollars <sup>current</sup> which we would like to have sent to F. C. U. <sup>Woods</sup>

For the past three years we have had flowers placed in the chancel of our church here

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in memory of Mr. Farley on his birthday.  
This year we decided to add a little to  
the fund and send it to China as we  
think he would prefer that.

Our very best wishes are always with  
you as you carry on this worthy work.

Very sincerely yours,  
Neva H. Farley

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February 15, 1945

Mrs. Neva H. Farley  
1757 W. Minnehaha Ave.  
St. Paul 4, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Farley:

Your good letter of February 8th is at hand and I have had literature regarding Fukien Christian University sent to your nephew in New Orleans. It is very good of you to pass on this information and we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Our gratitude is further strengthened by the gift of \$10.00 for Fukien Christian University for which we enclose receipt herewith. This is in loving memory of Mr. Malcolm Farley and I am notifying the field to this effect. It is especially fitting because of the great contribution which Mr. Farley made to the growth of Fukien Christian University. We are deeply touched by this act of devotion to the cause of Christian Higher Education in Fukien Province.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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