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January 16, 1930

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter I have just written Mr. McClure concerning the clearance of account 24b - Scientific Equipment.

In a letter written on November 26 Mr. McClure states that he is satisfied that the proposals made in our letter of September 16 for clearing account 24b to July 31, 1925, are as satisfactory as any we could make at this date. He appends to his letter a summary of expenditures for Scientific Equipment from August 1, 1925 to July 31, 1929. I am attaching hereto a copy of this summary.

You will note that, according to this summary, the University has expended during the last four years G\$9,620.61 for Scientific Equipment of which we have already made entries on our books amounting to G\$712.54, leaving a balance of G\$8,908.07 to be charged by journal voucher on our New York books. Mr. McClure states that "As far as I can see, the whole thing has been paid for out of Building Funds". This statement is at least partially incorrect because we know that the G\$4,350.72 expended during 1928-29 was taken from the undesignated current balances you had on the field. We are able immediately to put through a journal voucher charging account 24b with G\$4,350.72 for Scientific Equipment and crediting account 125 "Funds Transferred from Current Accounts" with G\$4,350.72.

This would leave us, however, with the balance of G\$4,557.35 not yet accounted for. It seems to me there are only three possible sources whence this money could have come:-

1. It might have been expended from time to time during 1926, 1927 or 1928 from current funds.
2. It might have been taken from the Plant Funds sent out to the field as "Building Operations Undistributed".
3. It might have been taken from Plant Funds sent out designated for individual buildings.

Attached to our letter of September 6 (a copy of which I believe you have) as Schedule B we list all the drafts sent to the field during

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1925, 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 for the various building accounts. You will note that only five drafts totalling G\$7,692.41 were charged to "Building Operations Undistributed Account". Do you think it possible, or probable, that a part or all of the expenditures for Scientific Equipment could have been made from this G\$7,692.41? You will also note that substantial amounts were sent out for several University buildings, the largest amount being for the Scientific Building, G\$46,606.50. Do you think that any of these designated building funds, particularly those sent out for the Scientific Building, might have been used for the purchase of Scientific Equipment?

I certainly hope that your recollection of the way these purchases were made will enable us to put through the final journal voucher required to account for this balance of G\$4,557.35. If you believe that this money came from current funds we will credit it to account 123. If you think it came from "Building Operations Undistributed" we will credit it to account 26fl. If it came from funds sent out for one of the designated building accounts we will credit it accordingly.

Mr. McClure states that he is going ahead as rapidly as he can with ferreting out the numerous questions on Plant accounts raised by our letter of September 6. With his letter of November 26 Mr. McClure forwarded a copy of a warehouse inventory dated July 1, 1929. Shall I send this inventory for your examination at this time, or shall we keep it in the office until we receive Mr. McClure's final reply to our letter of September 6?

With kindest regards, I am

Very cordially yours,



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Fukien Christian University

February 14, 1930

Miss Eva M. Asher
200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Miss Asher

A letter has come to us from the field, and while we very much dislike to disrupt the thought that is occupying your mind from day to day, yet we think it is best to give you a little diversification. To bring the matter before you concretely, we are quoting from Mr. McClure's letter of December 20, 1929.

"Kellogg Travel Refund. This refund we naturally credited to our building funds for that is where it came from originally. Only heaven ever will know how or where the current fund account got crossed with the building funds, but it is certain that considerable of the building funds did flow into the current account which would have broken under the strain otherwise. We are therefore glad to reimburse the building funds with this sum of M\$3,359.17."

Our comment is this: We noticed in Mr. McClure's report that this refund was credited to building funds, and Mr. Garside called his attention to this fact. The above is his reply. Have you any recollection as to the correctness of this assertion?

"Surplus for 1927-28. I have checked this matter up with Mr. Yen and we think that we have traced the error back to a letter by Miss Asher under date of Feb. 19, 1929. Perhaps she can come to her own defense and prove that we are wrong. Try her on it. In the first place the figure M\$3446.90 on page three should be M\$3346.90, but even that figure should not be if we are right now. On page two of the letter referred to Miss Asher gives you credit on the 1927-28 budget for M\$6217.04. Then on page three she gives you credit for M\$5,446.90 (Should be \$3346.90). This is really included in the credit of \$6217.04. So that the actual surplus for 1927-28 is M\$8902.88 which is what our books show and what we reported to you.

"Against the credit of M\$8902.88 we would place the following debits:

Physics equipment	M\$8,701.44
1928-29 budget deficit	7,056.00
	<u>M\$15,757.44</u>
	8,902.88
	<u>M\$ 6,854.56</u>

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"It would appear then that instead of owing the field M\$48.49 you are in our debt M\$6,854.56."

For your convenience we are enclosing your letter of February 19, 1929. It would appear as though the statement Mr. McClure makes is correct. However, we would much prefer to have you pass final judgment before we write to the field, and we should be very glad to receive any pencilled comments or any criticisms made otherwise than by use of the pencil. We trust you will not take too much trouble in making an extended reply excepting so as to clarify the situation in the best possible manner with the least expenditure of time for yourself.

With kindest regards, we are

Very truly yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
February 17, 1930

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of February 14, and the enclosure of my letter from the field dated February 19, 1929, came this morning.

Fortunate for the New York office and unfortunate for the field, perhaps, I do not agree with Mr. McClure in either instance. But I shall take the two matters up separately in more detail.

② First, Kellogg Travel Refund. This amount of \$3,359.17 certainly did not come directly from building funds. This charge was made against us by Mr. Main in December 1926 as shown by his statement to us for that month, but the charge was not made on our University books until the latter part of 1927 or the first part of 1928. The reason for the delay in making the entry on our books was that the original statement never did reach us which fact was not discovered until I was checking up Mr. Main's account on our books in 1927 or 1928, at which time I wrote for and received this particular statement. In 1926 when Mr. Main made this charge against us, our building funds and current funds were absolutely separate even to the extent of having separate bank accounts for the two funds. And when this charge was made on our books it was charged against current expenses. Of this I am sure.

Now it may be that Mr. McClure's statement is based on thinking that had not the building funds got mixed up with the current funds in earlier years we would not have had this surplus on hand to meet the item when charged by Mr. Main. On that basis, the entire surplus may be due to the old building fund mix-up. As to that though no one is able to say definitely. //

// Second, Surplus for 1927-28. I can see at once the mechanical error of \$100. in the amount of M\$3,446.90, but after studying the whole thing over again, it still seems to me that my figure M\$12,349.78 (less the \$100. error) is correct for the total surplus for 1927-28. It is quite plain that the figure M\$6,217.04 does not include any gain on exchange, but rather the face value of the checks received figured at two to one. These are checks sent on account of the 1927-28 budget and so charged in your office I think, but which did not reach the field until after our

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books had been closed for the fiscal year in question. So this M\$6,217.04 was not included in my financial report for 1927-28, which showed a surplus of M\$8,902.88 (page 3 of my letter). You will note, however, that the figure M\$8,902.88 did include the gain on exchange of M\$2,770.14, the amount received on gold received from New York through July 31, 1928. But after I had made my report word came from Mr. Garside that gain on exchange should be applied on the budget for 1928-29, or rather as New York payments on the 1928-29 budgets. So deducting this from my original figure of \$8,902.88 and adding the amount of the three checks received on 1927-28 budget after the close of the fiscal year, M\$6,217.04, makes the total surplus for 1927-28 M\$12,349.78.

On arriving at the figure the way I did on page 3 of my letter, I deducted the total amount of exchange

M\$2,770.14	-	Received up to July 31, 1928
434.50	-	" " " " on 1927-28 budget
<u>M\$3,204.64</u>	-	Total gain on exchange for 1927-28

from the additional amount received after July 31, 1928, that is M\$6,551.54 (M\$6,217.04 three checks at two to one, plus exchange on same 434.50 - pages 2 and 3), which leaves a balance of M\$3,346.90 the net amount of the proceeds from the three checks to be added to my original surplus figure of \$8,902.88. This method also arrives at the total of M\$12,349.78 as the total surplus.

** Mr. McClure X as M\$8,902.88 as referred to by Mr. McClure is because evidently must have taken this last adjustment entry was not made. I thought I made all red ink figures of the necessary entries to adjust the whole thing and left without considering a copy of them in summary form. Of course M\$8,902.88 is the later entries. amount brought forward to the new fiscal year, for the other information was not available at that time. In case they are interested in chasing the adjusting entries down, I think they will find them in the New York Current General account, and a summary in detail in the New York Office folder in the files.*

I am sorry I had to make this so long.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
August 8, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Garside:

I have just learned that there is a general scholarship fund in connection with Boston University which is not tied up with any particular college of the university, and I am making application for a full scholarship. However, the general policy seems to be to grant only one-third of the amount of the tuition, which in my case would be only \$100. for the regular school year. That leaves a balance of \$200. for tuition.

If you would be willing to write a letter reinforcing my request I would greatly appreciate it. I am enclosing a copy of the letter I shall send in to the Scholarship Committee with my application, so that you may know just how far I have gone in the matter. I expect to send my application in by the first of next week, and if you could get your letter in some time next week, I would be glad. You may send it to:

x Mr. T. Everett Fairchild
Boston University
688 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts

If it will not be too late to get a letter to the Suttons and Farleys I would be glad to have their sailing date and address. If it will be too late by the time I can hear from you to get a letter across the country, don't bother to send the address.

Summer School will be over the 15th of August. I shall probably come to New York the latter part of the month for a week or two. I shall not be sorry to have a little rest from school!

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

x *Mr. Fairchild is Assistant to the President; all applications for scholarships go thru his office.*

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. regarding the matter mentioned therein. The same has been referred to the appropriate authorities for their consideration. I am sorry to hear that you are having some trouble with your car. I hope you will be able to get it fixed soon.

I am sure that you will find the enclosed information of interest. I have also enclosed a copy of the report on the matter mentioned in your letter. I am sure that you will find this information of interest. I am sure that you will find the enclosed information of interest. I have also enclosed a copy of the report on the matter mentioned in your letter. I am sure that you will find this information of interest.

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Schedule of salaries and allowances for the foreign staff

Revised February 22, 1930.

1. Field Salaries	Single		Married	
	Gold	Mex.	Gold	Mex.
First five years	\$750.00	\$1500.00	\$1300.00	\$2600.
Extra for furlough	100.00		200.00	
7th year to end of 12th	850.00	1700.00	1400.00	2800.
Extra for furlough	100.00		200.00	
14th year to end of 19th	950.00	1900.00	1500.00	3000.
Extra for furlough	100.00		200.00	
21st year to end of 26th	1050.00	2100.00	1600.00	3200.
Extra for furlough	100.00		200.00	
28th year and up	1150.00	2300.00	1700.00	3400.
Extra for furlough	100.00		200.00	

Salary begins on first day of journey to the field.

If for any reason a person stays on the field for service after his normal term of service has expired his salary for the period of extended service will be reckoned as the extra time were in the succeeding term of service. Such extra time will not be deducted from the succeeding term, and the extra for furlough allowance will be added only to the regular field salary of the normal term.

Salaries and allowances are paid in Mexican dollars as schedule, except during furlough period.

Each adult will be allowed to draw from his salary a maximum of \$50 in gold at the current budget rate per year for home purchases.

2. Children's Allowances	Gold	Mex.
First Five Years	\$150.	\$300.
6th year to end of 13th	200.	400.
14th year to end of 20th	250.	500.
For children in college in the home-land	350.	

3. Outfit Allowance

Upon appointment to service	Single	\$250 gold
	Married	500 "
Upon return to the field from each furlough	Single	100 "
	Married	200. "

Heavy furniture will be provided on the field by the University, which determines both the amount and the quality. In the event of a person leaving for any cause before the end of the term of service, the disposition of the furniture shall be decided by the University.

4. Residence

Suitable living accommodations will be provided by the University.

5. Medical Care

Free medical attention is provided by the University for all ordinary cases. Full provision for special cases, such as major operations, is not assured, but the University would expect to give substantial help. Whenever possible the University should be first consulted before any major medical or surgical work is undertaken.

One half of dental bills will be paid by the University if approval is obtained before the bills are contracted.

Special and dental cases under this section apply to furlough period also.

6. Language Study

The University will provide a maximum of M\$120 per year for each adult to engage a language teacher while he is actively studying the Chinese language.

7. Furloughs and Furlough Allowances

After five full years (or ten semesters) of service, a furlough covering 12 months, including the time spent in travel, will be given with salary and allowances as specified below. A person leaving before the close of a semester or returning late for the opening of a new semester without special permission will forfeit his salary for period of his extended absence.

Subsequent furloughs will be at the end of six years (twelve semesters), dating from the time of return from last furlough.

Children's allowances will be the same as when on the field.

A maximum monthly rent allowance of \$20 gold per single person and \$50 gold per married couple will be allowed for a period not exceeding 10 months. It is understood that this money will not be drawn unless actually used to pay house or room rent.

An allowance of \$25 gold for a single person and \$75 gold for a family will be allowed for medical attention during furlough. In case special medical attention is needed the Board of Managers will join with the candidate in requesting the Trustees to make special provision. Special and dental cases under Section 5 apply to furlough period.

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The University accepts no responsibility for providing funds for study during furlough for persons who for any reason are not returning to the field. But for those who fully expect to return, the University will consider each case on its merits. Any furlough scholarship grant must be approved by the Board of Managers.

8. Travel and Freight Allowances

During travel to and from the field salary will be paid the same as when on the field.

The University will provide travel allowance from the home of the individual to the University and vice versa as per the maximum scale based on residence on the Atlantic seaboard. Shorter distances will be reckoned in proportion. The maximum travel allowance is as follows:

Per adult	\$500 gold
Per child travelling half fare	250 "
Per " , under half fare, according to the percentage charged by the carrying company.	

A freight allowance of one ship ton will be allowed for each adult and one half ton for each child, when traveling to or from the field. It has been found that the allowance described above is sufficient to cover the freight charge in ordinary cases, and without special permission the maximum allowance described above will be expected to cover freight. An exception may be made when the candidate first comes to the field, when an allowance of three tons may be made for each adult, one half ton for each child.

9. Pensions

The University assumes no responsibility for pensions, but it does grant a maximum allowance of \$100 gold a year for each adult, with the understanding that this sum will be used only for the purchase of some form of insurance or annuity.

10. Medical Examinations

The cost of medical examinations preliminary to appointment to the field will be paid by the University. The usual inoculations, vaccinations, etc. are required and will be paid for by the University.

11. Extra-University Activities

No member of the University staff (including wives of staff members) will be allowed to engage in extra-University activities, except those of a purely social

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Nature, without special permission from the President.

12. Termination of Service

If a staff member does not return from furlough, he may receive furlough salary until he enters into regular employment. But in no case will more than six months' salary be paid.

200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts

August 9, 1930.

To the Trustee Scholarship Fund Committee
Boston University
Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I have noted on the attached application blank that in some cases you grant scholarships for more than the usual amount of one-third of the tuition fee. I should greatly appreciate it if you could give special consideration to my case and grant me a full scholarship. I realize that you have many calls for this fund, and I would hesitate to make this additional request if there were any other means by which I could complete the required work for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration without incurring too large a debt, considering that I shall return to China immediately after completing this work to resume my position as Treasurer in Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China.

(Fukien Christian University is one of the six missionary institutions of higher education for men in China. These six institutions are controlled in America by a union board, The China Union Universities, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, representing various protestant mission boards in America and the Church Missionary Society of England).

I served on the staff of this institution during the years 1923-29, and returned to America on furlough in June of 1929. I entered the Boston University Summer School the following July. Last September I registered in the Day Division of the College of Business Administration, taking work during the entire school year and the post-year term, and I am now in Summer School again. By taking advantage of the post-year terms and the summer sessions, I expect to complete my course in June 1932. The administration of the university in China has granted me two additional years of leave for this purpose.

My furlough allowances ended with July of this year, and because of the limited time of three years which I have to take a four-year course, there is very little time left for outside work. I give below an itemized estimate for the

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school year, September 1930 - June 1931 (this does not include expenses for the post-year term and summer session of 1931):

Estimated Expenses

Tuition	\$ 300.00	
Room Rent	200.00	
Board	280.00	
Clothes	100.00	
Incidentals	100.00	
Books	60.00	
Insurance	200.00	
Total Expenses.		\$ 1,240.00

Estimated Income

Personal	200.00	
Earnings -.part time.work	<u>170.00</u>	
Total Income		<u>370.00</u>

Total Deficit \$ 870.00

I should regret not to be able to complete my course in Boston University. I chose this institution because it seemed to me that the four-year course offered by the College of Business Administration covered fully and completely the ground for the technical side of training in business administration, and in addition emphasized the importance of the cultural side. This is the particular combination I desire, and I have not been disappointed.

I should be most grateful if you could grant me a full scholarship for the coming term.

Respectfully yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

August 12, 1930

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 8.

I am sending Mr. Fairchild as strong an endorsement as I can in support of your application for a scholarship. I certainly hope that the scholarship is granted for a maximum amount.

The Suttons and the Farleys are sailing from San Francisco on the Taiyo Maru of the N.Y.K. line on August 21. You should, therefore, have time to catch them with letters addressed to their boat. Both families will be leaving their present address before a letter from you could reach them there.

We look forward to seeing you here in New York. I hope it will be possible for you to be in the office at the same time as Mr. McClure. Mr. McClure wrote us before he left China that he would drop in the office after his arrival in the States, but we do not know just when to expect him. There are a number of Fukien financial matters on which I should like to consult with you and Mr. McClure together.

Very cordially yours,

B.A. Garvide

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Fukien Christian University

October 1, 1950

Miss Eva M. Asher
200 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

I am enclosing herewith an analysis of our Fukien Plant accounts, together with proposed journal entries for our New York books and some explanatory notes relative to this material. I also enclose copy of a letter I have just written Mr. McClure.

This material will probably make about as clear as I can the mental processes by which we arrived at the figures shown on the analysis. I hope you will find it fairly intelligible and as nearly accurate as we can hope for.

Please feel free to make suggestions and criticisms. It is simple enough to change this material about in any way we wish before any entries are actually put on our books; but it will be considerably more difficult to make changes afterward.

I presume there is not much hope of persuading you to attend the meeting of the Fukien Trustees on November 18? We would be very happy indeed to welcome you if you could tear yourself away from your scholarly duties long enough to attend. Miss Lane informs us that your name stands high among the list of honor students at Boston University last year. Congratulations!

With warmest good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

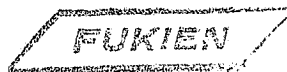
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200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
October 6, 1930

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.



Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of October 1 with enclosures came in due time, and after studying all of the material over twice I have no criticisms to make. Considering the lack of clearness in the field records up until a few years ago and during which time the larger part of the building funds were expended, I feel that the analysis of plant accounts that you have worked out gives about as good a picture of the situation as we can hope to arrive at. I think it would be possible to arrive at the exact distribution of funds spent for Grounds, Land, Land Improvements from the field records, but it is such a small amount, comparatively, it probably is not worth holding up the other entries in order to get this information. I think your suggestion of dividing it half and half between the two accounts on your books is good enough.

I appreciate your invitation to me to attend the board meeting on November, but as you thought, I can't be persuaded to tear myself away from school. I am carrying about all I can, and shall have to stick to it in order to be able to get away with it. My program consists of three courses in Accounting, one each in Mathematics, Law, English (Argumentation), and Economics. Problems in Accounting require so much outside work.

You may be interested to know that I succeeded in getting one-third of a scholarship. While I am grateful for small favors, I was expecting at least a half or a whole scholarship. And I am working two hours per night four nights per week, answering the door bell and telephone here where I live. So long as the bells don't ring I can study.

It is quite lively here in Boston these few days with the American Legion Convention meeting here. We have been hearing bands all day, and tomorrow the whole city is declaring a holiday for the big parade.

I hope you will have a good board meeting clearing up all of the questions to come up.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

October 16, 1950

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

I am slow in acknowledging receipt of your letter of October 6.

We are glad to have your general approval of the procedure suggested for the clearance of our Plant accounts. A letter I have just received from Mr. McClure indicates that he also is in agreement with most of the procedure we have proposed, though he raises questions at one or two points. I will try to clear up with him these points of difference before we take any definite steps.

I find that we are having a great deal of difficulty closing out our Fukien accounts for 1929-30 due to the fact that we have never been able to obtain any full information from the field in reply to the inquiries we have made from time to time. Mr. McClure has never accepted the plan of procedure proposed by our New York office and has made counter suggestions of plans which he considers to be superior. Personally I think there is very little essential difference between the two plans, and that the University will benefit equally from either. Possibly it is prejudice on our part, but I believe the plan our office has proposed will enable us to reach a more prompt and more satisfactory settlement of each year's accounts than would the plan proposed by Mr. McClure. But for the two offices to be working at cross purposes as we now are is bound to result in hopeless confusion.

We have been sorry to learn that you have succeeded in receiving only one-third of a scholarship. We can appreciate the fact that this very meagre assistance makes it necessary for you to take far more time than you should for the uninspiring task of supplementing your available resources. I earnestly hope that your double burden will not prove so heavy as to injure your health. I certainly wish that our China colleges had funds available for helping some of our staff members who from year to year are spending time here in America on special courses of study under circumstances where they are not receiving adequate support from any mission or college board. It is one of the most urgent problems we have.

You will be greatly distressed to learn that on Monday of this week Miss Lane was struck by an automobile and very seriously injured. She was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where the doctors found evidence of

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fracture of the skull, as well as concussion. Her condition is very grave and we are all profoundly concerned. We will keep you informed of developments.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. L. Larrick

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200 Commonwealth Ave.
Boston, Mass.

November 1, 1930.

Dear Mr. Garride:

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Thank you for your letter of November 16. I hope matters concerning the Fukien accounts will clear up soon, for I know it is a nuisance to have anything like that hanging over so long. I think you are rightly "prejudiced"; I, too, prefer your proposed system.

I was so sorry to hear of Miss Lane's accident, and I am eager to know how she is getting along. As I have heard nothing further, I take it that she is no worse at least. I suppose that at best her recovery will be a rather slow process. I sincerely hope she was not injured in such a way as to have after effects of it.

Our China group in and around Boston got together last night for dinner at a Chinese restaurant and news in general. There were about 50 present.

Sincerely yours, Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

January 9, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher,
~~Fukien Christian University, Focchow, China.~~ 200 Commonwealth Ave., Boston

My dear Miss Asher:

We have recently received a letter from President Lin under date of November 25. Along with this letter he sent us copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers held on November 8 and also enclosed a copy of the letter he sent you on November 25.

With the information you have already received you will be entirely familiar with the action #320 of the Board of Managers "that the Board make a grant of Mex.\$1,000 to Miss Eva M. Asher for her tuition in the United States, if she comes back in 1932. If not, the said sum to be let to her without interest in recognition of her very faithful service during her years at the University".

In other words, we are authorized to pay over to you the sum of Mex.\$1,000 with the understanding that if you return to the University in 1932 this is a special grant to assist with your expenses of study during the present year; and if you do not eventually return to the University the Mex.\$1,000 is to be considered a loan without interest to be repaid at your discretion.

How are your plans developing, and what are the prospects of your getting back to China, in 1932, or at some other date? This action of the Board of Managers is certainly striking testimony of their earnest desire to have you back on the University campus whenever you find it possible to return. Our office is authorized to turn over to you at any time you may request either the whole or any part of this appropriation of Mex.\$1,000. Will you let us know what your own plans and wishes are, and also give us some suggestion as to what rate of exchange we should use in handling this appropriation?

I am not sure whether you have had any recent word from Miss Lane. Her condition has continued to be extremely serious and her improvement has been very slow, although during the last fortnight there have been very encouraging evidences of a more rapid recovery. She is still at St. Luke's, and all visitors are excluded, with an occasional exception in the case of her two sisters.

I hope that the year 1931 has opened most auspiciously for you. Did you not spend some of your Christmas vacation in the vicinity of New

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York City? We were hoping that we might see you during the holiday season.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

P. A. Gracie

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200 Commonwealth Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts
January 26, 1931

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter of January 9 came in due time, and I would have replied sooner but for the fact that I was confronted with the nightmare of final examinations just at the time your letter came. I finished two days ago, and am in a sane state of mind again-- as much as I ever am I mean!

Yes, I had already heard from Mr. Lin. It is certainly good of the Board of Managers to offer to help me in this way when they are under no obligation to do so, and I greatly appreciate it. I have written Mr. Lin that I am glad to accept the appropriation on the basis as stated in his letter; that is, in case I do not return it is to be considered as a loan. I think that is fair enough. As to the rate of exchange, I should think it might be the same as that of the University budget, but I do not know what was finally decided about that. If not that, I suppose the only alternative would be the current rate which is bad. But I promise that I shall not squabble over any rate that you and Mr. Lin might decide upon.

*wrote
Lin
1/9/31*

I prefer to leave the sum with you and draw on it as I need it, as I did in the past. I should be glad to have \$100. by February 3, registration day. I have succeeded in getting a third (\$50.) of a scholarship again.

Now, as to my return to China I shall be glad to go in the summer of 1932 if I do not have too much of a debt. It is too soon yet to know just how much I shall have to borrow, but one thing is clear and that is that I have got to begin as soon as I pay my insurance the first of March. That means I have about eighteen more months here in school, and it looks as if I shall have to have around \$2000. Mr. Bedient who was formerly at F.C.U. has agreed to loan it to me, or get it for me as I need it, so that much is settled. My idea is that

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if I could get a good job when I am through here it would be better to stay here one year and pay off as much as possible. But if it would take most of what I made to live, there would be no advantage in doing that. As for my own wish in the matter I much prefer to go back in 1932, but I do not like the idea of this hanging on so long. So that is about as definite as I can be at the present time.

I wonder if any of the offices there will need any extra help during the summer when people are taking vacations? If so I would be glad to be considered if it is anything that I can do. I shall be free from the middle of August to the middle of September. I realize that this is a bit early for you to be thinking of such, and this is just to let you know that I am interested in case there is any such need.

I went to Virginia for Christmas, but did not stop in New York going or returning, as my time at home was so short. I am quite likely to drop in the office any time that I am around New York.

No, I had not heard anything from Miss Lane since you wrote me about the accident last October, and so I was glad to have recent word as to her condition. I am sorry that improvement has been so slow. It makes me wonder if there is any chance of full recovery. I shall be glad to hear about her condition as there is a definite change.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

January 29, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 26.

You are to be congratulated that you have now successfully passed through one more nightmare of final examination. I know, without waiting for the registrar's verdict, that you received creditable grades on all your courses.

In accordance with your suggestion, I am sending you herewith a check for C\$100 on account of the special appropriation voted to you by the Board of Managers. I am very much puzzled to know what rate of exchange the field wishes us to use, but I trust that we will be receiving some further instructions from President Lin on this subject within a few weeks. I wrote him on January 9 discussing this question of exchange at some length, and asked him to give us instructions as to the rate we should use. The more I have thought of the matter the more I have been convinced that it would be wiser for us to treat this appropriation on a gold basis rather than a Mexican basis. For the purpose of this year's budget the field can make an entry for whatever Mexican amount seems to be the most logical one. But from the standpoint of possible repayment, it would be much less of a gamble to use a gold rather than a silver basis. You might be able two years from now to repay the Mexican equivalent of this present C\$100 with less than half the gold amount. On the other hand, it might cost you a good deal more than C\$100 to purchase the L.C.\$425 which this C\$100 is worth at the present time.

For the present we are simply charging this out to the field as C\$100 and will leave it to them to report back to us the amount in silver they have charged against this appropriation.

At any rate, we are all most earnestly hoping that you will be going back to the field in a year or two so no question of repayment will be involved. We certainly hope you will find it possible to continue your work at Boston University without incurring too much debt to cause you worry and trouble later on. I wish we could find some way by which the University or some other missionary organization could render a larger measure of assistance, not only in your own case, but also in a large number of other similar cases which are coming to our attention from time to time.

We are very much interested in the possibility of your having a month free next summer during which you might be able to help out with work

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around our offices here in New York. Mr. Evans and I have discussed informally the possibility of persuading you to help us out here during that time. Needless to say we would all be mighty happy to have you here with us for a month - or longer if you could spare the time. And we certainly would be able to keep you busy at that season of the year for during July and August we are closing up all of our books for the preceding fiscal years and opening accounts for the new year. Also the number of people available for work during July and August is reduced by the fact that one or more people are always on vacation. The only problem involved is, of course, that of finding a place in our budget for any special assistance of this kind. Our present fiscal year closes on June 30, so the problem would be one for the next fiscal year. I believe, however, that we can find some solution to the problem. I hope you will keep the possibility in mind, and a little later on we will discuss it more definitely.

You will be greatly distressed to learn that Miss Lane passed away yesterday morning. For several weeks there had been very encouraging news of progress, and at last we were beginning to hope that she would really recover fully from the effects of the accident. However, the situation took a sudden turn for the worse early this week, and the end came in about forty-eight hours. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. J. Larside

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Fukien Christian University

June 2, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Ave.,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 21. I am glad that the \$46.00 arrived in due course and hope that we may soon have definite word from Mr. Lin which will permit us to estimate more accurately the balance still due you. In case definite word does not come from the field before you need the \$80.00 for summer school, please let me know ^{when you want it} and I will see that you are supplied.

Plans for the summer work of our Central Office are gradually shaping themselves. You may rest assured that all of us are most eager to have you with us during the weeks of the summer that you are free. We are, however, still struggling with the two problems which always bob up when we try to arrive at a solution.

In the first place, it is increasingly evident that we must bestir ourselves and have all our accounts closed out somewhat more promptly than we have in the past. For the accounts of the Universities whose fiscal year closes on June 30, the work of closing the books must begin about the middle of June, and end about June 20. The opening of the new books should be accomplished as soon as possible after July 1. For Fukien Christian University, where the fiscal year closes on July 31, we must begin work on closing our Fukien accounts sometime between July 15 and July 30. The new books must be opened as soon as possible after the first of August.

Obviously, therefore, the busiest time in our accounting office is between June 20 and August 1. By the middle of August we are usually quite well caught up with the rush. Also, as we approach the end of our Central Office fiscal year we are becoming increasingly disturbed by the size of the impending deficit. I suspect that the Supervisory Committee will urge us to exercise a maximum of economy in all matters relating to our Central Office expenditures next year.

We are exceedingly anxious to have you with us during the summer, and there is no question whatever that we could make very good use of your available time. However, if any attractive opportunities for amassing a fortune in some other way during these four weeks should present itself to you during the month of June, we would not wish you to keep your plans in abeyance on our behalf. It will be difficult for us to reach a final

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decision before the Supervisory Committee meets at the end of June and that will be rather late for you to make any other plans for the month you will have available.

Please keep us informed of developments during the meantime.

We had a very good meeting of our Fukien Board of Trustees last week. We will send you a copy of the minutes within a few days.

Very cordially yours,

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Fukien Christian University

July 28, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher,
200 Commonwealth Avenue,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

We have just received a letter from President Lin in which he writes as follows with regard to the rate of exchange for charging your payments in gold:-

"Your letter of May 21 raises the question of rate of exchange for charging Miss Asher's payments in gold. I thought you mentioned last time that the rate would be determined by the current rate at the time of making the payment. I have consulted with Mr. Lacy, our Acting Treasurer here. He felt that it is fair to do that, that is, adopting the current rate at the time when each installment was made to Miss Asher. I hope this principle will be agreeable to Miss Asher. We may keep both accounts, that is, both in gold and in its equivalent in silver. Should it be necessary for Miss Asher to pay back the money we would determine what would be the fair thing to do then. It is our hope, however, that Miss Asher will come in the fall of 1932."

During the year we have made payments to you amounting to \$252.00 gold. Instead of trying to ascertain the actual rate of exchange on Foochow currency prevailing at the date the previous disbursements were made, it seems to me that the simplest and fairest method of arriving at a rate of exchange is to take the average obtained during the fiscal year 1930-31 on gold appropriations toward the Foochow budget converted into local currency at the prevailing rate. We find that this average for the year is 4.02. At this rate the Foochow local currency equivalent of the \$252.00 is L.C. \$932.64. We will, therefore, use these figures for our disbursements to the present. On this basis there is still due you L.C. \$67.36 which, at the same rate of exchange of 4.02, is equal to G\$16.76. I assume it is in order for us to let you have this balance of G\$16.76 to complete the appropriation of L.C. \$1,000 at any time that you wish.

This assistance from the field is even less than we had anticipated, but we hope that it will help a little with the expenses of your preparation. We are all counting on your getting back to the field next summer, and are extremely anxious that nothing shall interfere with your return.

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I wish you would let me know frankly if it is going to be too difficult for you to manage the expenses of next year without getting so far in debt that you will be reluctant to return to the field leaving unmet financial obligations behind. There is always a bare possibility that some special assistance can be unearthed in such a situation. The important thing is that we must get you back to Foochow next summer.

I hope that the combination of heat and study is not proving too trying.

Very cordially yours,

B. Garside

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Brookneal, Virginia
August 19, 1931

Dear Mr. Garside:

The "high pressure" of summer school has prevented me from replying to your letter of July 28, until now. But it was all over on August 15, and I left the same day.

Regarding the rate of exchange for the M\$1000. appropriation by the Managers, Mr. Lin's decision is satisfactory with me. And I think your suggestion of striking an average rate for the year is good. I shall not want the balance until the latter part of September.

As to the status of my finances and the possibility of my returning to China next year, I am still somewhat at sea. I expect to be in New York for several days around September 20 at which time I should be glad to talk over the whole thing with you. If it is at all possible, I myself, much prefer to go next summer.

Yours sincerely,
Eva M. Asher

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Suite 21
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
November 1, 1931

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

You remember that your office advanced me \$100. for tuition when I was there in September, which I said I would refund in four \$25.00 monthly payments beginning with November. A week or ten days ago, however, I received a letter from Mr. Lin stating that the Board of Managers had voted a \$300. gold grant for my school expenses for this year. You have probably heard from him too, but I shall quote his statement to me in case you have not yet heard from him regarding this:

"I am leaving for Peiping tomorrow to be away for about a month. Therefore, I wish to notify you formally that the Board of Managers have voted three hundred dollars gold for you to draw toward your educational expenses for 1931-32. The conditions are the same as that of the last year; that is, you may draw that amount out as a loan, should you not come back to F.C.U. Otherwise it will be a scholarship grant."

So in view of this action on the part of the Board of Managers I should like to have the \$100. I owe your office transferred in full from that grant at your convenience.

One other thing, here in a place like this I have no very safe place to keep my insurance policy, and I would like to know if it would be all right for me to send it to you to be kept in the office safe there.

Everything is going along fairly well. School and domestic duties leave no time for me to get into mischief. We are finally quite settled in this one-room-kitchenette-bath apartment, and from the standpoint of food, expense, and freedom in general it is an improvement over living arrangements of the past two years.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

November 12, 1951.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 1st. An unusually long succession of meetings has delayed my reply.

We received President Lin's notification of the revision of the Fukien Budget of \$500 as a grant in aid for you this year, and we should have written to you about the matter before this.

We will be glad to transfer from the suspense account to the current general account the \$100 already sent you. When would you like us to make further remittances? We will be glad to take care of your insurance policy for you if you will send it along at your convenience.

We are glad to know that you have sufficient scholastic and domestic duties to keep you out of mischief, but we also hope that you will find sufficient time for relaxation and recreation to keep you out of the hospital.

Very cordially yours,

F. A. G. L. W. L.

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November 23, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Mass.
U. S. A.

(Sent with C. J. Lin's letter of November 23, 1931)

Dear Miss Asher:

We are looking forward for your return to us in the fall of 1932. I hope that nothing will prevent you from doing otherwise. We understand your difficulties, and we hope that we may be able to help meet most of them. I am writing to Mr. Garside to take the detailed arrangement with regard to your financial obligations, and so forth. You can be sure that we shall do our best to make conditions possible for your return.

You can be sure that you will not need to worry about the kind of work you are going to do here. We need you in our Treasurer's Office, and I need your help in my general administrative work, particularly in the English side. If you like, you can give a course in Accounting in our Department of Economics. You can also help with our girl students when we admit them next fall. In general, you understand the spirit of our work here, and I am sure that other adjustments can be made to the satisfaction of both of yourself and the University when you are here.

We shall start the building of our dormitory for women as soon as Mr. Viant is well enough to do it. Mr. Viant had accident about ten days ago, in which he hurted his skull. He is feeling very well while he is lying down in bed. As soon as he gets up, he feels dizzy. The doctors say that he has to rest for about a week or more. He has planned out a whole suite on the first floor for you in the girls' dormitory, and I am sure you will like it. The dormitory is going to be located in the peach and pear orchards below the Beaches' house.

Hui Ching and the children are getting on well. Our younger son is making all the trouble on his mother. So Hui Ching doesn't seem to have any time to write letters herself. She wishes to send you her best regards. We hope

Miss EMA 2, November 23, 1931

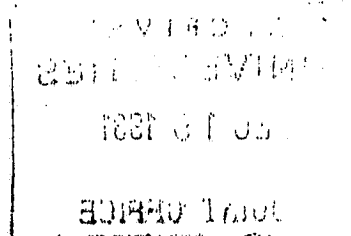
to see you here before long. We often think of you, and we trust that you are not overworking yourself too much.

Conditions in Foochow are quiet, although the people in general are much disturbed by the presence of a Japanese gunboat in our harbor. The Japanese seem to try to do everything to provoke bad feeling and to look for trouble. We are glad that no serious complication has yet happened. Our students feel so much oppressed by the ways of the Japanese military operations in Manchuria and in Tientsin. It is our sincere hope that the public opinion in the world will bring pressure on Japan for peaceful settlement of the problems between Japan and China.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin
C. J. Lin

CJL:HCY



Dec. 3, 1931

Miss Eva M. Asher
11 Audubon Rd.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Miss Asher:

At a meeting of the Advisory Committee several days ago the matter of your return was voted upon. At treasurer I was asked to write you about the division of work in the treasurer's office between yourself and me. The matter of the exact title that each of us is to bear was rather a vexing one. It was finally thought best to have me continue as treasurer and ask you to be associate treasurer, altho this is not final if you have a better designation to suggest.

The idea is to have you take complete charge of the office and current bank accounts. The committee thought it wise to continue my services as a member of the Advisory Committee and as the one responsible for reserve funds on fixed deposit, for sale of gold bills, and to look after matters pertaining to the treasury department that are not in the regular routine; such as planning non budget expenditures of large figure, and cultivating prospective donors.

You will be most welcome back in the office and I am sure we shall not step on each others toes. To me, personally, the matter of title is of no consequence and if we can arrive at some other more satisfactory designation I shall be only too happy agree. In any event you will have as much responsibility as you had before and more besides. It will be a happy day for me to see you step off the launch onto the campus.

Cordially,

Signed

R. W. McClure

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December 6, 1931.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.,
U. S. A.

(Sent with C. J. Lin's letter of December 6, 1931)

Dear Miss Asher:

I am sending your contract to Mr. Garside so that he can make more detail arrangement with you with regard to its final signing up. We hope that we will be able to know very quickly when you are coming back to us.

You will notice from the contract that your main duties are twofold; you are to be the Associate Treasurer and English Secretary to the President. In Mr. McClure's letter to you, which is enclosed herewith, you will find the general outline of work between you two with regard to the Treasurer's Office work. You will be in complete charge of the Treasurer's Office with regard to:

- (1) Departmental Accounts
- (2) Signing of checks on current checking accounts
- (3) Supervising the Bookstore and its accounts
- (4) Supervising the Business Management accounts

- Mr. McClure:
- (1) Attend meetings of the President's Advisory Committee
 - (2) Reserve funds on fixed deposits and selling of gold drafts.
 - (3) Planning for non-budget expenditures of large amount, and cultivating prospective donors

Both of you are to carry on correspondence about our finances and accounts with our New York Office with regard to your respective lines of work. Each one of you will make the other know what has been sent. Both of you will put your signatures on annual financial reports. If there are things which need further readjustment, you can be sure that we can make them when we are altogether. You will, of course, have the complete charge of the English correspondence of the President's Office.

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Miss EHA 2, December 6, 1931.

You know that we have two assistants in our Treasurer's Office, one in charge of the Bookstore and another accountant. They will be helping you in every way as you desire. Your assistants will keep the Bookstore accounts as well as making first entries; the accountant will do cash payments and do as much ledger and posting as you desire him to do. The accountant can be put to supervising the accounts in the Business Management for you.

As I wrote you last, if you desire, you may give some lectures in Accounting or Business Administration to the students of our Department of Economics. If you are interested in the welfare of the girl students, you can also render substantial help in the girls' dormitory. You will be interested to know that we have three clerks in the various offices here in the Arts Hall who can typewrite quite well. They also can cut stencils for mimeographing. You will not need, therefore, to be bothered with some routine typing work which you used to do when you were here last.

You will notice from the Schedule of Salary and Allowances for the foreign staff, which is attached to your contract, that your salary will begin when you leave home for China. Your salary will be \$1,700 silver. But during the present year, on account of the high rate of gold exchange, our Board of Managers have made a 10% grant of salary to the foreign staff. If the conditions remain more or less the same, the Managers may do the same thing again next year. The Managers also have granted the privilege to the foreign members of our staff of drawing \$150 gold per adult at the rate of \$2 silver to \$1 gold, for their purchases in America. If the gold rate stays high next year, the Managers may deem it proper to continue the same privilege. You will, of course, have \$100 gold for your outfit allowance.

There is one modification in the Schedule since its adoption; that is, the travel allowance, under No. 8. We have asked our staff members, during the last two years, that they travel by second-class passage. This policy was adopted because most of the foreign Mission Boards have asked their missionaries to travel on second-class. It saves considerable amount of money on account of the gold rate; meanwhile it has not caused much inconvenience to the travelers. The Suttons and the Farleys came back on second-class. We hope that you will be willing to do the same.

I hope the above give you some idea of your work when you return to us in July or August, 1932. Our fall term begins on September 1, but our fiscal year has now been changed to begin with July 1. Your suite in the new girls' dormitory will be finished when you are here.

Yours very sincerely,

Lin
D. J. Lin

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11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
December 30, 1931

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Dear Mr. Garside:

During the spring semester I have to write a vocational thesis. I do not know yet just what my "vocation" will be, but for the time being I have chosen for my topic:

"Accounting and General Office Work in Missionary Educational Institutions of Higher Learning In China"

It is supposed to be "Original research on your opportunities for employment and advancement in the field of business in which you are most interested. Brief survey of the business as a whole; its functions; possibly a brief history to point out its growing or decreasing importance with conclusions as to the probable future development."

So far as I know there is no source material on this subject other than what can be gleaned from individual institutions, etc. Will you please send me a list of the people on the field to whom I should write to get this information. If I address it to the institution I fear it will float around too long, and I need it as soon as possible as the thesis is due not later than May 2.

I want to include all of the institutions of college rank. It may be that the individual offices there could answer for the union universities. If so that would give me something to start on (the outline is due Jan. 11). I am enclosing a questionnaire which may give you some idea as to what I think now I want.

Is Mr. Cressy still in New York or has he returned to China? Do you have in the office there a copy of a pamphlet (blue cover) that he got out for or five years ago, something about higher learning in China. I do not remember the exact topic, but it was a plea to the colleges to adopt a standard system of accounting, etc., so that reports might be compared with some degree of accuracy. If you do have a copy could I borrow it for a short time?

I spent a pleasant Christmas here; and start back to school on January 4.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Accounting and General Office Work in Missionary Educational Institutions of Higher Learning In China

When was institution established?

How supported?

Condensed survey of how the business end of the institution has been conducted from the beginning to the present, such as:

Full-time or part-time person in charge? *Special Training?*

Chinese or foreigner?

Number of Chinese helpers at present _____ Foreigners

Is there a further need for foreigners at present?

Is there a tendency to shift responsible positions to Chinese?

Is the general office work, including Treasurer, Business Manager, Purchasing, etc., centralized under the direction of one person? _____ If so, Chinese or foreigner? _____

Accounting System

Do you use the standard system proposed by the China Christian Educational Association?

If not, what system?

Does the system now used adequately provide the information desired by the Trustees in America and the Managers in China?

If not, list short-comings

Any other facts bearing on the general topic.

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December 31, 1931.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

So you are starting to write a vocational thesis! You have certainly chosen a topic which should bring to light information that will be of interest to all those who are connected with our China Colleges.

Apparently your subject will cover two somewhat distinct fields, that of accounting, and that of general office work. Your sources of the material on these two fields will probably also be quite distinct.

I am sure that you already have a copy of Trevor Arnett's book on "College and University Finance". This, as you know, is the basis on which the systems of accounting used in all of our Union Universities has been built up. If your copy of this book has been lost we would be glad to lend you one.

I doubt whether we have available here in New York the pamphlet you describe, which Mr. Cressy got out some years ago urging a uniform accounting and statistical procedure in the various institutions. However, I will look further today, and will send you a copy of this pamphlet if it can be found. I am also mailing you today a copy of the volume prepared under Mr. Cressy's direction in 1926 entitled, "Christian Higher Education in China". Possibly you already have a copy of this book. Some of the material in it may be helpful.

In sending inquiries to the various Universities, you will probably wish to ask about accounting from someone in the Field Treasurer's Office, and about general office work from someone in the secretarial staff. The situation is somewhat different in each institution.

At Fenching University send accounting inquiry to Miss Mary Cookingham, Associate Treasurer, and general office work to Miss Hilda L. Hague, who is Secretary to the President.

At Shantung Christian University Dr. H. P. Lair is the Field Treasurer, and Miss Grace M. Hickson is the Secretary to the President.

Miss Eva M. Asher

December 31, 1931.

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At the University of Nanking send accounting inquiry to Miss Elsie M. Priest, Field Treasurer, and general office work to Miss Minnie H. Purcell, who is Secretary to the President.

I am afraid that you will have difficulty in getting information from West China Union University, for if you can discover the situation there you will be better than we have ever succeeded in doing. Perhaps your best course would be to address your inquiry to Dr. Joseph Beech, who has been the President for a good many years, and now assumes the title of provost. The University has very little general secretarial work; most of the administrative staff writing their own letters. The Bursar of the University, Mr. W. B. Albertson is now on furlough, and can be reached in care of Board of Foreign Missions of the United Church of Canada, 299 Queen Street West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. If you can get into correspondence with Mr. Albertson, it would probably be better than for you to send inquiries to Chengtu.

You already have more information about Fukien than we could supply.

At Lingnan University, Dr. James M. Henry is the provost. He is now assuming responsibility for such of the University's accounts as are related to the Board of Trustees. An inquiry addressed to him would probably receive attention in due course. Miss Bessie Powers has just returned to our New York Office after spending some time in general office work at Lingnan. A letter could be addressed to her at this office.

We do not have any direct information with regard to the other Universities in China. You might address letters to the Presidents of each Institution with a request that they hand your questionnaire to the proper individuals.

As you know from past experience, practically all of the individuals I have mentioned above are extremely busy people and have about as much love for a questionnaire, as a patriotic Chinese student has for a Japanese General. I do not envy you the task of getting information out of these people, but I hope you succeed because the results should be very interesting.

Please let us know if there is any other way in which we can assist.

With all good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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FUKIEN

January 14, 1932.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
Suite 21,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

No doubt you have received President Lin's letters of November 23rd and December 6th in which he tells of the University's eagerness for your return, and sets forth in a general way the plans they have for your work. In his November 23rd letter to me President Lin gives some more definite comments particularly as regards financial matters. I am taking the liberty of quoting some extracts from his letter, which you will of course consider both informal and confidential:-

"With regard to Miss Asher, we have given the case a very real consideration, and we hope that you will take the matter up with her according to the general principle stated here. We want to have Miss Asher returned to us. She is needed here as our resident treasurer and as English secretary to the president. She can give a course in Accounting to our students in the Economics Department. If she has more time to spare, we can put a number of other things for her to do. It is, therefore, not a matter of whether or not she will be willing to come back to us. We shall have waited three years for her.

As to the financial arrangement, we hope that with this year's grant of \$300.00 gold her total indebtedness to the end of next June, when she is ready to sail for China, will be around \$1400 or \$1500 gold instead of \$2000 gold. We would suggest that our office in New York takes over her indebtedness if Miss Asher will provide us with a detailed statement as to whom and what amount she owes, as well as the terms of payment. She can then pay back the amount to us by installment each year. During the last two years we give to a married couple a gold allowance of \$300 each year, at the rate of \$2 silver to \$1 gold. She, as a single lady, will be entitled to one half of that amount. Then, our Board of Managers may consider to give her a further allowance, of say, \$75 gold per year, at our budget rate, around \$5 silver to \$1 gold. She would be able to pay off the total amount of her indebtedness back to us at the end of her second term of service with us. Meanwhile she only has to pay out \$525 silver per year for that purpose.

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I believe she can live quite comfortably with the balance of her salary on the field. If that is agreeable to her, she can mortgage her insurance policy to our New York Office as security until she has paid back the amount we advance for her.

I believe this is the best we can do for Miss Asher, and hope that it will be acceptable to her. I shall write her a general letter about her return, leaving the details to be taken up between you and herself, according to the above principle, if that is agreeable to our Trustees. We shall, of course, be very anxious to hear the final decision as we want to know as early as possible how we shall arrange our staff members before long."

In his letter to me on December 6th President Lin says further.

As a matter of fact however, it seems that President Lin's has greatly modified in his letter of December 6th his earlier stand on the subject of financing the indebtedness you will have at the end of the present academic year. He leaves the impression that the University would now

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In his letter to me on December 6th President Lin says further:-

"You refer in your last letter to me about Miss Asher's finances. We feel that we must undertake that responsibility. If there is not enough fund in your hand to assume the payment of Miss Asher's debt, you may charge it to our current account, and we can adjust it from year to year, as there will always be some margin in the actual cash accounts. We feel that even on the business points of view it is more economical to have Miss Asher return to us on those terms, as we can never expect to get a person in China with the same training and efficiency, as well as reliability, as Miss Asher, with the amount of single missionary salary which we pay to Miss Asher."

So far as your personal problem of indebtedness is concerned, I doubt whether you would be entirely willing to accept Mr. Lin's suggestion for a gradual clearance of this outstanding debt after your return to China. Before falling back to such a possible procedure it will be amply worth while for us to explore every other possibility first. As I believe I intimated before, sometimes one can discover some friend of the missionary movement who is willing and able to render special assistance. The present time of severe economic depression makes it exceedingly difficult to secure any contribution of this sort; but at least it would be worth the effort.

As a matter of fact however, it seems that President Lin has greatly modified in his letter of December 6th his earlier stand on the subject of financing the indebtedness you will have at the end of the present academic year. He leaves the impression that the University would now be willing to assume immediate responsibility for this debt, thus freeing you of worry and anxiety regarding it. Is this your interpretation of what he says?

Now that you have President Lin's letters to you and the above excerpts from his letters to me, I hope that you will have enough facts before you to do some tentative planning for next year. Won't you write to me frankly as to your own inclination, and as to the probably financial situation you will face when you finish your work in June? This will enable me to map out a more definite plan of action.

I am not sure whether we sent you any information as to the recent recommendations of a Special Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees to deal

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with the problem of salaries and allowances of the University supported Western staff at Fukien. Due to the low cost of silver during 1930-31 the Trustees were able to close their fiscal year with a surplus of about G \$10,000. Instead of following the recommendations of the field that this surplus be allocated among a number of pending needs, the Trustees decided to hold this entire gain on exchange in reserve as a basis for working out some better plan for meeting the salaries and allowances of the University paid Westerners at Fukien. The Special Committee appointed to deal with this problem recommended that the Board provide from this surplus whatever additional salary grants may be required to maintain the support of University paid Western staff at the same level as missionaries of the Methodist Board. This would mean a substantial increase over the present scale. It was also recommended that we take up again with the cooperating Boards the proposal that these Boards appoint as their representatives one or more members of the present University supported Western staff at Fukien, the Board of Trustees reimbursing the cooperating Mission Boards, wherever such new appointees were in excess of the Board's accepted quota. I hope that satisfactory policies along this line can be formulated, though it is very difficult to start any new movements at this time.

Very cordially yours,

W. A. Garside

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Suite 21
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
January 28, 1932 ^{F1}

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garside:

I failed to acknowledge receipt of the material you sent me on the colleges of China for my thesis. I did not have anything you sent, and it all came in fine, as well as the other information you gave me. I do have Arnett's book with me. Thank you for your help in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

January 30, 1932.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your two letters of January 28th. We are enclosing herewith a check for \$110. We sincerely hope that the scholarship materializes, but if it does not we will be glad to send you an additional \$50 whenever we receive your S.O.S.

The communication we had from President Lin stated simply that the grant of G \$500 made to you for this year, is to assist with your "educational expenses". It seems to me therefore that you are entitled to draw the full \$500, using the balance not needed for tuition to assist with your living expenses or any other personal expenses you may choose. If there is any doubt in your mind as to whether the balance could be applied on your insurance premium, I would think you could consider it as having been applied toward your living expenses, and could consider that your life insurance premium was paid from other funds. It amounts to much the same thing in the end.

Apparently this payment of \$110, plus the \$100 we sent you on September 21st, makes the total thus far sent to you \$210, and leaves a balance of \$90 still available. Is this in accord with your understanding of the account?

Very cordially yours,

B. G. G. W. C.

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FUKIEN

Fukien Christian University

March 21, 1932.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of February 26th has been lying on my desk for some weeks. Since you state that you do not expect a letter merely to answer the questions you raise, and suggest that I would "stick in the answer somewhere," when I am writing on some other subject, I have been waiting for some further excuse to write. Thus far I have not discovered a very legitimate excuse, so I will send this note to answer your various queries.

I am afraid the Beemans have decided definitely that they will not return to the field. I spent some weeks trying to persuade them that they are urgently needed and their loss will be a serious blow to the University, but my efforts did not accomplish anything.

So far as we know all of our Union Universities are going right ahead with their work. Some of the Western staff at Nanking, in accordance with advices of the American Consul, withdrew to Shanghai, Tainan, and Peiping, during the last week in January, but the University has continued to carry on its work. Yenching, Cheeloo, Fukien, Lingnan, and West China seem to have been affected very little, if at all.

The status of coeducation at Fukien seems to be that it has been approved in principle, but as yet has not gone far toward realization. The main problem is that of finances. For some time the field had been trying to secure funds for a girls' dormitory. They have asked the Board of Trustees to assist, but the Trustees have not been able to do much. The field recommended last fall that a large part of the substantial surplus from gain on exchange of 1930-31 be applied toward the construction of a girls' dormitory, and I believe that initial steps were taken toward constructing such a dormitory before the Trustees took action on this recommendation. Thus far however, the Trustees have kept last year's gain on exchange in reserve, primarily to provide a fund for stabilizing the salaries of the University supported Western staff. Recent communications from the field indicate that this proposed use of last year's gain on exchange is not at all satisfactory to the field, so I presume the matter will be studied further by the Trustees at their next meeting.

Dr. Chamberlain and I are still seeking for a solution of your

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March 21, 1938.

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personal financial problem, but as yet we do not have much more progress to report. The next meeting of our Fukien Trustees will be held on the afternoon of April 15th. At that time we should arrive at something pretty definite, so that you will be able to go forward with your own plans for the future.

Very cordially yours,

B. Garside

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Fukien Christian University

March 30, 1952.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

I have your note of March 28th. Glad the \$240. reached you promptly, and succeeded in frightening the wolf from your door for the time being.

I have just received a supply of the Minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Board of Managers held on January 30th. I am sending you a copy herewith for your information if you have not already received this material. You will be interested in Action M-669 at the top of page three of these Minutes. As yet we have had no covering letter from President Lin, so we have no further information than merely the action itself. Perhaps you have received, or will soon be receiving, a letter from Mr. Lin with full details.

I hope your work goes along smoothly, and that you manage to avoid worrying for the next fortnight.

Very cordially yours,

T. A. Lawrence

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FUKIEN

Suite 21
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
May 9, 1932

ack. 5-10-32

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

This is another S.O.S. for money for current expenses.

In my letter of April 18 to you, I stated that I thought \$130.00 would carry me through to the end. I would be glad to have at least \$75.00 of it now; or if it is more convenient to you to send all of it at once, it does not matter with me.

Also, in my letter of April 18, I told you that I had decided, on the strength of some points cleared up in a letter from Mr. Lin, that I would be willing to go back to Foochow this summer. Does this settle the matter? I do not know whether to plan definitely on going or not, and I feel that it is time I knew definitely one way or another, as I shall be leaving Boston in about a month, for somewhere.

If it is all settled that I am going I would be glad to have the reoutfit allowance at this time too, so that I shall not have to put off everything at the end. It behooves me to do whatever is to be done here in Boston, as Brookneal has no facilities of any kind to speak of. (That does not mean that I am going back on my home town!).

Another "if": If I am going I would be glad to have clergy certificate blanks, so that I may make use of them going home.

And, would it be all right for me to have my physical examination here? If so, I think I could make connection with the American Board physician through Dr. Fairfield.

I do not mean to be hurrying you, but these are just some things I am thinking about in case I am going to Foochow this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

May 10, 1932.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

For ten days I have had your letter of April 18th lying on my desk with an accumulation of other mail which I should have answered long ago. Our series of annual meetings has been unusually long this year, and the number of things which had to be done immediately has caused me to fall sadly behind with all my regular work.

Let me hasten to assure you that our tardiness in our replying is no indication of any lack of rejoicing at the good news that you are at last beginning to see your way clear to return to Foochow this summer. This is the best news we have heard for many moons.

I have continued to hope that through our Board of Trustees, or through the interest of individual friends, we might find some way to share with you at least a part of the burden of your indebtedness. One reason I have been delaying my reply to you is that I have been hoping from day to day that I might get some favorable reply from a letter I wrote to a friend of Fukien over a month ago. But nothing has come in, and the situation is such that I cannot press the matter any further. The one conditional gift of \$250 which I told you about in March cannot rightly be claimed unless we secure other gifts of a like nature. So the whole question of our helping you out from other sources and the loan of G. \$2,000 is still very much up in the air. I will, however, try to keep after the matter, and if anything substantial materializes I will pass the word on to you at once.

President Lin sent me a copy of the letter he wrote you, and also wrote a separate letter to me telling of the anxiety of the field for your return this summer.

As requested in your letter of yesterday we are sending you a check and also Clergy application blanks herewith. I have made the check for \$100, which is somewhat more than you request, but I am sure is not more than you will need during the next few weeks. Let us know when you need more, and also let me know what arrangements you wish to make about repaying the loan from Mr. Bedient. I presume that we should treat the University's loan to you as an advance on the

Miss Eva M. Asher

May 10, 1932.

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1932-33 budget, but this will not prevent our letting you have the funds you need at any time now.

I would appreciate it if you would take up the matter of your physical examination with the American Board. It would be fully as satisfactory to have the O. K. of the medical man on the American Board, as Dr. Vaughan here in New York.

As soon as your medical clearance is obtained we can proceed immediately with advancing you your recoutfit allowance, and arranging for your summer passage.

Steamer

I have this morning talked with the Dollar Steamship Line with regard to possible ~~summer~~ accommodations. I find that you could get very economical rates from New York to Shanghai on either the President Coolidge or the President Hoover, and that you would save both in travel costs and living costs by taking the through-journey by boat, rather than going over land by rail. But we meet what seems to be an insuperable difficulty in the fact that neither of these boats has a schedule that fits in with your needs. The President Hoover sails from New York on May 26th and from San Francisco on June 17th; and the President Coolidge sails from New York on August 4th and from San Francisco on August 26th. There is no boat in between these two sailings which has the economical special class accommodations. It seems, therefore, that we will have to turn to Seattle, where all the steamers have special class fares. The Cleveland sails from Seattle July 9th and arrives in Shanghai July 26th. The Taft sails from Seattle July 23rd and arrives in Shanghai August 9th. On either of these boats the special class fare is around \$185 less our 5% agency discount. If you prefer to leave Seattle later than July 9th or earlier than July 23rd, you could get the Empress of Russia from Vancouver or Victoria on July 16th arriving in Shanghai on July 31st. In normal times you might wish to go from San Francisco on one of the Japanese steamers offering economical rates, but in view of the present anti-Japanese attitude among our Chinese friends, I presume you would not wish to travel by Japanese steamer this year.

Keep me informed of your wishes, and I will try to be a little more prompt hereafter in my replies.

Very cordially yours,

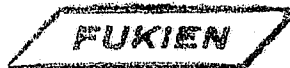
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Suite 21
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
May 12, 1932

Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York



Dear Mr. Garside:

Thank you for your letter of May 10, enclosing check for \$100.00 and clergy certificate blanks.

I think I have to have a Southeastern blank too; I do not think the Southern states accept the Eastern certificates. You sent an Eastern and a Western blank.

I had my physical examination this afternoon, and I have asked Dr. Ward of the American Board to send the report and the bill for same direct to you.

It is too bad that those special fare boats via Panama do not go more often. I should like very much to go that way, but I think both of the dates, May 26 and August 4, are out of the question. My last exam here is on May 27, and August 4 is too late since the schools in China begin on September 1. Are there no other special fare boats from San Francisco except those that go from New York? If there should be around the dates July 15 - 20, I would rather go from there. Otherwise, the Empress of Russia from Vancouver on July 16 is my preference.

I do not think of anything else that needs attention just now.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

May 17, 1932

Miss Eva M. Ascher
Suite 21
11 Audubon Road
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Ascher:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 12th.

Sorry we failed to send you a Southeastern clergy application. We are enclosing that blank herewith. We are taking steps to secure your Eastern and Western certificates for you. I am glad that you were able to have your health examination taken care of so quickly. As soon as Dr. Ward's report arrives we should be in a position to go ahead with the working out of details for your return to China.

I am afraid that, aside from Japanese steamers, there are no special fare boats from San Francisco at a date that would be convenient for you. The "President Hoover" makes a very leisurely voyage through the Panama Canal after it leaves New York on May 26th, and does not sail from San Francisco until June 17th. This would give you time to finish up your work here, and to go by train to San Francisco, leaving about a fortnight to spare. I am afraid, however, that this is not enough time to spend with your family before returning to the field. Also, you would arrive in Shanghai on July 8th, and that is not the nicest time of the year to reach China, for you would have eight weeks of the hottest weather before the University opened on September first. Of course the University would be happy to have you, and I am sure that Mr. Lin can make good use of your services.

With all good wishes, I am,

Very cordially yours,

FUKIEN

11 Audubon Road
Boston, Massachusetts
June 6, 1932

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter and the check for \$200. came this morning for which I thank you.

I saw Dr. Ward this morning, and he still thinks that I should wait until the middle or latter part of August from the West coast. I think he will write you.

So in view of this I am quite satisfied to go on the August 4 boat from New York if you think that is all right. There will be some Foochow people on that boat from San Francisco on (American Board people). Their travel agent said this boat is getting quite filled up from New York on account of the Olympic games to be held in California this summer, but it may not be too late for one more. Dr. Fairfield said he thought there was still one berth in the cabin which is to be occupied by the two young ladies going from their Board. But of course that does not begin until the boat gets to San Francisco, so it may not be convenient to try to arrange it so that I could be with them (I am taking for granted that they had just as soon have me as a stranger; I know one of them quite well).

In case I should be going from New York and knew it before I left here, I would like to leave some of my baggage there as I pass through on my way home in order to avoid the trouble of taking it down there and bringing it back. Do you think I could have it stored with the shipping department of the Methodist Board?

Yes, August 9 is a little too early for me to be in New York. If I could make it I should be most glad to attend the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

June 9, 1932.

Miss Eva M. Asher,
11 Audubon Road,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Miss Asher:

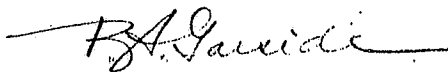
I have your letter of June 6th. I have also received a long letter from Dr. Ward in which he reports that you are coming along satisfactorily, but recommends that you obtain a maximum of rest and freedom from worry and responsibility until the time you sail for China.

Dr. Ward approves the proposal that you sail on August 4th on the "President Coolidge", and kindly suggests that the American Board ladies would welcome you in their cabin. I am, therefore, writing Mr. Earle E. Smith asking if he would be willing to assign to you this reservation he is holding.

I should hear from the American Board within a few days or perhaps you will hear from them directly before you leave Boston. At all events it seems to me quite safe for you to begin tentative plans for the sailing on the "President Coolidge".

We look forward to seeing you in New York next week. We will be glad to arrange for the storage of any baggage you may wish to leave here in the city. The pieces that are not too bulky can be stored somewhere in our Central Office, larger trunks can be stored in the Shipping Department of the Methodist Board.

Very cordially yours,



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EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

between

Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China as the first party

and Miss Eva Mae Asher----- as the second party. Each party

keeps a copy of this contract duly signed.

Fukien Christian University agrees to and does employ

Miss Eva Mae Asher--- for the position of Associate Treasurer and English Secretary to the President----- for a term of Six (6) years, beginning July 1, 1932 ----- at M\$1,700.00 per year.

The salary, allowances, residence provision, travel etc. are specified in detail under the "Schedule of Salaries and Allowances for the Foreign Staff, Revised Feb. 22, 1930", affixed hereto.

The University, upon due notice in writing, may terminate this contract at any time, upon the payment of a sum equal to three months' salary from the date of said termination, and full travel expenses to the address given below, by the most direct route, and by either second or first class ocean travel as may seem wise at the time.

Miss Eva Mae Asher----- hereby accepts the above mentioned employment and the foregoing terms and conditions, and agrees, that if for any reason he/she resigns the position before the expiration of one-half the term of this contract, he/she will reimburse the University for such proportion of the outgoing and outfit expenses as the time of actual service bears to one-half the full term of service as above set forth, and that if he/she resigns before the completion of the whole term of the contract, no payment shall be made by the University for travel expenses to the home of the second party to this contract, except in case of sickness or some cause fully approved by the Board of Managers of the University.

This contract may be renewed or extended by mutual agreement.

Signed on the _____ day of _____ 19 _____

For the University, First Party to the Contract

Witnesses

For the Second Party to the Contract

Place of residence in U. S. A.

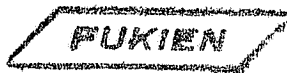
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

October 11, 1932 #1



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of September 9 to Mr. McClure, bringing your monthly statement for August, together with the invoices covering disbursements on account 31 and a copy of journal voucher 175, has been received. We have also received your check No. 2206, September 9, for \$1,842.11 gold covering the first payment of the restricted income from the Harvard-Yenching Institute, sent to Mr. McClure, for which we thank you.

We are enclosing a copy of our monthly statement for September with a reconciliation with your August statement.

Mr. McClure left here on October 9 for Shanghai. He hopes to be back in ten or twelve days.

The annual meeting of our Board of Managers was held here at the university on October 9 with a good attendance. Bishop Gowdy was here and addressed the Board. We shall send you copies of the minutes as soon as we receive a copy from the secretary and can get them out.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

October 11, 1932 #2

FUKIEN

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter of August 30 to me, enclosing the two notes from Mr. Bedient. I am glad the assignment to the university has been completed and forwarded to Shanghai. I think that completes the transaction and that there is no question now as to the security of the loan, which is a relief to me, for I do want the university to have every possible protection. The present arrangement has been a great help to me, and I appreciate it.

It is good to be back on the campus again. If I had stayed away much longer I fear I would have had difficulty in recognizing the place, there have been so many changes as well as signs of growth and development. The addition of six buildings can change the appearance of a campus considerably, to say nothing of adding girls on top of that! But we are glad to have the girls and they seem glad to be here. The Dean of Women says they are all studying hard.

I am now in the process of trying to find how and where I can best fit into the scheme of things here. I never dreamed that I could forget as much as I did, but with a little time I hope my memory may be properly repaired.

It was good to make the acquaintance of all you people there, and I shall never cease to be grateful for all of your kindness and help to me in so many ways.

My best wishes to all the staff,

Sincerely yours,

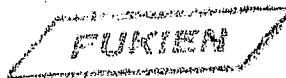
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

November 2, 1932

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

I think you know that the arrangement this year is for foreign members of the staff here to receive half of their salary in gold. This means that I am entitled to receive G\$425.00 for the year, or monthly payments of \$35.41. I wish to have all of my gold salary deposited to my checking account in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. So if it is not too much trouble for your office, I would be glad if you could arrange to have this amount deposited monthly for me, this serving as a blanket authorization until further notice. I have not received the gold part of my salary for October, so when you receive this, I shall be due to receive \$70.82, covering gold salary for October and November.

We have had so many letters lost in the mail during the last four or five months, I prefer not to draw on you and send the draft to the bank myself. I shall feel more sure that it has reached the bank each month if you do it from that end.

My plan is to let my gold accumulate there and then make payments to you on my loan every six months, at least \$150. I hope to pay back at least \$300. a year, and more if possible. The sooner it is all cleared up the better I shall like it.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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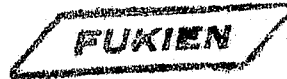
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November 21, 1932 #3

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote to you last under date of November 4, and since then we have received letters from you dated October 5, 10 (with monthly trial balance, etc.) and 11.

We are sending you herewith a copy of our monthly statement for October with reconciliation sheet, and a report of gold drafts drawn on you from September 30 to November 10, inclusive.

In our letter of November 4 to you we asked you if you had cashed drafts No. 1255, 56, 58, 60, 62, 69, 75. Since then we have cancelled drafts No. 1256 and 1258, and under date of October 17 I wrote you about sending the American Drug Company, Shanghai, a substitute draft for 1260 which apparently was among some of our lost letters. So this leaves only four of these older drafts outstanding according to the information we have at hand at the present time.

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Mr. McClure thinks I should send you a snapshot of myself to relieve your worry about my being thin last summer, but since I have none I'll just tell you that I have gained all I lost in America, and I fear a little extra! Something out here seems to agree with me; maybe they treat me too well!

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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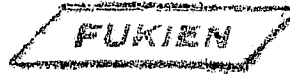
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December 27, 1932 No. 1



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I want to thank you and Mrs. Evans for your Christmas greetings to me, which came several days before Christmas.

We had a very "Merry Christmas" here on the F.C.U. campus, with various groups giving programs, and our traditional faculty party on Christmas Eve. There are so many of us now including grown-ups and children that not even the President's Residence is hardly large enough to accommodate us, so we used the attic of the girls' dormitory which proved to be a most satisfactory place for such gatherings. The girls had used it two nights previously for their program. We had around ninety people at our faculty party, about half of whom were children. W. Y. Chen played the part of Santa Claus, and he made a good one.

It was so warm here on Christmas day that it seemed like a spring day, so we had to do without the snow, reindeer and sleds! But we did have pointsettias galore. They grow very easily here and with little expense. I couldn't help but think of what a luxury one of our pots with six large blossoms would be in America.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

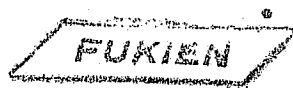
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December 27, 1932 No. 2

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Mr. B. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:

Your letters dated November 17, 21, and 28 have been received, and we wrote you last under date of December 13.

I am enclosing a check herewith for \$200.00 as payment on my loan from the University. I promise you that I shall not starve myself, even if I have to resort to paying only \$100.00 per year. Things are considerably more expensive than when I was here before. As yet, I do not know how expenses will work out when I am living alone, but I am quite sure they will amount to more than at the present time. I doubt if the Kellogg-Chen house will be ready for occupancy before the end of the spring term, so that means that I shall probably not move into my place in the girls' dormitory before next fall, after the Kuliang season. I am enjoying living with the Lins, but it will be nice to have a place of my own, and too I think I will have a better opportunity there to know the girls. Miss Yu, our Dean of Women, is a very pleasant young lady and thus it will be nice to be down there with her.

We had a happy Christmas season here on the campus. We are very fortunate to have so much musical ability within our faculty group and student body. We had some very good musical programs by the various groups. The girls came around to the faculty residences one morning at 2:30 singing Christmas carols, and the boys the next morning just a little later. The girls gave a program of their own in the attic of their dormitory. It is really a very nice attic. We used it too for our faculty party, and it proved to be much more satisfactory than any one of our residences would have been, for our group has grown so fast. We have quite a different community now as compared with when I left here. Almost none of the Chinese members of the faculty had their families with them on the campus then, and now practically all of them are here. That means many more children as well as grown-ups. W. Y. Chen played the part of Santa Claus, and he did it well; we were all children for a while! Then the general student body gave a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Scott, and a play, in the chapel on Friday night before Christmas. The faculty party always comes on Christmas Eve. I think this is the first time since the Gowdys left the University that they have not been with us on this occasion, except one year when they were in America at Christmas time. They had planned to come this year, and then almost at the last minute Dr. Gowdy had to go to Shanghai on business.

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Mr. McClure was operated on for appoplexy of the bowels on December 18. It came on rather suddenly. He went to the hospital the second day after he first felt it and was operated on the next. He seems to be making a rapid recovery. He is going home today, Tuesday. He says he may come down here next Tuesday, but I do not think any doctor in Foochow thinks so. I shall probably go up there one day next week and help him with his correspondence.

Mrs. Beach has been in the hospital for several weeks too. She went for general observation as she has not been well for the last year, and while the doctors have not been able to find any definite organic trouble, she still feels quite weak and miserable in general. Both her children and Mr. McClure's came home from the Shanghai American School for Christmas to find a parent each in the hospital.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones was in Foochow for a week the latter part of November. He was down here twice, once for a round table conference with students and a general lecture to all, and the next day for a round table conference with the faculty. We wanted very much to have him again, but his schedule was too full. Some of us were able to hear him again in Foochow. He is certainly a deeply spiritual man, and I think he made a very profound impression among the student groups and church going people of Foochow. Dr. Beard of the American Board Mission and who has been here for some thirty or more years, said that he thought Dr. Jones made a more lasting impression on Foochow than any visitor who had been here for many years.

I want to thank you and Mrs. Garside for your Christmas greetings to me, which I appreciated a great deal.

With best wishes to you and all the folks there in the office for a Happy New Year,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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