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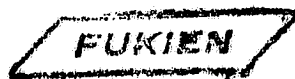
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January 4, 1933 *no. 1*

ack. 1/31

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. McClure has asked me to acknowledge your letter of December 5 to him, in which you enclosed a draft for \$2,500. as the first and second quarterly payment of the Rockefeller Foundation appropriations. We are returning this draft as we drew a draft on you for this amount under date of December 7, draft No. 1315, as is explained in Mr. McClure's letter of December 13 to you.

Re the lost check from the Rockefeller Foundation for "Physics Special" items, we received a duplicate check from their Peiping office, and sent it on to you under date of November 22. You have, no doubt, received it ere this.

You also probably have the Cleveland Trust Company straightened out by now; we meant the Union Trust Company of Cleveland as you thought.

Mr. McClure seems to be coming along all right, but is still very weak. He left the hospital on December 27, and was in the office for several hours on January 2. I went up and helped him a bit with his correspondence. He thinks he will be able to come down here next week, but I am not sure.

The nice weather I spoke of having here on Christmas day has all disappeared, and we are having in its place cold, cloudy and rainy, raw, damp, dismal days. But it requires more adjectives than that to adequately describe this Foochow climate this time of the year. How to keep warm is a problem I have not yet solved; I may have to resort to a Chinese padded coat yet.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

*Ch. # 2227 - returned
& cancelled
See bank Rec. # 34*

*Received
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*Ch. # 2245 - 101.19
sent to Union
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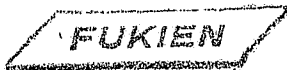
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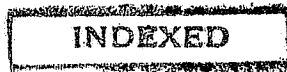
February 20, 1933

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



Dear Mr. Evans:



We wrote you last under date of January 20, and since then we have received letters from your office dated December 20 and 21, January 5, three dated January 16, and January 23.

In your letter of December 21 you speak of working out some system to help check on correspondence between the two offices. For sometime we have been using the above system; that is, giving you the date of our last letter to you, and reporting the letters we have received from your office since that time. If checked, this ought to show whether or not any letters from either end have gone astray. You always acknowledge our letters, thus making it possible for us to check on same, but we have no way of checking on whether or not any letters you have sent us have gone astray. We have not, however, had so many lost letters since last fall when our former postal agency was replaced by a third-class post office with a full-time postmaster. Since then we have made a point of sending all of our letters direct through the post office. We about decided that all the lost letters were among letters that were handed loosely to a man on the boat to mail in Foochow; that he took the stamps off and threw the letters away. But with the third-class post office on the campus, we are enjoying better postal service in general.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly report for January, together with reconciliation sheet.

In your letter of January 16 to me you state that you think all the drafts in question have been straightened out. As you will see from the list of outstanding drafts in our monthly statement for January, draft #1269 is still outstanding. This draft for \$101.19 was sent to the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, last May. It has not been received by the bank, nor has it been cashed by you, so evidently it was among the "missing". Later, we asked you to send a check for that amount to the Cleveland Trust Company, an error on our part as we meant the Union Trust Company. You made note of this in your letter of December 5 to Mr. McClure, stating that you were writing to the Cleveland Trust Company in order to be sure which company we meant. It does not show on our December statement from the Union Trust Company. If the check

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has not yet been sent, will you please send it to the Union Trust Company, and then we shall cancel this draft #1269.

We note the change in the name of the home office as well as the cable address, as reported in the circular letter to China Correspondents dated January 23.

All of our faculty members who went to Canton and Shanghai for conferences during the vacation period have returned. I think they all feel that it is good to get out once in a while and see what other similar groups are doing. Registration is over and classes have been in full swing since February 13. To date 161 students have registered, and there may possibly be one or two more. According to the practice of the last few years, no new students were admitted. That with the going of our graduating class reduced our numbers a bit. We had only three transfers: one girl from Hwa Nan College, and one boy each from Nankai University and St. Johns. Everybody seems to have come back with the same good spirit that prevailed on the campus throughout the last term, and there is every prospect for this to be a satisfactory term of work for all concerned.

A Religious Education Conference, sponsored by the National Christian Council, Shanghai, through its Fukien branch, is being held on the campus. It started February 16, and will last through the 26. Three N.C.C. secretaries from Shanghai are here as directors: Dr. Miao, Dr. Leger formerly of the American Board here in Foochow, and Miss Li. All of the churches in this province are represented, that is, all of the church groups under the various boards; I do not mean to imply that each individual church is represented. There are some forty or fifty delegates, the majority of whom are Chinese.

It is not a matter of deciding which it shall be. The "slim girlish figure" is out of the question, so if there is nothing between that and the "plump chorus girl type", I shall have to come under that category, but with moderation I hope!

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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March 15, 1933

ack 4/6/33

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote you last under date of February 20, since which time we have received the following letters from your office: letters dated January 30, 31, and two of February 10, including your monthly statement and trial balance for January. Also Mr. McClure received the Rockefeller payment for the third quarter which you sent.

I note from your letter of January 31 that you have sent a check for \$101.19 to the Union Trust Company, so this settles the matter of old outstanding drafts.

In your letter of February 10 to me, you write about the book, S. A. Courtes' "The Measurement of Growth" which we ordered under date of January 4. It is a book that Mr. Beach asked us to order. He says that is the name as it appeared in the advertisement, but he does not know the address of Blunfield and Blumfied Co. Just let it go for the time being. If he gets more information on it and still wants it, we will write you later.

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

We celebrated Monday, March 13, Arbor day, by planting 1000 trees on the campus, mostly camphor trees. The student body and faculty families were divided into seven groups, each group with a student leader. I planted four trees. Each person tagged the trees planted by him. Both students and faculty entered into it enthusiastically. Fortunately, we had a fine day for being out on the hills. This is the fourth day of sunshine in succession, so I feel better in general. As a result of these warmer days nature is bursting forth all around us. Yes, I believe the New York weather has been a good rival to what we have had here. But the worst is probably over there too.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

P.S. Also we have your letter of Feb. 3.

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Fukien Christian University

March 23, 1933

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher

I am acknowledging your letter of February 20 enclosing reconciliation sheet and monthly balance sheet.

We are content to let the correspondence question rest as it is, especially in view of the fact that your service has improved. Every little bit added to the work in the office only complicates matters, but on the other hand if any real saving was to be accomplished, we would gladly install some system.

I believe we reported that the check for \$101.19 was sent to the Union Trust Company on January 30, 1933. At least you will notice that this remittance is included in the report sent to the field.

We are glad to know that activities are moving forward without any great interruptions. We wonder sometimes when we read the newspapers how it is possible for the educational institutions to continue, but in all probability you do not receive as much news as we get and probably not as quickly. The New York papers have correspondents on the field, and every different paper contains rather detailed accounts of proceedings in the north. We are hoping that some adjustment of the difficulties will be made.

Undoubtedly a great deal of inspiration as well as splendid fellowship is engendered through the religious conferences such as mentioned in your letter. It is an indication of the growth of the spirit, and we only wish that America could show such a deep interest.

The other day I noticed Mrs. Evans was using a calendar from Fukien to which your name was attached. I am not so sure that we have acknowledged this very kind thought on your part, but I know about every visitor in our home notices the calendar and has some word of comment about it. We often think of you and your work, and it is a great joy to us to know that with the vast amount of details in which you are involved still you have opportunity to think of us.

Your diet and plenty of exercise are the things which produce the moderation which you speak of in your letter. On the other hand, if you are

Miss Eva M. Asher

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March 23, 1933

exceedingly anxious for the lighter weight and more slender type, we can give you full instructions and guarantee results if the instructions are closely adhered to. Mrs. Evans is a walking example of what diet can accomplish. So if you are interested do not hesitate to ask for particulars.

Very cordially yours

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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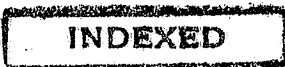
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Mr. E. A. Garside
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, New York

Dear Mr. Garside:



We wrote you last under date of March 15 and 17, and since then have received letters from your office dated February 20 and two March 1.

Thank you for calling our attention to the discrepancy in gold exchange as shown on our statement of January 20 and the statement we sent you on December 13. The figure L.C. \$1,913.59 for gain on exchange on draft #1303 is correct. The discrepancy is due to our error in copying the wrong figure from our reconciliation sheet for October on which both of these figures appear very close together, L.C. \$1,669.11 which we reported being the amount of the Physics Special Account at that time.

See if this is on our books

I am enclosing a copy of our Weekly Bulletin, and from now on will send you a copy each week. It may help to keep you informed as to general activities on the campus. It grieves me to look at the mimeographing we turn out here, but there seems to be no help for it until we have funds available for another mimeographing machine to be used exclusively for English mimeographing and a qualified operator for same. The main service this present machine performs is that of turning out material in large quantities for the Chinese department, and the people in that department feel that they cannot afford to use foreign ink which costs about M\$5.50 per pound while the native ink costs only \$.40¢ a pound, which "watered" down with kerosene goes a good ways. And it is too much trouble to clean the machine every time we want to use it for mimeographing English material, so we have to put our esthetic inclinations in the background.

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Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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April 15, 1933

*ask. May 15, 1933
C.A.E.*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Will you please see what you can find out about the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, where we have been carrying our Bookstore account for the last six or seven years. According to two notices we received from publishing companies re not being able to collect on checks we had sent them in payment of purchases, it would seem that the bank did not open after the Bank Holiday in America. But whether that was only a temporary state of affairs as far as this particular bank was concerned or permanent I do not know. The reason given by the National City Bank of New York for not accepting one of these checks is "Bank not licensed to open". The other company merely states that they were unable to collect. We have had no word from the bank itself.

The last statement we had from the Union Trust Company is for February. At that time our balance was \$577.26. To date, according to our stubs, our balance is \$386.45, but I have no way of knowing how many outstanding checks there are and thus what our real balance is.

If you find that the bank is closed permanently, will you please do whatever is necessary to recover our balance, and let us know the state of affairs. We shall not write any more checks on the account until we hear from you.

Please send checks to the following and charge against our Bookstore account on your monthly statement to us:

*Paid 5/15/33
No. # 2262 - 10/21*

- 1. Ganz Bros., 26 W. 30th Street, New York City
\$1.95 in reply to their letter of March 18 to the F.C.U. Bookstore.

B.K.C.

*Paid 5/15/33
No. 2263 - 10/31*

- 2. Charles Scribner's Sons, 597 Fifth Avenue
\$3.93, in reply to their letter of March 20 to the F.C.U. Bookstore. Ask them to return the check (#978) that they could not collect to you. They said they would return it to us upon receipt of another check.

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Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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to Lin 5/9/33

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April 17, 1933

ack 5/18

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

Dear Mr. Garside:



We are today sending you a cable re the return of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg to us this summer. If we can get the deferred rate in code, we shall send it that way; if not, we shall send it night letter which has to be in English. If you receive it in code it will be as follows:

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which decoded reads:

Return of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg is imperative. It is absolutely necessary for requirements of China Medical Board of the Rockefeller Foundation. Try to get Methodist Foreign Board to comply with our request. C. J. Lin.

If we send it night letter it will read:

Kelloggs return summer imperative. Necessary for Rockefeller requirements. Take up immediately with Methodist Board and Kelloggs. Lin.

Mr. Lin will be writing you soon more in detail concerning Mr. Kellogg's return.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher



sent with memo
asked letter
4/28/33

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
April 27, 1933

Drafts Drawn Against General Budget (A/c No. 31)
for Science Salaries

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Mar.	28	D/D	No.	1333	To Prof. Martin Salary	G\$ 58.33		
"	"	"	"	1334	" " " "	58.33	G\$116.66	
Feb.	28	"	"	1326	" " Sutton "	G\$162.50		
Mar.	14	"	"	1329	" " " "	29.20		
"	"	"	"	"	" " " "	200.00	G\$391.70	G\$508.36

Drafts Drawn Against General Budget (A/c No. 31)
for Science Equipment

1933

Feb.	20	D/D	No.	1325	To Chemistry Equipment	G\$ 1.20		
Mar.	24	"	"	1331	" " " "	173.49		
"	28	"	"	1332	" " " "	58.60	G\$233.29	
Feb.	28	"	"	1328	" Physics " "	G\$ 6.00		
Mar.	28	"	"	1332	" " " "	21.70	G\$ 27.70	
Mar.	28	"	"	1332	" Biology " "	G\$ 29.70		
Apr.	14	"	"	1338	" " " "	19.60	G\$ 49.30	G\$310.29
								<u>G\$818.65</u>

58.60
217.00
277.00
170.00

Total gain on exchange for Science Salaries
and Science Equipment above 3:1 G\$818.65
@1.75.....

M\$1,432.63

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Eva M. Asher
Associate Treasurer

To Summarize Exchange, not reported previously, to the
End of June 1933:

Exchange on Science Budget from Jan. to Apr.27 as itemized above	M\$1,432.63	✓
Estimate of gain on Science Salaries to end of June	512.65	✓
Gain on Gold Draft #1344 for \$2000 sold Apr.27	2,268.00	
	<u>M\$4,213.28</u>	

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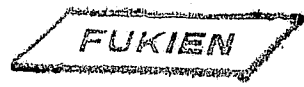
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April 28, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote you under date of April 7, 15, 17, and 22, and since then have received your letter of March 13.

We received in last night's mail five more letters telling us that our Bookstore checks on the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, could not be collected, as follows:

X	Century Company	G\$ 3.27
W	P. Blakiston	1.41
	Thos. Y. Crowell	5.77
	Christian Board of Publications	2.43
✓	Prentice Hall	<u>6.50</u>
	Total	<u>G\$19.38</u>

I have not yet heard anything directly from the bank, other than their monthly statement for March which shows that they have transferred 5% of our balance to another account, which I presume is the amount that can be withdrawn. This amounts to \$28.85, and if it is the amount that can be withdrawn I do not understand why they do not honor checks up to that amount instead of returning all of them. But there is a lot about that Bank Holiday which I do not understand! So until I know what it is all about and why the bank will not make payments on our checks, I shall ask you to make payments for us. I am enclosing excerpts from the letters of the companies mentioned above, which will give you the information you need for making payments to them. You will notice that P. Blakiston and Prentice Hall returned our checks to us. The other companies are holding them until they receive payment from us in collectible form, so you may ask to have the old checks returned direct to you.

Since in drawing the balance of the gold due us on this year's budget (explained in Mr. McClure's letter of this same date to Mr. Garside), we did not make allowance for Bookstore payments through you, I

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am enclosing a gold check on the Union Trust Company for the amount of the above payments, \$19.38, so that when the restrictions are removed, if they are, you can collect same and thus cancel these Bookstore payments. There are a few other book orders we have sent through you, as well as the two payments I asked you to make for us in my letter of April 15. Perhaps by the latter part of May, ^{about now} the exact amount of these orders, and can send you a check then to cover all outstanding Bookstore payments at that time, so that we will not overdraw our budget account for this year.

Everything is lovely here now and I have stopped shivering and thus feel better in general. The hills have been covered with red azaleas and other wild flowers. It is good to be back close to Nature again.

I plan to go to Kuliang this summer, and have a house with three other girls; one from Chekiang, and two from Swatow. That means that I shall have to be house-keeper and general interpreter for the household as everything on Kuliang is in the local dialect. I plan to concentrate on the study of Mandarin as there will be a language school. Practically everything here in school and on the campus, other than the class room work of the foreign members of the staff, is in Mandarin, and I do not understand a thing.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

check enclosed

* 995 - 19.38

FUKIEN

Fukien University

May 6th, 1933

ack - 6/15/33

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I am just getting around to acknowledge your letter of March 15th. As you did not raise any questions of importance requiring an immediate reply, we concluded that writing you later would answer the same purpose. We must say, however, that we have adjusted our cash payments to the field to conform with your reconciliation sheet which indicates that the draft #1324 yielded \$2,000.00 L.C., which naturally would have to be added to our expenditures. You will find this on the April 30th trial balance which is going forward today. The February trial balance reflected the gain in exchange on drafts #1322 and #1323, totaling \$60.36, consequently we are only adding \$2,000.00 L.C. to conform with your records.

As we understand the situation, China needs reforestation. It has needed it for a longer period than the United States, but even our backward country is now in line, and our "New Deal" has originated a unique plan of forming an army to plant trees, consequently your Arbor Day celebration was right in line with the new program. Surely you performed your part and I trust that all four of the trees that you planted will mature and adorn the landscape with beauty, also help in the general welfare of the Chinese people.

Please remember us to our good friends at
Fukien.

Very cordially yours,

J. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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May 9, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Two boats left Foochow the day we mailed our letter of April 28 to you, and one of them sunk just before arriving at Shanghai. Fortunately a Chinese gunboat came by and rescued all the passengers. Dr. Ward and his secretary were among the passengers. We have not heard yet whether or not the mail was lost, so we are sending you copies of the letter and other material in question as you will want this in closing your books in June.

My salary deposit for June should be \$35.49 in order to make it come out to the cent for the year.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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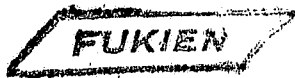
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May 9, 1933.

ack - 6/19/33

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

And still our Bookstore checks come back, due to the fact that publishing companies were unable to collect on them in March. Not knowing what the conditions of the Union Trust Company are at present, I am again asking you to please make payments for us. I am enclosing herewith a check for C\$13.07 to cover three checks that have been returned, and a bill from Blakiston's Son & Co. received recently, so that you can collect on same before the end of June in case the restrictions are withdrawn in the meantime. The companies concerned are:

- ✓ Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, \$1.00 *cks Recd*
- Henry Holt and Company 3.02 *wrote again 6/20/33*
- ✓ Association Press 2.09 *6/24/33*
- wrote for check 6/18/33* P. Blakiston's (new; not paid) 6.96 ✓ \$13.07
- previously)

Copies of letters from the first three companies and a second copy of invoice from the last are enclosed for your reference. Please note that only the Association Press returned the old check to us, and ask the other two companies to send the check they now hold to you.

I am also enclosing a request for another Bookstore purchase.

We have drawn draft #1348 for \$1.02 to pay the Ins. premium on Mr. Beeman's household goods stored here, and have asked him to send a check for this amount direct to you before the end of June. Since this insurance is handled through the Associated Mission Treasurers, the statement for premium due continues to come here, and the time before expiration is too short to send it to Mr. Beeman for him to make payment direct.

Your letter of March 23 to me and Mr. Garside's of April 7 to Mr. Lin, general letter re clergy rates for Chinese staff members, have been received.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

check enclosed \$13.07

FUKIEN

Fukien University

May 11, 1933

ack - 6/15/33

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

The following is a quotation from a letter received from The Union Trust Company, under date of May 9th:

"We are in receipt of your letter of May 8th with reference to a check of the Fukien Christian University which was recently returned unpaid.

"For your information, since February 27th this bank has been operating under restrictions under which only 5% of the balances on deposit February 25th may be withdrawn. The 5% of this account is practically exhausted."

We have written to the bank asking if they have notified you of the prevailing conditions, and if not, to write us immediately so that we can cable you. It does not seem possible, however, that they would proceed without notifying all of their customers.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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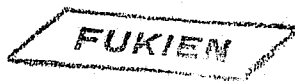
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



May 17, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

Two letters from your office dated April 8 and one April 17, together with your March monthly statement and journal voucher, have been received.

You asked us in your letter of February 28 to let you have a statement about May 15 re exchange, etc., for closing your books around the middle of June. We are enclosing herewith our trial balance for April 30 and reconciliation sheet for March, which, together with the statement of April 27 re exchange, give all the information re exchange and the amounts we have drawn on you for the 1932-33 budget that we can get to you before you close your books for the current year. You will notice on the reconciliation sheet that we have included all of the exchange items previously reported in the statement of April 28, except the item of \$512.00 which represents the estimate of gain on Science Salaries to the end of June. We can't make that figure definite until the end of June. There may also be a few payments between now and the end of June on science equipment which would give you a little more exchange. In case these payments are made within the next six weeks, the adjustment of gain on exchange for same would have to be made on your books at the beginning of the fiscal year 1933-34. But if you would like to include the estimated item of \$512.00 mentioned above in your accounts for this year, that will be satisfactory with us, and if any adjustment is necessary it can be made later.

*See
Mr. Garside
books*

If we have to make gold payments in addition to those we estimated at the time we sold the balance of the gold on this year's budget, we shall probably overdraw our account with you. In that case, we will automatically carry the overdraft forward on next year's appropriation from the Trustees. If any, it will be only a small amount.

I hope this will give you the information you need for closing your books.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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May 17, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

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Check # 2283
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A letter dated April 14 from the New York Times Company, Times Square, New York, states that our check No. 987, dated March 14, in the amount of \$8.00, on the Union Trust Company of Cleveland, was returned with explanation, "Funds not Available". Will you please send them a check for this amount. We are enclosing herewith a check on the Union Trust for the same amount, so that you may collect in case the restrictions on withdrawal have been removed. I hope this is the last check to come back; it is a nuisance for you to have to make all of these small payments for us. Ask the Company to return the old check to you, please.

Well, I am warm enough now. The temperature has been over 90° in the shade, which means well over 100° in the sun, for the last few days. It does not get much hotter than this later in the summer. It makes all of us think of Kuliang, but the most of us will not be going up before the latter part of June or the first of July.

School for this year will be over in just another month. Commencement comes on the 19th of June. Bishop Gowdy will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 18. I think it is the concensus of opinion among the faculty that our students have carried on unusually well during these trying times in China. We have had almost no interruption of class work during the entire term; we have only had the regular national holidays that are granted to all schools by the Ministry of Education in Nanking. They have, however, quietly on the side, been making a contribution to the patriotic movement. They have collected around \$1400.00 or \$1500.00 for the volunteers in the North, something over \$1000.00 being derived from a program of dramatics they gave in the city. And too they have been doing a good bit of rural education work in the nearby villages. There has been a marked increase of interest in this kind of work on the part of both the Chinese faculty and the students this year. I think the same could be said of teachers and students in other parts of China; we get echoes of it from various conferences in other sections.

check enclosed \$8.00

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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May 18, 1935.

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Miss Eva H. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I am in receipt of your letter of April 17th dealing with the cable regarding the return of Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg.

I have already written President Lin relative to this situation, and there is nothing else that I can say at the present time. No amount of pressure on the Methodist board will bring about a change of attitude while conditions remain as they are. I believe that at the end of the next fiscal year they will be in a position to return some of their missionaries, and we will keep this matter before them.

We regret exceedingly that the Kelloggs cannot be back on the field at your request, and realize what it means to the University. Some adjustments, however, will have to be made, and apparently this is one of them.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

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June 5, 1933
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Miss Eva M. Asher, ✓
Mr. R. W. McClure,
Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, China.

Dear Miss Asher and Mr. McClure,

I have two letters from you which have not been formally acknowledged.

Miss Asher's letter of April 1st. This deals with the correction of the figure for gain on exchange on draft #1303, amounting to L.C. \$1,913.69. I believe our two sets of accounts are now in agreement on this figure.

With this letter is enclosed a copy of your interesting Weekly Bulletin, the issue dated April 3rd. We are always glad to get such glimpses as this affords of the life on the F.C.U. campus.

Mr. McClure's letter of April 7th. This deals chiefly with matters of gain on exchange, though Mr. Mc also points out a few of the Trustees' sins of omission and commission in other directions.

Sorry that my letter of February 28th gave our honorable and honored field treasurer the impression that we harbor any suspicion that our field financial officers keep a few cards up their sleeve when they deal out the figures on gain on exchange. Let me hasten to assure you that we could never for a moment have such base thoughts regarding our colleagues at Fukien. My letter must have been colored a bit by the subconscious concern I felt over the fact that the field treasurer at University A had not yet reported the gain on exchange accrued on the field to the credit of the Trustees for 1931-32 (hasn't reported it even now as a matter of fact), and that the beloved President of University B had just let it slip out that during the past few years he had calmly salted down almost a hundred thousand local dollars of gain on exchange which belonged to the home board but which he had not reported to them for fear they'd want to use it to help out in this period of financial stringency.

Don't take it to heart if we try to write at some length seeking to set forth all the details of these exchange matters with a force and persistence that becomes annoying. These gain in exchange accounts have caused more confusion and misunderstanding in our various universities than all the rest of our accounts together. We have to make the position of the Trustees as clear as we can, even at the risk of becoming boring. Your March 31st balance - or rather, reconciliation - sheet shows that we are in agreement as to gain on exchange to that point, and no doubt your

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figures will be in equally pleasing harmony with ours for the last three months of this fiscal year.

We quite agree with our field treasurer's judgment as to the credit due him for getting that last grant from the Rockefeller Foundation. We disagree with both the content and the spirit of the following paragraph. We agree that it would be unfair to charge all gold disbursements for scientific equipment and supplies against the Rockefeller Foundation appropriation, but it does seem equitable to charge some of these items against that special fund - and we are quite happy to leave any apportionment in your capable hands. And when all is said and done we still love you as of yore.

Cordially,



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June 15, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote you last under date of June 5, and since that time have received the following letters from your office: May 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 (2), and 15, as well as your trial balance, etc., for April, and Journal Voucher 186.

The more I hear about the banking situation in America the more serious it sounds, so I am beginning to think that I had better get busy on "waiting and praying" whether or not I am very good at it! The Union Trust Company has never written us anything. I hope, however, they will let us know when the restrictions are removed. Suppose we were to make a deposit of \$300 now, would the restrictions apply to that too or do they apply only to the amounts that were on deposit on February 25? We shall be paying a good many bookstore bills during the month of August and the first part of September as a result of book orders for the fall term. It would save your office a good bit of detailed work if we could get this account in working order before then, but if we can't, we shall have to look to you to do it for us. It was quite in order to pay the MacMillan bill for \$78.47.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for May and reconciliation sheet.

On June 2 we received your cable re income for 1933-34, which is a little more than \$3,000. gold less than that for 1932-33. That together with the drop in exchange makes the financial outlook for the coming year rather serious. We are trying to effect economies in every way possible. The exchange quotation for yesterday was 26 3/4. A day a two before, it was down to 27 7/16. I suppose we shall have a more or less stable rate after the London conference.

As you will see from the enclosed bulletins, etc., we are nearing the end of this term, and this hot weather makes us all feel that it is about time for it. Just as a reminder to the Trustees of happenings here, we have sent each of them invitations to the baccalaureate service and the commencement exercises.

Sincerely yours, >

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Fukien Christian University

June 19, 1933

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

All of the bills you requested us to pay to reimburse checks drawn on the Union Trust Company have not been cared for. We have written to all the concerns asking them to give us definite information as to what had occurred to the check, and the present balance of the Fukien account, but all have not replied. It is quite possible we will not get them all in before this year's closing, but will do the best we can.

However, I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 9th, enclosing check for \$13.07, and your letter of May 17th, enclosing check for \$8.00. In the case of the \$8.00 for the New York Times Company, we will immediately send the check for \$8.00 asking them to return the check to us.

You are not the only one to suffer with the heat as several days in May, and the first ten days of this month have given us a very good sample of high temperature. Yesterday, however, was a beautiful day and I thought of you as I recalled that your commencement exercises were due on the 18th and 19th. I know you must have had an exceedingly enjoyable and profitable time. All of our Universities report a specially good behavior on the part of the students during these very trying times. Even at Yenching, which was so close to the front line of advance, only two hundred of the students returned to their provinces, the balance remaining for final examination. Regardless of what one would like to say relative to the present peace terms, there is a satisfaction in having a cessation of hostilities which were so costly as far as material and life was concerned.

We are working on all of our books with the hope of closing them all out this week and getting the final balance sheets in the mail by the 26th at the latest.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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Fukien Christian University

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

June 26, 1933
me 7/26/33

My dear Miss Asher:

We are enclosing copy of letter received from the Superintendent of Banks, Cleveland, Ohio. You will note therefrom that the Union Trust Company is in process of liquidation. We are asking the bank to send remittances to our office, and if you so desire, we will take steps to open another account for you, although it will be necessary to have more particulars as to the balance you usually carry and the general activity of the account. It is quite possible, however, that you could handle any small payments through your own personal checking account provided those who are auditing your accounts on the field are familiar with this transaction. Your ingenious mind can plan some method whereby it may be worked both to the advantage of the University and yourself. It would save the University from keeping a large balance, whereas it would help the status of your account.

We are endeavoring to collect the checks for which we have made remittances as the bank will not honor any checks drawn upon your account. We are returning those sent to us.

The New York Times check referred to in your letter of May 17th is returned herewith, together with your check of May 17th.

In your letter of May 9th you enclosed a check for \$13.07, which we are returning. Corresponding with this remittance we have made payments as follows:

- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston \$1.00 - (check returned and enclosed herewith)
- Association Press 2.09) check not returned) *Ret. of 6/10/33*
- P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 6.96 (check not returned) *me*

Henry Holt and Company has not replied to our communications.

Your letter of April 28th enclosed a check for \$19.38 which is being returned and we report as follows:

- Century Company \$3.27 (check not returned) *Ret. of 6/10/33*
- P. Blakiston's Son & Co. 1.41 " " ") *Ret. of 6/10/33*
- Thos. Y. Crowell 5/77 (Check returned and enclosed herewith)
- Christian Bd. of Publication 2.43 (" " ")
- Prentice-Hall Inc. 6.50 (check not returned.) *Ret. of 6/10/33*

We are endeavoring to follow-up the unreturned checks.

Miss Asher

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June 26, 1933

The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions has returned to us the enclosed check for \$17.23 for which we have mailed our check and charged same to the 1933-34 budget.

I am writing to Mr. McClure under separate cover.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans
Assistant Treasurer.

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Fukien Christian University

June 26, 1933

ack - 7/24/33

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

In reply to your letter of May 17th. We acknowledge receipt of your check for \$200.55 which has been deposited, as your June salary was paid on June 20th. Enclosed find deposit slip.

The Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company is operating on an unrestricted basis there being only one or two banks on Manhattan with any restrictions whatever.

Regarding your insurance. We are investigating the possibilities but cannot write you definitely as all annuity rates are being re-written and no policies will be accepted until after the first of July. At that time we will have full information at hand and will give your letter further attention.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 28, 1933

*Journal in
Fukien Bookstore
7/5/34
Ch. C.*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letters of May 18 and 22, together with second copies of trial balance, etc. have been received.

In my letter of June 15 to you I expressed the desire to get our Bookstore banking account into operation before we had to pay the bills for the fall term book orders which will be coming in by the first of August. Mr. McClure and I both feel that it would be better if we could have a Bookstore checking account in a New York Bank, rather than maintaining the one in the Union Trust Company, Cleveland. I wonder if you could get special privileges with one of the banks in which Fukien funds are kept as you did with my personal account last year, that is, some leniency in the requirements regarding minimum balances.

allowance

So this is a definite request that you will please open an account for us in some New York bank in the name of Fukien Christian University Bookstore, checks to be signed by me, specimen signatures enclosed herewith. As to the amount to be deposited, we shall need around \$400.00 to make payments on the fall book order, and then you will have to make allowance for balance required, if any. As soon as the restrictions are withdrawn from the Union Trust Company, we shall transfer the balance there to this New York account. It will be to our advantage to have this account in New York so that you can give it closer supervision in the case of any difficulty, such as the present state of affairs, and too the majority of our payments are made to New York firms or others who prefer payments on a New York bank. Whatever amount you deposit will, of course, be charged to our budget account for 1933-34.

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You will probably receive a request from Dean R. D. Hunt of the University of California to order a few books for Edwin Chen of our Economics Department. Please order and charge same against our budget account.

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I am enclosing a list of bills that are due, asking that you will please make payment for same; all are Bookstore bills.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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June 30, 1933

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President C. J. Lin,
Mr. R. W. McClure,
Miss Eva M. Asher,
Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, China.

Dear Mr. Lin, Mr. McClure, Miss Asher,

We attach hereto the minutes of the annual meeting of the Fukien Trustees, held on June 28th. The usual supply for the field is going forward under separate cover.

A few matters only require comment:-

Treasurer's Report. This is appended to the minutes. The section of particular interest is that dealing with current general funds. As forecast, we will close the year with a substantial deficit, the exact amount probably being between thirteen hundred and fourteen hundred dollars, U. S. currency. This can be taken care of from the reserve of \$2,651.04 built up from surpluses of the last two years, but it leaves our working balance pretty low for starting into a new year which is apt to be even more difficult than the one just closed. But we are grateful for the gain on exchange during 1932-33 which helped us to avoid a still larger deficit.

Promotional Matters. Most of the time of the meeting was devoted to a very serious study of the urgent need for initiating measures which help to restore our Fukien income. The Trustees reviewed the financial records of the past three or four years, and noted with grave concern the rapid fall in the amount of money the University has had available for its budget from year to year. They realized, too, that this same downward trend will almost certainly continue during 1933-34. With the temporary relief gained from a favorable rate of exchange now being lost, the situation becomes even more disturbing. We cannot hope for much added assistance from the cooperating Mission Boards, for their income is even harder hit than the University's.

Obviously, all this demands that some new source of income must be uncovered. This will almost certainly be a long, slow, and expensive process. For awhile at least we will probably have to expend more than we receive. Yet if we do not begin before more prosperous times return, much of our opportunity will be lost.

The development of the promotional plans of the Associated Boards will provide a general publicity program for all our Christian colleges in China, but for the present will not be able to do much for the individual interests of the separate institutions. There is left a rather clear field where each college can cultivate its own clientele in harmony with

President, Lin, Mr. McClure, and Miss Asher

June 30, 1933

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the general plan of the group as a whole. As the group takes over a larger and larger share of these publicity and promotional functions, the individual colleges that have the most to contribute in their lists of people actively interested in Christian higher education in China will, to some extent at least, derive more benefit from the united effort than will those institutions that are practically unknown outside a little group of Mission Board secretaries and other intimate friends.

The Trustees were entirely agreed on the desirability of undertaking such promotional work as is possible. But they were forced to make plans in harmony with our rigidly limited financial resources. They discussed the possibility of engaging Professor Bauman, but abandoned the proposal for two reasons. In the first place, to engage Mr. Bauman for a year, and to provide not only his salary and travel, but also the facilities necessary to make his work at all effective, would require a budget of at least U.S.\$10,000.00. We have no knowledge of any source whence that amount of money could be taken without serious injury to all the other work of the University. In the second place, the employment of a promotional director just for Fukien alone would not be in harmony with the present trend toward cooperation in promotional work under the Associated Boards.

The other alternative the Trustees faced was that of engaging the services of Pierce and Hedrick, the organization that is now assisting with the promotional activities of the Associated Boards, as well as Yenching, Lingnan, and Princeton-Yenching. Through this organization we should be able to do a certain amount of cultivation of our present list of Fukien friends, together with developing new contacts which should be helpful in future. The expense of their service would not be great.

The Trustees favored in general the second alternative, but it was recognized that further study should be given to the matter by a carefully chosen committee. Accordingly a committee of three was appointed with Dr. E. G. Warner as Chairman. The committee is meeting on Friday afternoon of next week in the office of Mr. Samuel Thorne. At that time Mr. Hedrick will present detailed proposals. I will write you again after that meeting.

I believe there are no other matters in the minutes requiring special comment at this time. As soon as the 1933-34 budget estimates are received from the field, we will try to secure a prompt meeting of the Executive Committee to deal with this important subject.

I trust that by the time this reaches Foochow, all three of you will be away from the campus, enjoying a restful vacation. I am afraid the last year has been a rather strenuous one for all of you.

Very cordially yours

B. A. Garfield

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July 3, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote you last under date of June 28, and since then have received letters from your office dated June 1, five dated June 5, and the trial balance, Journal Voucher, etc., for the month of May. The latter came in time for us to include it in our 1932-33 accounts.

Your letter of June 5 to me takes up the matter of gain on exchange of draft #1332, as stated on our financial statement of April 27. This draft for \$228.20 covered the payment of our entire magazine order for 1932-33 which we sent through the American Board office in Boston. \$110.00 of this amount covered magazines for the three science departments, the amounts for each department being shown under same. Therefore only this part of it was included in the analysis of exchange on "Science Budget". I can readily understand that this seemingly discrepancy might be confusing without all the details at hand, which we failed to supply.

I am enclosing herewith a statement showing gain on exchange for science salaries and equipment from the date of the last statement, April 27, to June 30, a total of M\$1,079.57. So far as I know this completes the report on all exchange items coming within the year 1932-33, unless there may be one or two items on our reconciliation sheet at the end of June, which has not yet been completed. I am sending this on, as I shall be going to Kuliang day after tomorrow. We shall send the monthly statement for June with reconciliation sheet as soon as it is completed. Since this covers the last month of the fiscal year, it requires a little longer to prepare it, or rather to get ready to prepare it.

Our first entrance examinations for candidates for entrance next fall are being held today for the Foochow group. Twenty-eight, including two girls, are taking them. For students outside of the Foochow district we make arrangements with some of our alumni in certain centers to hold these examinations for us. Students will have further opportunities in the fall to take our entrance examinations.

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Fukien Board
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Well, we were glad to know that we were found to be "not guilty" so far as the exchange debacle is concerned, per Mr. Garside's letter of June 5! I think, I too, would write with "pressure", unconsciously perhaps rather than sub-consciously, if I were faced with the complications of exchange as you people there at headquarters are.

I was very much interested last night in hearing through the Y.M.C.A. Secretary of Amoy, Mr. Taylor, about one of our most promising alumni starting a hat factory in that city. He has gone about it in a most systematic and scientific way. Mr. Taylor introduced him and his group to a man from England who was interested in the hat industry, and he gave them valuable advice and suggestions in telling them just how they could meet the demand in England. They have raised their capital, have sent people to Java, Formosa, and Manila to learn the different weaves, and are now in the process of making as many samples as possible by October first, all of which will be sent to England. The most unique part of this whole thing is that it is not being carried on for the profit motive, but rather as a piece of social work for the uplift of the people and the city in general. It is a mystery to most of us where this young man gets his seemingly inexhaustible supply of energy. He has been threatened with T.B., and still is; ever since he left here in 1924 or 25, and he is active in many worthwhile projects. He is editor of a newspaper in Amoy, editor of a magazine, and is very active in Y work. He recently translated and published in his magazine the chapter on Agriculture in "Re-Thinking Missions". Would that we had many more like him.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

July 10, 1933

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

We are in receipt of your letter of June 5th authorizing us to pay certain bookstore accounts, which will be taken care of as you request.

We have also placed orders for the three additional books and trust same will go forward without any delay.

We have just received a communication from the Superintendent of Banks, of Ohio, replying to a request we made on June 28th, asking that remittances of liquidation proceedings be forwarded to our office. The reply is as follows:

"As the account is subject to the signature of Eva M. Asher who we believe is located in Foochow, China, we can not see our way clear to remitt any funds to your office.

"In connection with the 35% distribution soon to be made, it will be necessary to procure the authorized signature to a statement of claim, after which check will be sent."

Apparently it will be necessary for you to authorize the bank to send remittances to our office if you desire to do this. We shall be very glad to act for you in any capacity you may desire.

I trust that your vacation at Kuliang will be beneficial and that you will return to the years work with new vigor and strength.

Very cordially yours,

C. R. Evans

Assistant Treasurer

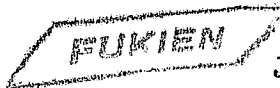
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July 24, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

✓ Your letters of June 19, 20, 24, and two ✓ of June 26 have been received, together with copy of letter from the Union Trust Company to you.

* Most of the above letters deal with book orders and accounts. You suggest in your letter of June 26 that we might want to open another Bookstore account since the Union Trust is "going under". I made a definite request in my letter of June 28 to you, to have a Bookstore account opened in a New York Bank. You probably got this letter of mine about the same time I received yours, and I think it contains all the necessary details. I think it would be better not to make Bookstore payments through my personal account, because we make so many payments ranging anywhere from \$1.00 to several hundred. As to the amount of balance we carry, we usually aim to have two or three hundred dollars in addition to the required minimum, except in the fall of the year when we are making our heaviest payments, from the latter part of August through October. As I said in my letter of June 28, I think \$400.00 in addition to the required minimum will be sufficient for the initial deposit. Then we will get a little from the Union Trust eventually. Our balances there at the present time are:

G\$548.29 Left in the account after 5% of the Bal. on hand on Feb. 25 was trans. for checking purposes.

2.23 Left in the 5% that was transferred

G\$551.22

Will you please look after collecting the amount the bank is allowing in liquidation, and deposit same to the account you open for us. I am glad the New York banks are faring so well. The J. P. Morgan and the National City bank scandals were bad.

I came down to the University Friday, July 21, and am going back this afternoon. It is a three-hour walk down and four-hour walk back for one of my speed. It is very hot down here; it has been lovely on Kuliang.

Sincerely yours, *Eva M. Asher*

Approved 9/12/33

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July 24, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

We have your letters of May 23, June 9, 12 and 13.

Note to McClure 9/15 about shipping these

Your letter of May 23 to Mr. Lin tells of the offer made by the Missionary Research Library to put at the disposal of the Christian Colleges certain volumes of the "Religious Education" magazine. We would like to have all of them for our library if we are not too late in asking for them. We have been taking the magazine for only a few years, and Mr. Stowe of our Religious Education Department is very much interested in them. I do not know how much freight on these magazines would be. If it is quite certain that the Kelloggs are coming back next year, we would be glad to wait and have them sent by them. That is, if they go in with their freight, I think it would be cheaper.

Your circular letter of June 9 to Mr. Lin asks for a report from our Religious Education Department concerning methods used in developing Christian character. We are asking Mr. E. M. Stowe of that department to prepare same, and will send it on to you as soon as it is ready.

Letter of June 12 to Mr. McClure and myself deals with the report from us for the New York State Education Department. We have the report about ready. We have to get the Consular seal, and I think we can have it ready to be mailed by the first of August. So it should reach Albany about September 1.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for June together with reconciliation sheet. Our Annual Report will be ready to forward to you in a few days. Your credit balance with us for 1932-33 is ~~MM~~\$1,187.22.

See McClure's enclosure

Mr. Lin left for Shanghai about a week ago, and will be gone until about August 20. He is attending a Christian Literature conference at Kuling at the present time. Things in general at the university seem to be moving along nicely getting ready for the opening of school in the fall. I have been down for several days.

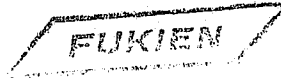
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August 12, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Garside:

✓ Your letters of June 28 and 30 and July 10 to Mr. Lin have been received. There are two letters dated June 30, one including the minutes of the annual meeting of the Fukien Trustees. The supply of these minutes for distribution to the Board of Managers has not come to me here at Kuliang, but they are probably at the University. Also the copy of the covering letter dated June 30 and minutes came to me in due time.

Mr. Lin left Foochow around the 10th of July to attend the Christian Literature Conference at Kuling, and he expects to be back in another week or ten days.

On the whole we have had a very good summer here; so far, we have had no typhoons, which is unusual, but the summer is not over yet! I have been quite busy studying Mandarin four and five hours a day, keeping house, and doing other miscellaneous things. We have a language school here on the mountain, seven weeks, with the head teacher from Peiping. I would like to go to Peiping next summer and take the six weeks' course in the language school there, but I do not know now how it will work out. I certainly need Mandarin if I am ever going to know what is going on in our own school even, for all meetings, addresses, lectures, etc., are in Mandarin. This past year I have sat through them all like a dummy, and that is not much fun.

I plan to go to the University about September 1 to stay, as I want to get settled in my apartment in the women's dormitory before school opens. A Chinese family is living in it during the summer, because it is much cooler there than on the other side of the hill.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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September 1, 1933.

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find a cancelled check which was returned from Henry Holt & Company. Agreeable to your recent letter, we have established an account for the Fukien Christian University Bookstore at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, Broadway and 18th Street, New York City. The resolution which has been approved by the Board calls for signature of the treasurer or assistant treasurer, which undoubtedly will be agreeable to you. It merely means having a new stamp made.

Under separate cover, we are enclosing a check book and herewith we are enclosing signature cards for Mr. McClure's signature as well as your own. If necessary for you to draw a check before Mr. McClure's signature can be secured, it will be satisfactory, as your signature is on file with the bank. We would suggest, however, that you return these cards as soon as possible for the convenience of the bank. The resolution will be signed on Monday morning when Mr. Garside returns, and a check sent to the bank to open the account.

By the time this reaches you, school will have opened and we sincerely trust that it will augur well for a successful year.

Very cordially,

C. A. Evans

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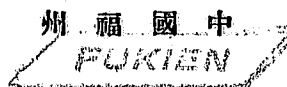
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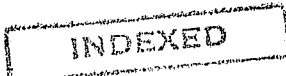
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



October 12, 1933

ack. 11/15/33



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of September 1 re the Bookstore account has been received. Also the check book from the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. I am enclosing the authorized signature cards herewith.

See copy - attached

You did not state what amount you had deposited in this new Bookstore account, but I am taking for granted that it was according to my request of June 28, that is \$400.00 over and above any minimum balance that may be required. Do we have to maintain any particular balance in this account? I have already signed several checks on this account and sent them to the individual firms concerned, but since they already have my signature on file I suppose these checks will be accepted without any difficulty, as you suggested.

I have sent a written authorization to the Union Trust Company, Cleveland, Ohio, asking them to make payment direct to you when they were ready to make a distribution of liquidation dividends. This can go directly into our Bookstore account.

I have just received from Mr. McClure your letters of September 7[✓] and 9[✓] to him, together with the August trial balance and accompanying statements. We shall send our statement and reconciliation sheet in a few days.

Mr. Lin left here on October 6 for Shanghai, to attend the Executive Committee of the China Christian Educational Association, October 9 - 11. He will be coming back very soon. Mr. McClure left today for Shanghai. He will probably be gone ten days or two weeks.

I have been living in the women's dormitory since I came down from Kuliang soon after the first of September, and I am enjoying it immensely. I have one meal a day with the girls, which helps considerably in getting to know them better. The added responsibility of being a householder along with giving a course in Accounting, three hours per week, in addition to my regular office

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work, keeps me quite busy, but I had rather have it than to be without it!

The enclosed snapshot ^{with other pictures} is the prize one of the year. When Teddy showed this to me this morning, I told him that the New York office should certainly have one, so he is sending this with his compliments. This would be a good advertisement for Lactogen products; she has been fed on Lactogen since she was a month old.

I wonder how the M.R.A. program in America is actually working out. I see reports of it quite often in the Shanghai papers; according to these reports it has its up days and its down days! To say the least, it is difficult to keep abreast of the times in a more or less isolated place like Foochow. We often go a week or ten days without Shanghai mail. However, I realize that in comparison with many other places, Foochow is a regular metropolis.

The new road from the city to Pagoda Anchorage, the mouth of the river where the boats come in, was officially opened on October 10. That does not mean though that it is entirely completed; it means that it is possible to get all the way through. Mr. Wiant and Dr. Sutton went the entire distance (about 12 miles) by motorcycle. Some of the bridges still have to be completed. Automobiles have been coming as far as our campus for several weeks, but we do not have any regular bus service as yet. It will be a great help to us not to have to depend on the river entirely for transportation. The fence on the river side of our campus where the road comes through is almost completed. All of these changes make things around here look quite different as compared with several years ago. But it is interesting to watch things grow.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

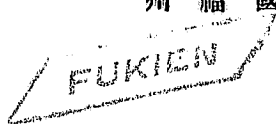
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October 18, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Since writing you under date of October 12, we have received your letters of September 12 and 18.

Your letter of September 12 answers my question about the amount you deposited in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company for our Bookstore. And Mr. Garside's letter of September 18 reports that the \$1.02 which Mr. Beeman owed on an insurance item has been received, and credited to Account 31. That is correct, as we drew a draft against that account for that amount last spring.

We are enclosing a copy of our trial balance for September and reconciliation sheet for your August statement.

We are expecting Mr. Lin back from Shanghai in a few days.

We are late this year with the annual meeting of the Board of Managers. We are planning to have it on November 18, if that date does not conflict with the Methodist conference in Foochow. If so, we shall have it a week earlier or a week later. We hope to have it here on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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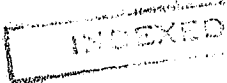
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October 18, 1933



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

*Draft # 1390 -
paid 11/21/33*

We are today drawing draft # 1390 in favor of Mustard & Company, Shanghai, for \$261.00, at three days sight, in order that we may take advantage of their 10% discount for cash payment on a Westinghouse Electric Refrigerator for our Chemistry Department. This is a part of the equipment included in the China Foundation grant for research work in water bacteriology, \$1,000 silver.

I am conscious of the fact that this is not keeping within your suggested schedule of drawing against the 1933-34 budget, per your letter of September 7 to Mr. McClure. As you will see from the enclosed reconciliation sheet we had drawn M\$8,641.94 at the end of September, including outstanding drafts. Drafts drawn since September 30 to date, including the one mentioned above, amount to M\$977.91, but of course there are some outstanding so that your accounts would not show so much. So it may be that this seemingly overdrawal at this end is not so serious at your end as it seems on the surface. We would have ^{to} pay for this refrigerator in gold in a few weeks anyway, and it seemed quite worthwhile to take advantage of the 10% cash discount. Our gold payments are usually heavier in the fall than during the remainder of the year, as the larger departmental orders are made during the summer.

*Manager
A. H. ...
L. ...*

I sincerely hope that the drawing of this draft will not cause you embarrassment at that end. It is not difficult to understand the problem you face in trying to keep enough cash on hand to meet all the demands made on your office. We shall do our best to cooperate in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

November 25, 1933

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Thank you for your letter of October 12th enclosing authorized signatures for the Bookstore account which had been filed with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. My letter of September 12th cleared the question regarding the amount deposited in the Bookstore account. We believe we have notified you of the receipt of a partial payment on your account at the Union Trust Company. It now appears as though it will be a long time before liquidation of this bank is entirely accomplished.

Kindly express to Teddy Chen our very sincere appreciation for the picture of his "Six months old". We all agree that he is a fine specimen for advertising any food products. We trust he will continue to grow in like manner as the years move on.

The NRA program in America has had a very good opportunity to show how the people of America can really cooperate. It is true that there are multitudes of flagrant violations of the code, but the extent to which the various codes have been applied is amazing. On the other hand, there are many, many instances where the codes have lowered the standards rather than increasing them. While it has quite definitely done away with sweatshops and child labor which have always been a curse, still there are opportunities for reductions of salaries without violating the code. We know a number of instances where it has produced real privation rather than aid. The whole thing is in its infancy, but is now facing a real test, and the near future will tell whether it can stand on its own feet.

The main thing bothering us now is the radical attitude of the President in his gold buying campaign. Last night Alfred E. Smith stunned the country by calling the new dollar produced through the Presidential gold program as "baloney", and criticising the "brain trust" for irresponsibility and their prospect of making guinea pigs out of the 130,000,000 Americans. We also have further inside information that there are wide divergencies of opinion within the Presidential cabinet, and that any day may show a further breaking down of the 100% backing which the President has been receiving. If today happened to be Presidential election, Franklin D. would not appear to be a very popular figure. We seemed to be started on the road to recovery when his tampering with the currency dulled all business; people are now standing on the sidelines awaiting developments.

Miss Eva M. Asher

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Nov. 25, 1933

It is certainly interesting to be on the ground and watch the new developments as they transform the College and as changes are instituted which affect the physical plant in such a way as to practically obliterate the past, and make the march of progress more definitely forward. Surely the automobile and aeroplane have wrought more than any other method of transportation in so short a space of time.

Your letter of October 18th enclosing copy of September Reconciliation and Balance Sheet has been received. Everything seems to be in order and require no further comments.

Your letter of October 18th reports on the sale of draft #1390 for \$261, which has been received and paid. Up to date we have managed to keep enough cash on hand to maintain a working balance in the bank. We do, however, appreciate your efforts to cooperate as regards the drawing of money, and trust that we will be able to secure ourselves so as to supply the field in time of need.

Most cordially,

C. A. Evans

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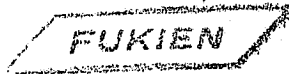
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



December 28, 1933

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We wrote you last under date of December 12, and have received letters from you dated November 13, 17, 24, 25 (2), and 27.

Your letter of November 27 is a general greeting to the faculty, and I shall pass it along. I am sure they will appreciate your thought of the group here during these more or less difficult times.

With the new developments of bombing here in Foochow during the last four or five days, I wonder just what kind of reports the American newspapers are carrying. So far there have been no casualties among foreigners nor any damage to foreign property. It is quite evident that the casualties which have occurred are entirely accidental. Each time the bombing planes have come, the people have been warned of the time so that they could move out of the danger zones, - governmental and military headquarters. I am enclosing an account of the happenings of the last few days which was written by Mr. Wiant of the Methodist Mission. We here have no additional information to add to his account.

Naturally the students are disturbed over the happenings of the previous few days and the uncertainty of the immediate future. There are so many rumors afloat that it is difficult to separate facts and rumors. Some of the Amoy students feel that Amoy is safer than Foochow, and about 20 of them left today while there was a boat. But that has not upset our equilibrium; school is open and going on as usual. Most Foochow students feel, I think, that the university is as safe, or safer, than anywhere in Foochow. The most disturbing rumor at present is that Nanking is going to make a drive by air, land and sea in the near future, in an effort to clean out this independent faction here. Some students probably did not sleep well last night because of the rumor that 6,000 Nanking soldiers arrived at Pagoda Anchorage, about six miles below here, near the mouth of the river, yesterday afternoon!

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Thank you for the sidelight given on the NRA program in America in your letter of November 25 to me. I see from the Shanghai papers that the value of the dollar is still unsettled. Exchange here remains around three to one, sometimes a little over and sometimes a little under; a little under just now.

Under date of December 13 we sent you 200 post cards of the general view of the campus and 50 of the women's dormitory, thinking that you might be able to make use of them in some way. Under date of December 21 we sent you 15 copies of the F.C.U. calendar to be used in any way you may see fit. We sent one to each of the Trustees and Mission Board secretaries direct.

Miss Cloud tells me of a number of changes in the office force there, and of a fine get-together all of you had at Mr. Garside's home not long ago. This takes me back to the nice party I was privileged to attend at your home in the summer of 1932.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF MISS EVA M. ASHER AND MR. P. P. WIAINT.

Miss Asher's letter of December 28th:- **1933**

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Mr. Paul P. Wiant's Report of December 26th:-

"The events of the past few days have given us all some concern and even though we were not directly affected, that is, we were not actually hit by the bombs, still we cannot help but be tremendously sympathetic with the poor people in Foochow city who have been so seriously upset. It seems that Foochow, up to date, has been bombed on four successive days. The first day was last Friday when one or two bombs, possibly three were dropped, of which

probably only one exploded. This was kept very quiet and was hushed up. The next day, last Saturday, December 23rd, some three or four bombs were dropped by a single plane together with warnings that they were going to bomb again the following day.

"Now comes the story of the big bombings. On Sunday a little after one o'clock a fleet of eight airplanes, not all of them being present at one time but being definitely identified as eight separate planes by folks who recorded the numbers, came in force to Foochow city and dropped twenty odd bombs. These were mostly small ones, although the damage done was considerable. They were aiming at three places apparently; the government headquarters in Admiral Sah's old yamen in the city, and military headquarters near Deng-hu and the airplane landing field. After the bombing was over on Sunday afternoon I made a run over into the city to look around but could not take the time to visit all the places. However, Mr. Maloney of the Seventh Adventist Mission visited practically all of the places where bombs dropped. One bomb fell into the central hall of the Provincial Government Yamen, but did not hurt anybody. Another one fell near the intersection of Back Street with West Gate Street, damaging two or three shops and killing one person. Four bombs fell close together in a region of shops and temples near the Nang-ga-diu, the big parade ground just south of the city. Two people were killed at this place.

"But the worst concentration of bombing was at the airplane landing field. A number of the bombs were dropped around there, none of which did any damage to the air force or their equipment, but the village of Siong-nguong which is the first village on the plain after you leave the old horse road corner on the old road to Kuliang, the village which the old-timers used to call the half-way village. Two bombs fell in the court yard of a certain house in this village and completely wiped out the family of eight persons and killed also three others; and in addition killed three dogs and two pigs. Mr. Maloney saw the place before it was disturbed in any way. We understand that in addition to the eleven killed, two of the wounded have since died. This brings the total known dead, that is known to us, from the raid on Sunday up to 16 persons and we have heard of several others, so it is quite likely that the total was up in the twenties some place. In addition to the bombs which were dropped on Sunday a number of leaflets were let loose saying they would be back the next day and drop bigger bombs and also that they would drop incendiary ones.

"From the time of the bombing on Sunday, all Sunday afternoon, Sunday evening continuing all through the night and all Monday morning there was a constant stream of folks moving out to south side. I have never seen anything like it in Foochow before, not even in the troubled times of other years. Mr. and Mrs. Maloney came to our house after eleven o'clock Sunday night, bringing cots and bedding with them and we kept them for the night.

"On Monday morning I thought I would like to go over into the city and see how they were getting on and invite others to come out and stay in our compound, particularly during the time of day when the bombs might be expected. I got on my motor-cycle and went as far as the little bridge thinking at first that I would be able to make my way across, but by the time I got as far as Dong-ceu, it became quite evident that it would take an hour or more to cross the bridge. I have never seen in Foochow such a traffic jam, so I turned around and came on back home but was roundly cursed in the process of getting my motor-cycle headed back home.

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"Since there had been the definite statement in the leaflets of the day before that there would be bombing on Monday we were all on the look out for it and sure enough just before one o'clock when our family and the Culver's (15 in all) had just finished the Turkey in our Christmas dinner and were having the plates changed for dessert, we heard the droning sound of airplanes. We all ran out into the big yard to see what was going on. The first squadron of three immediately began to drop their pills. There had been twenty odd bombs on Sunday, the number not being exactly ascertained, so we had decided that all of us together would count the number of explosions if the planes came back. They dropped in all 26 bombs; this time much bigger than the day before. They made a tremendous noise and kicked up a column of dirt and smoke bigger than the day before. Again they seemed to be after the three places named previously, although not so much after the Provincial headquarters as before.

"When these bombs dropped and exploded we could see the effect of the explosions and the column of smoke and dust for something like ten seconds before we heard the sound. You know that sound travels something over 1100 feet per second and we were approximately ten to twelve thousand feet from the scene of action. The explosions sounded like a long woo-oo-ff-ff-ff, a most peculiar and sickening sound.

"As soon as they had all gone away and we had finished our dessert, Mr. Culver and I took a run over into the city to have a look. I will not try to mention all the places in detail which we saw but will just give you a general idea. The first place that we saw was right in the middle of the road just beyond the bridge directly east of Nang-gung-huong just before you get to the corner where we used to cross the horse road for Kullang; the whole road was torn up. We had to run our motorcycles off on the so-called walk at the side to get around. Then just beyond the corner where the road turns directly north and off to the left of the road in some rice field there was two other big craters where big babies had dropped. These holes were from twelve to fifteen feet in diameter and a full six feet deep. We were told that other bombs had hit a number of villages nearby and destroyed several houses and had killed one soldier. His corpse was lying there untouched. One leg had been blown off, the base of the skull had been cracked open and he was mangled. These sights are not so gruesome as one might think since the dust and dirt thrown into the air settled over the whole place and makes a thick covering. Other bombs fell around in different parts of the city. One particular place we saw there were at least eight houses destroyed. We did not hear of any casualties other than the one soldier which we saw dead.

"The new British Consul, Mr. Turner, takes a very different attitude from that of his predecessor. Mr. Martin's attitude was that if the missionaries want to make martyrs of themselves, let them do it. He should worry!!! Mr. Turner takes the position that foreigners should keep themselves outside the danger zones. I confess that my own personal feelings in the matter follow those of Mr. Turner rather than those of Mr. Martin. We foreigners should not put ourselves in positions where we will be an embarrassment to the forces of government, such as they may be."

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