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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SHAOWU, CHINA

August 31, 1944

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

Re: 1. Statistical and Financial Reports
2. Western Personnel & Request for
additional Mission Appropriations.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am sending you enclosed herewith a copy each of our reports: 1. Statistical Report to the New York State Education Department, and 2. Annual Report of the Treasurer, for the year 1943-44. I hope they are in proper shape for your purposes. Our Statistics for the Annual Report of the Associated Boards, and Annual Report on Chinese Studies for the Harvard-Yenching Institute were sent you by air-mail on August 25th.

We are revising our budget for 1944-45. The price of things continues to go upward with alarming rapidity. It is very hard to make the budget balance and still keep the work going. As soon as we get the budget in final form we shall send it to you. In the meanwhile we hope to know more the exchange rate arrangement.

I have now your letter of May 2, Mr. Earle H. Ballou's circular to the presidents, and Mr. Corbett's report of the Annual Meeting of the ABCCC together with his memorandum and a copy of the minutes, both dated May 15th. The fighting around Henyang has seriously interfered with the mail communications between the South-West and Western parts of China and Fukien. We are glad to have all the documents you sent us. Your information about Mr. Li Yi Ying has had a very practical value. His wife and children have recently come out of Kulungsu, an island east of Amoy, and under Japanese occupation. Mrs. Li has been quite anxious about Mr. Li. I was able to quote from your letter to be sent to her assuring her that Mr. Li is still alive and in America. She had not heard from him for over a year. Mr. Corbett's letter and the minutes give us the first hand news about Hangchow College, and the decision of the St. John's University trustees.

We also appreciate the news about the presence of both Bishop W. Y. Chen and Bishop Carleton Lacy in the New York meetings. We shall look forward to welcome Drs. Decker and Cartwright in this part of the world.

Miss Eva Asher should be in America with the Scotts, the Legers, and Miss Thomas, the American members of the Fukien staff who evacuated, long before this. It is my hope that you may be able to make use the services of Miss Asher in our New York office. The Scotts and the Legers are on the American Board, and Miss Eunice Thomas is paid by our Trustees from Mr. Talcott's fund. All of them will be in good position to report the work of Fukien to our Trustees and other friends of this University. Miss Asher has a balance of her 1943-44 salary of US\$159.08. Please pay her.

Would you please find out from both the American Board and the Methodist Mission authorities that they would appropriate some money toward the expenses of our substitute teachers due to the evacuation of our missionary teachers. There may be some saving of expenses from their missionaries being in America now. Our suggest amount would be US\$1200.00 for each couple now temporarily withdrawn from Fukien.

(Signed) C. J. Lin

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Letter from Miss Eunice Thomas to E.H.B.

October 9, 1944

This brief note is to inform you of my arrival in California by troopship "A 113" landing in San Diego on October 6th. The other members of the F.C.U. party landed with me were Dr. & Mrs. Leger, Dr. & Mrs. Scott and Eva Asher. Merlin & Eunice Bishop, who started with us from Shaowu on June 14, left us at Kweilin and went on to Chung King, where the M.E. Mission put them at once to work, and Leona Burr accepted an invitation received in Kunming to teach a year at Hwa Chung now at Hsi Chow on the Burma Road. She hopes to return to F.C.U. within a year. The rest of us could not bear the thought of any way-stations to U.S.A., where we hope to use our time for a build-up toward return to F.C.U.

I am staying with my lifelong friend, Florence Runnells, while I rest a bit, visit with many friends from China, and plan for a trip East to my three sisters now living together at 622 W. 113 st., N.Y.C. I have written Wynn Fairfield today of my progress thus far.

The expense account of my travel (so prolonged!) will be handed in to Harold Belcher when I reach my final destination. I have American Express checks, given on Blickenstaff's order in Bombay, to get to the East Coast, which I hope to reach by train. McClure has a friend in the Santa Fe R.R. and hopes to get tourist reservations for me through him, within a reasonable time. Meanwhile life seems full of privilege here.

Address at present:--

c/o F. A. Runnells
137 College Avenue
Claremont, California



**Fukien Christian
University**

FUKIEN is one of the coastal provinces of China. It is about the size of Pennsylvania — 45,833 square miles, and possesses a population larger than any of the forty-eight states of the Union except New York. The province is hilly and picturesque. Beautiful Fukien is more than a mere slogan. World travellers regard the province as the most beautiful of all the coastal sections of China.

Foochow, capital of Fukien Province, is situated on a delta at the mouth of the Min River, which flows 360 miles across the province, and drains approximately 30,000 square miles of land. A hundred years ago the tall clipper ships of New England made Foochow one of their principal ports of call for tea. This is where Fukien Christian University is located, six miles out of town, on the banks of the beautiful Min, in the foothills of the famed Drum Mountain.

PAST HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY

Fukien Christian University is a union enterprise, having been established in 1915 by four Protestant missions working in China. It was the earliest institution of higher learning in Fukien. At first the University consisted of two divisions: the Arts College and the Science College. Later with the establishment of a College of Agriculture the institution was given full status as a university according to the official regulations of the Chinese government. In response to the demand of the times, the college became coeducational in 1932.

During the War, Foochow was twice invaded, but the University had already moved for safety to Shaowu, a town located in a hilly district in the northwestern corner of the province, about 250 miles northwest of Foochow. In Shaowu the University was confronted with many wartime problems as well as opportunities for creative service. The institution suffered greatly on account of the War and yet continued to grow in spite of it.



ARTS HALL, FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
It was burned in October 1940

PRESENT STATUS

Fukien Christian University consists now of three colleges with eleven departments. Connected with the institution there

are in addition, an experimental farm, a rural extension service, an agricultural-vocational high school, and the Institute of Fukien Culture. The academic structure of the various colleges is as follows:

College of Arts

Department of Chinese
Department of History
Department of Western Languages and Literature
Department of Education

College of Science

Department of Physics
Department of Chemistry
Department of Biology

College of Agriculture

Department of Agronomy
Department of Horticulture
Department of Agricultural Economics
Department of Agricultural Education

The teaching staff of the University consists of about eighty full-time members, of whom nearly one fourth have been rewarded by the Ministry of Education for long and meritorious service. The student enrollment for the present academic year is 714, almost five times that of prewar times.

During its early history, the institution was more or less provincial in character, but as a result of the War, the college

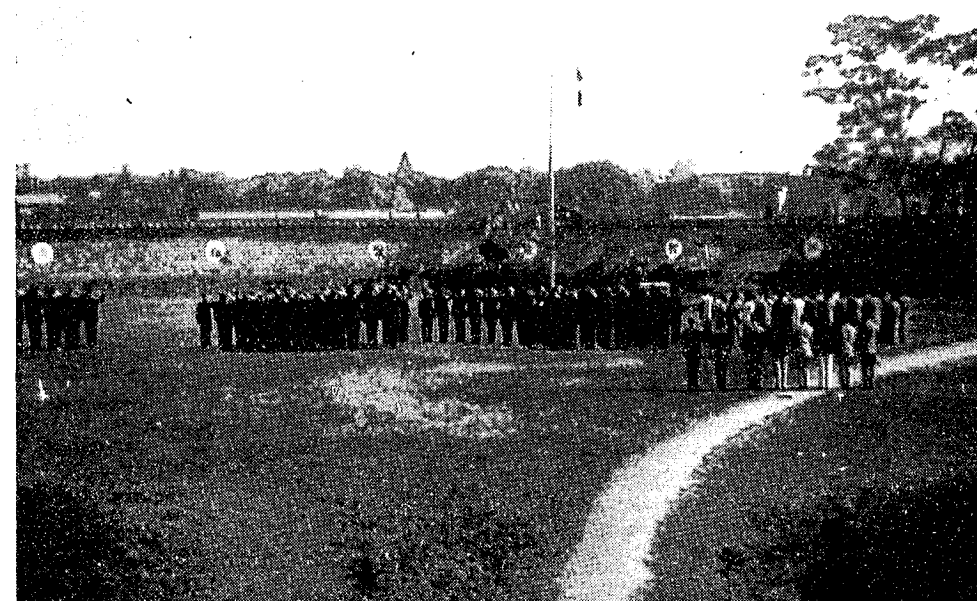
has taken on national significance, with students coming from all parts of China. It has become one of the most important university centers in the nation.

Fukien Christian University is chartered by the Board of Regents of the State of New York and grants a B.A. degree. It is also registered with the Ministry of Education of the Chinese Government and has a Chinese Board of Managers. Its American interests are entrusted to the United Board for Christian Colleges in China.



SCHOOL BUILDINGS AT SHAOWU

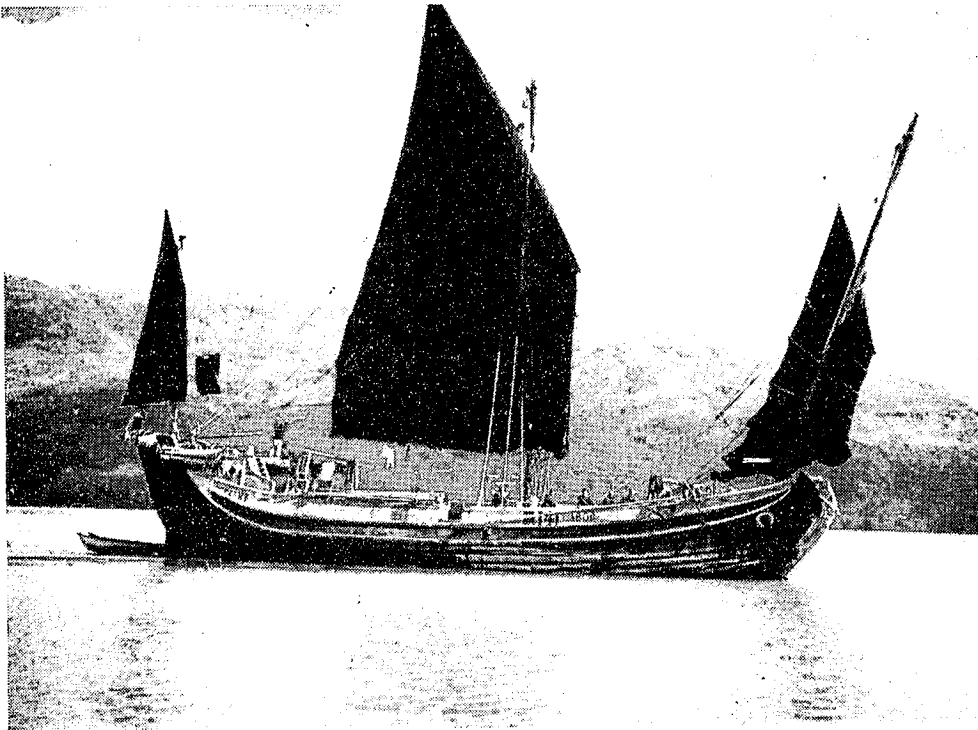
Leased by the American Board to Fukien Christian University during the war years when it had to leave the campus at Foochow



RAISING THE FLAG OF FREE CHINA

FUTURE PROSPECTS

Fukien Christian University has enjoyed the reputation of doing science work of high standard and of winning a record for achievement in research during its thirty years of service to China. There will be great need for more science in China after the war, especially the need of the more effective application of scientific knowledge to productive enterprises and the means of production. Furthermore Fukien has agricultural problems which are distinctive and no other institutions located in Fukien are in a position to do the work involved in their solution. The University should increasingly make the province of Fukien and the problems of Fukien culture



and enterprise its special field of study. It is beyond doubt that it will have a distinct contribution to make toward the reconstruction of China in the province of Fukien.

Secondly, the Fukienese are a sea-faring people. They are the backbone of the Chinese Navy and together with their neighbors in Kwangtung, make up almost the whole of the overseas Chinese population. The Chinese in the South Seas came largely from Fukien and the island of Formosa is also predominantly occupied by Fukienese. The province is thus considered as one of the few centers of Chinese civilization for the Chinese people in Southeast Asia. Now with Formosa returned to China, there will be a challenge to the University in Fukien to carry the torch of Christian higher education into the island, which is really a part of Fukien. It is for this reason that Fukien Christian University holds a unique and unquestionable place among the Christian colleges of China.

Last of all stress should be laid upon one of the most important and longest-held policies of Fukien Christian University. China's educational needs now that the War is over are manifold, but the greatest needs are not for skills but for character, for dedicated intelligence. Character is the key to China's regeneration. The nation can be rebuilt only by men of character. A Christian college should not only maintain the highest standards of scholarship but should also make definite attempts to develop men and women of vision, courage and devotion to unselfish services to their fellowmen. Furthermore, the Christian college should recognize its allegi-



THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION
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ance to the Christian church, whence comes its inspiration, and in return provide leaders for it. Fukien Christian University has kept in close contact with the church in Fukien throughout its history. Finally in its international outlook, combining the best of the Occident with the best of Chinese tradition, there is a source of inspired guidance for the New China and the New Asia. In the New Asia and the Asiatic Peace, China may be expected to become a constructive leader, taking the place formerly filled by the destructive policies of Japan.

SUMMARY

Fukien was one of America's first points of contact with China, and Fukien Christian University is one of the high points in a century of friendship between Americans and the people of China, a relationship which has revealed its true value during the storms of war.

The challenges of postwar China are both appealing and pressing. A great nation is undergoing a process of rebirth, and Fukien Christian University, after her thirty years of service, and with the continued help of friends both in China and abroad, will continue to spread light in one of the more troubled parts of the world, with increasing devotion and strength. A living and unfailing faith is essential to the struggle for truth and goodness and a democratic world.

FUKIEN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE of THE UNITED BOARD FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

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Appendix A

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SHAOWU, CHINA

President's Office

March 1, 1945

Mr. Carl A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City, N. Y. USA.

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the estimates for the year 1945-46. The exchange rate between US and Chinese currency is arbitrarily set at 150, for the convenience of figuring. We do not know at the present what the rate is, lacking any information from Chungking. We have greatly increased the charges on the students. Taking the income at the same figures as of 1944, we have the estimated income of \$19,139,992.00 in Chinese currency. On the expenditure side, we plan to set the limit of our emergency allowances to our staff at 20 times of their basic salaries, with \$1600 each to help in their living expenses. For departmental and office expenses we allow a flat 60% increase. With such close figuring we arrived a figure of \$22,971,038.00 leaving a deficit of \$3,881,046.00. There being no other possible income from the field, we recommend to request the ABCCC to increase our sustaining fund from the China Relief Fund US\$26,000, making the total sustaining fund to Fukien Christian University a sum of US\$91,000. Please present our case to the proper authorities for the additional grant of allotment.

We are arranging our Board of Managers Annual Meeting at Lutu, Mingsin, a place about 30 miles from Foochow, on March 8th, 1945. We were not able to meet last Oct. owing to the Jap. invasion of Foochow. I went to see a number of our Managers personally in the various localities, where they are scattered, in Jan. 1945, and they all agreed that Lutu is the most convenient place, where we propose to call all the Boards of the Union Institutions, eight in all in Fukien, under the auspices of the Christian Churches in this Province. I am leaving tomorrow for Mingsin by boat, and hope to get there on March 7th. After the Managers meeting I shall send you a cablegram conveying the Board's decision on the estimated budget for 1945-46.

Our spring term classes began on Feb. 26th. Things have been going on quite satisfactorily so far. We plan for emergencies. But our work goes on normally. We have had a student body of 591 including 110 women in the fall term; about 500 have come, and the rest are those who left the campus on winter vacation and have not yet returned owing to transportation difficulties. Our final registration limit is a week from now. We are able to arrange to offer most of the required courses for the students. The most difficult problem is in the English Department where we cannot find enough sufficiently qualified teachers.

Our communication with Chungking is chiefly by telegrams. Mr. Coole has not informed us how much he has received for us, and at what rate, in spite of repeated requests. He must have special difficulty. We have not received money from him for at least two months now. We have to pay 35% for borrowed money, and it is not at all easy to get bank loans. We have no word from Mr. Coole since July, 1944. Can you arrange to send him Fukien's money regularly, with the instruction that he send us the money as quickly as he possibly can. Our message to him might have been lost.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. J. LIN

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
President's Annual Report
1944-1945

The opening of the fall term, 1944, found the Japanese making big offensives in the Hunan and Kwangsi Provinces. There were constant air raids and attempts in invasion along the coasts of Chekiang and Fukien; and a few cities, including Wenchow and Foochow, had fallen into the enemy hands. But the work at F. C. U. was carried on as usual, and, with certain progress.

The students' enrollment was 591, including 110 women. This is an increase of 24% over that of last year. Its distribution by the colleges are: Arts, 22%, Science 29%, and Agriculture 48%. The Freshman class of 185 members came from a group of over 1500 candidates who took our entrance examinations. 107 persons received their bachelors degree on last Commencement Day. It is the largest class yet graduated from this University.

There were fifty-two teaching members. This is a decrease of 17% from last year's. It was due to the total evacuation of the Western members of our faculty, and to some sick leaves. Dean Cheng Tso-Hsin was appointed to go to America in the spring to represent the University on a U.S. Government's invitation. Owing to the difficulty in personnel selection and our policy for retrenchment, practically no replacement for those vacancies was made. However, with the efforts of the remaining teachers, more courses were offered than that in the Fall of 1943.

In the spring of 1945 an additional class of over forty students were admitted into the Department of Agronomy under a special grant from the Ministry of Education. By a general order of the government, beginning with the fall semester, military training courses were stopped.

The research work of the teachers has been carried on practically according to our original plan. The Agronomy Department has added its work on Cotton and Sugar crop experiments besides the old work on rice and wheat and plant diseases. Research work in Chinese culture and pure sciences have also been continued. Publication of journals was carried on as usual. Three monographs on Chinese literature, history, and biology have been issued.

The students showed good spirit in their self-governing life. Club activities, social education and public service projects were conducted with good effect. There was a genuine earnestness for hard study and good fellowship. Both the forms and contents of the papers issued by the various departmental clubs show some improvement. The athletics and the general health situation were fair. We tried the students "group-board system" to solve our board problem, and it worked out most satisfactorily. The students rendered splendid patriotic services and raised considerable funds for the welfare of the wounded soldiers. Volunteers to join the army numbered one fourth of the entire student body, and fifty percent of the men applied were found qualified, and they are in the military services.

The various departments of the University Church have been active. The church took in over a hundred new members including a number of new baptisms. Rev. E. M. Norton, Pastor of the Church, put special emphasis on the Holy Communion Service and Bible Studies. The Christian Students Association conducted the Sunday morning devotions and evening fellowships with fervor. The issuing of "the Morning Star", a by-weekly paper, and the "F.C.U. Youth", a semi-annual publication, the continuance of the City Sunday School work, the Evangelical work in the county prison, and the Welfare services at the wounded soldiers camps, have made fine new records. The program of the faculty prayer meetings have been improved, and the regular attendance greatly enlarged. The Religious Emphasis weeks and the celebrations of the Christmas and Easter seasons represented the best tradition of F.C.U., and they made quite deep impressions on the entire campus.

Foochow was invaded for the second time in the first part of October, 1944. The chairman of the University Board of Managers and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Lin Yu-shu, were murdered, and their home burned. Rev. Lin served as Chairman of our Board for the last seventeen years. His tactfulness and sagacious judgment helped much both in the deliberations of the Board and the consultations from the administration. A memorial service was held in their honor at the University Assembly Hall on Nov. 11th, 1944. Our Foochow Campus was occupied by the Japanese. Five framed buildings were torn down, and the roof of the Arts Hall was burnt. The content in all the remaining buildings disappeared together with all the windows and doors, and in some cases, floors also. These will increase the difficulties in our rehabilitation work, but they did not have much effect on our educational program.

The Fukien Provincial Government has increased its scholarship endowment at the University by \$400,000. A friend of the University, who for a number of years contributed regularly to our student aid fund, has made a scholarship endowment of \$600,000, and another donation of \$1,200,000 for a chair in Chemical Engineering. The Ministry of Education gave us a grant of \$1,000,000 for the opening of an additional class in Agronomy, and another \$850,000 for its maintenance.

We are most grateful to the American United China Relief Fund through the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China in New York, and the British Aid through the China Christian Universities Association, London. Without these two sources of financial help the budget of \$15,000,000 could never been met, and the work at the University would not have been possible. Our students received \$1,000,000 during the year from the National Student Relief Committee in Chungking.

The thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of Fukien Christian University was celebrated on May 25, 1945. Owing to the war conditions there were guild services of Thanksgiving by the Faculty and Students on the Campus in Shaowu, and by the alumni in their respective localities of residents, without inviting outside guests. There was a prevailing deep sense of gratitude for what the Founders had done, and what the loyal faculty members and friends had made possible our present position in the realm of higher education in China. There is a general recognition and genuine appreciation for the contributions made by this university during the past generation. This makes us both more humble and dedicated to face the tasks that are before us. There are only such little parts that one institution can play in the stupendous work in national reconstruction in a country like China. But with God, nothing is impossible. May F.C.U. continue to be made to serve as a mustard seed or as yeast for His Kingdom's sake.

C. J. Lin, President

August 29, 1945
Shaowu

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Foaowu, China

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President's Office

March 19, 1945.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

On March 17th I sent you the following cablegram:

FUKIEN MANAGERS VOTED 1945-46 BUDGET THIRTY MILLION CHINESE CURR NCY.
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585. CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY.

The Fukien Board of Managers held its Annual Meeting in Mingtsin, a place about 30 miles from Foochow, on March 8th, 1945. Eleven out of fourteen regular members were present. Memorial resolutions on the death of our past Chairman of the Board were first passed. Approvals were given to the President's Reports, the Treasurer's Report, and the Revised budget for 1944-45. With regard to the 1945-46 estimates the Managers voted that \$30,000,000 Chinese currency will be the minimum need, and request that the Trustees present to the Associated Board for an increase in Sustaining Fund, to a total of US\$95,000. Votes were also passed for the request of the cooperating Missions to double their original cash appropriations to the University. The present amount that each Mission Board contributes is far too inadequate to meet the needs of the institution. The Managers have acted on this question before. We hope very much that the Mission Boards will now take favorable actions. A request was made for the return of all missionary teachers, the Scotts and the Legers from the American Board, the Stowes and the Bishops from the Methodist, one new appointment each from the Reformed Church, and the Church Missionary Society in England. We also desire the return of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Sutton, Miss Eva M. Asher, Miss E. T. Thomas. Additional missionary teachers are welcome.

One of the most important actions of the Board was on the Rehabilitation Plan of the University after the war. Lines of educational emphasis and development were discussed and voted upon; they are chiefly for the strengthening of the institution for liberal education with certain vocational emphasis. The student body is put at the limit of one thousand, with 88 teaching members; and a physical plant on our Foochow campus that calls for a capital investment of US\$2,510,000. During the first year after the war we will need about half of the money and the rest to come in a period of four more years. It is our Five Years Plan of Rehabilitation and Development. We hope these will meet the approval of our Trustees, and fit into the plan of the Planning Committee of the Associated Boards. Please see the appendix for the details of the plan. Our figures are conservative. We are trying to work out as practical and concrete a plan as possible. With practically all of our quite well collected library and science equipment we are not asking for large sums of money for those things right away.

Our Spring term classes began on Feb. 26th. We have a student enrollment of 585 persons. It is six persons less than the Fall Semester. Beginning with the present term the Ministry of Education grants us \$1,000,00. (sic) Chinese currency for the expenses in connection with our taking in a new class of first year students in Agronomy. So far as we see now the general situation in Fukien is quite satisfactory. We do not think there will be military operations in the vicinity of Fukien which will be serious enough to disturb very much our work.

To EHB, 3/19/45

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In my cablegram I did not mention one important vote of the Managers, namely, the thought on the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Founding of the University, on May 25th, 1945. As the next few months will be the most difficult period in our war against the Japanese invasion in this section of the country, we do not plan to launch any large scale of celebrations. We are planning a quiet remembrance of the event by the students, alumni and friends in whatever locality they may happen to be, at the same time. We are very grateful to our Founders, and we shall dedicate ourselves to the great task they now entrust to us. We shall send appropriate greetings to our Trustees to officially express our deep gratitude when the time comes.

With the death of our past Chairman, the Managers elected Bishop K. H. Chang of the Chung Hua Sheng Kun Hui as the new Chairman of the Board.

We are sending Professor Cheng Tso-Hsin as our representative to lecture and to do some research in America as a guest of the United States Government. He is also to call on educational and learned groups for the exchange of ideas with regard to cultural and scientific services in China. I know you will do your best to aid him so that his one year's time in America will prove to be beneficial to the Christian higher education both in the States and for China. We hope very much he will have proper chances to meet many of the members of our Board of Trustees. I am particularly anxious for him to see Dr. Wm. B. Hill, Dr. E. G. Warner, Mr. John Talbott, Miss Amy Welcher, Dr. S. Hodous of the Fukien Trustees, and to convey our deepest gratitude for what they have been doing for the development of the University in Fukien. He should also meet the leaders of the Mission Boards, our Founders.

We have been much confused in our financial situation, and we still are. We do not know yet how much money we have been allowed, how much has been sent over, and at what rate of exchange. There has been no word from your office, nor information from Mr. Coole in Chungking. Our telegrams and letters must have either been lost or greatly delayed that we do not have any reply to our inquiries during the last six months. I hope you will send Fukien's appropriations regularly with instruction to forward same to us immediately, and with definite statement of our accounts to date. The price of things are changing very quickly, and we need to plan much ahead of time in order to meet changing conditions.

Both our faculty and students have good spirit, and our work is getting on well. In spite of the lack of food and medicine our health situation has been in general satisfactory. We are looking forward to the victory over wrong in the not too distant future, and pledging to move forward with work for reconstruction and further development of Christian service.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. J. Lin

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

President's Report on Conditions, Fall Term, 1945

The fall term of Fukien Christian University opened on September 10th, 1945, in Shaowu, for the Freshmen Week with 251 new students. The total enrollment is 715, including 113 women. This is an increase of about 20% over that of last year. More than 64% of the student body are professed Christians. There are 46 full time teachers. It is a decrease of 13% from last year's number.

The Japanese troops left Foochow in May, 1945; and China's general war with Japan was practically over on August 10th. But still we could not return to our original campus in Foochow because the place was quite badly damaged during the Japanese occupation. We started the preliminary repair work on the damaged buildings right after the authorization by the Board of Managers on July 31, 1945. Owing to the lack of funds and building materials the Foochow campus will probably not be ready for use before March 1, 1946.

The Han-Mei Dormitory (one of the four men's buildings on our Shaowu campus) was destroyed by fire in the night of Sept. 22. The cause of the fire is still unknown. The Fukien Provincial Government made a grant of \$1,000,000 for relief; and the University, Faculty and students raised an additional sum of about \$350,000 to help the students affected. There was a students' strike between Oct. 24 and 31, because of the change of the sitting room in one of the two women's dormitories. All classes were stopped on November 24, and a general vacation was declared for the students and faculty members to leave the Shaowu campus on account of the serious plague situation in our own compound. The moving of the university to Foochow has also begun. We shall resume our class work on our Foochow campus as soon as the buildings are ready for occupation in the spring.

Two defects in education at F. C. U. during the war period have been apparent, namely, the lowering of academic standards and the lax in discipline. Students have to be selected mostly through the means of entrusted regional examinations due to the communication difficulties. Qualified teachers have been hard to secure, and due to the war economy, and also psychology, many of them spend much time in other things than teaching and student guidance work. In the society in general war conditions provide excuses for otherwise honorable people to do unreasonable things. And this has its effects and even counterpart among the educated classes. Irritability almost to the point of pugnacity, covetousness to the point of dishonesty, irresponsibility to the point of disloyalty and betrayal, have not been uncommon.

But the war is over. Tested teachers will be returning, and new ones are available. F. C. U. is to return to its old campus on the Min with its serene beauty and rocky strength. The sacrificial love and unselfish service as exhibited by the lives of our founders and devoted faculty should inspire all those who follow them to rise up to higher standards of educational concept, and to be noble in their tasks. The strengthening of the faculty is therefore the first thing to be done in our new set up for post-war reconstruction. Spiritual depth, moral height and intellectual breadth should be our standards of selection of our teaching and administrative staff. Quality before quantity should be our policy in admitting students. F. C. U. with its foundation so firmly laid is bound to grow in increasing importance in its contributions toward the upbuilding of a new nation in the new age that is before us.

F.C.U. President's Report on
conditions, Fall Term, 1945

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This is the thirtieth report of the University in service, and my nineteenth report as the President of the University. To the Board of Managers in Fukien and to the Founders in America and Great Britain, I wish to express my deepest personal gratitude. It has been a rare privilege to have worked with a group of so devoted Christian men and women who have been unselfishly giving their time and money for the development of a Christian institution of higher learning that will be both a light and strength to China, and a glory to His Kingdom. You have always stood ready to give aids to meet the University's needs. You have never failed to support and encourage me in times of difficulties. Here I can honestly assure you that your efforts have not been in vain. F. C. U. has made a noble record during the past generation, and its future cannot but be even more glorious. May we fervently pray and confidently hope that by His grace, for F. C. U. "the best is yet to be."

C. J. Lin
President.

November 30, 1945
Shaowu, Fukien

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Ballou
Mr. Corbett
Mrs. Mills

FROM: Mr. Evans

The following cable just received from Shaowu:

"LARGEST DORMITORY BURNED SEPTEMBER 22 LOSS SERIOUS 112/ STUDENTS
AFFECTED TOTAL ENROLLMENT 714 EXPECT MOVE BACK FOCHOW FEBRUARY
CHINJUNLIN."

C. A. E.

October 9, 1945.

October 22, 1945

(The following cable received today from Shaowu, China:)

"CARL EVANS 150 FIFTH AVE NEW YORK

LOCAL CONDITIONS MAKE RETURNING FOOCOW BEFORE FEBRUARY IMPERATIVE
REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION 50 MILLION YUAN FOR REPAIRS AND MOVING
URGE STAFF RETURN SPRING INCLUDING TEDDY SUTTONS WELCOME VANWYK
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"YANGHSINPAO FAMILY WELL ADDRESS LACY METHODIST FOOCOW APPROACH CHENGTSOHSAN
FOR PUBLICITY MATERIALS UNIVERSITY RETURNING FOOCOW DECEMBER TENTH."

C. A. E.

November 26, 1945.

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Ballou
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Mrs. Mills

FROM: Mr. Evans

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January 17, 1946

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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COPY OF INCOMPLETE AND UNSIGNED RADIOGRAM RECEIVED FROM FOOCHOW

FEBRUARY 17, 1946 17

(Note. On account of a strike of telegraph operators in China, it has been impossible to obtain a complete version of this radiogram)

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STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT C. J. LIN, FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

February 18, 1946

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This is in response to the suggestion of the Council of Higher Education (Vote 17) that Fukien Christian University sends directly to the Associated Boards and the China Christian Universities Association its own statement with regard to Part IV of the Report of the Post-War Planning Commission. We have not seen that report until Feb. 9, when Bishop Carleton Lacy brought a copy down from Shanghai. It would seem that the Commission did not have adequate information to base upon for its judgment when it made that conclusion. The difficulty of communications during the war years has been chiefly responsible for such lack of understanding of the conditions in Fukien. We have had little knowledge of things going on in West China, and we could not expect our friends there to know much about us. We now only request that this ignorance of facts should not be made the basis for determining the future of an institution. We earnestly hope that in making the final plan the Committee will consider all facts. Our proposed five year program of rehabilitation and development, the details of which were sent you on March, 1944, is again enclosed herewith for your reference.

The F.C.U. College of Agriculture was formally organized in 1939 from the various branches of studies existing since 1933, and registered with the Ministry of Education in 1940. Judging from the compliments we received, the work of that college would seem to be quite well appreciated. The Fukien Provincial Government has been giving considerable financial aid to our agriculture work since its formal organization into a division of two departments in 1933. Again the Ministry of Education seems to be especially interested in our development in Agriculture. In 1944-45 its grants to our Agronomy Department alone amounted to \$2,700,000.00. We have at present twenty four full time teachers in the college faculty supported with the general courses given by Arts and Science faculties. From climatic, soil, and general geographical factors, Fukien's development in Agriculture is good and most promising. We stand on top in the whole country for the production of tea, paper, sugar, fruits and second only to Manchuria in timber. We also have rich sea products; our great resources in water power and salt promise well for the government plan for hydraulic and chemical engineering developments. The recovery of Formosa to China and the reopening under new conditions of the South Sea Islands where the overwhelming majority of the Chinese are from Fukien, and where F.C.U. alumni are already holding important positions in certain fields, open up unprecedented opportunities for Christian leadership and service for F.C.U. Therefore, it is not only to meet the needs of the most densely populated Christian community in China but also to the calls of a vast new frontier that the work at F.C.U. should not be checked, but greatly strengthened and further developed.

F.C.U. is prepared to accept any adjustment with the Hwanan College as the ladies of that institution may desire and impartial friends will approve.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FIVE YEAR PLAN
FOR REHABILITATION & DEVELOPMENT
(Action by Board of Managers, March 8, 1945)

I. DIVISION OF WORK:- The Plan is to maintain the existing work in the three colleges and develop those marked with x into full departments. Existing teaching staff 71. Proposed staff 88.

A. College of Arts

	Professors	Asso. Prof.	Lecturers	Assist.	Total
Chinese Literature	3	2	2	-	7
Foreign Languages	2	2	2	-	6
History	2	2	1	-	5
x Philosophy & Religion	2	1	-	-	3
x Political Science & Sociology	2	1	-	-	3
x Music	1	1	1	-	3
x Overseas Studies	2	-	-	-	2
<u>Total</u>	14	9	6	-	29

B. College of Science

Physics & Mathematics					10
Physics	2	1	-	1	
Mathematics	1	1	-	-	
x Astronomy	1	-	-	-	
x Hydraulics	1	2	-	-	
Chemistry					8
Chemistry	2	1	1	2	
x Chemical Engineering	1	1	-	-	
Biology					7
Zoology & Botany	2	2	1	2	
x Geography & Geology	1	1	-	-	2
<u>Total</u>	11	9	2	5	27

C. College of Agriculture

Agronomy including					
Tea Work	3	2	1	1	7
Horticulture including					
Animal Husbandry					
Forestry					
Manufacturing	4	2	2	1	9
x Pathology & Entomology	2	-	1	-	3
Agricultural Economics	3	1	1	-	5
Rural Educ. & Psychology	3	2	-	-	5
<u>Total</u>	15	7	5	2	29

D. General Instruction

x Athletics	2	-	-	-	2
x Fine Arts	1	-	-	-	1
<u>Total</u>	3	-	-	-	3

Grand Total 43 25 13 7 88

II. STUDENT BODY:- The Plan is to set the limit at 1000; Men, 875, Women, 225.
Present student body 600.

Freshmen		400
Sophomores	(64%)	250
Juniors	(75%)	190
Seniors	(85%)	160

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY FIVE YEAR
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III. PHYSICAL PLANT

I. EDUCATIONAL BUILDINGS:-

x	Arts Hall.....	US\$ 80,000.00	
x	Chemistry Building	100,000.00	
	Physics and Mathematics	120,000.00	
	Agriculture	120,000.00	
	Biology	120,000.00	
x	Library and Museum	150,000.00	
x	Chapel and Administration	100,000.00	
	Music	100,000.00	
	Overseas Building	120,000.00	
	Gymnasium	100,000.00	
	Astronomy observatory	30,000.00	US\$1,140,000.00

II. DORMITORIES AND SERVICE BUILDINGS:-

x	Repairs on four old ones	US\$ 80,000.00	
x	Four Men's dormitories each with 160 persons and dining room	400,000.00	
	One Women's Dormitory	120,000.00	
x	Student Union	50,000.00	US\$ 650,000.00

III. RESIDENCES:-

x	Repairs on 20 buildings	US\$ 40,000.00	
	Forty Additional Residences	160,000.00	
x	One Faculty Dormitory	40,000.00	US\$ 240,000.00

IV. GROUNDS AND CAMPUS SERVICE:-

	Land	US\$ 50,000.00	
x	Athletic Field	15,000.00	
x	Power House	50,000.00	
	General Service House	30,000.00	
	Gas Plant	15,000.00	
x	Water System	50,000.00	
x	Communications	10,000.00	US\$ 220,000.00

V. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

x	Class Room	US\$ 5,000.00	
x	Chapel and Assembly	15,000.00	
x	Library	15,000.00	
x	Other Buildings	15,000.00	
x	Dormitories	50,000.00	US\$ 100,000.00

VI. SUPPLEMENTARY EQUIPMENT:-

	Library Books	US\$ 50,000.00	
	Service Equipment	150,000.00	US\$ 200,000.00
			<u>US\$2,550,000.00</u>

X Indicates needs in the first year.

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COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT TO MR. EARLE H. BALLOU

En route to Nanking,
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Dear Earle:

I may write you next week, following the meetings of E.C.U. and Hwa Nan Boards of Managers; but I may not be able to do this and will, instead report in person in April on the results, if any, from those meetings. But even before those meetings there is one subject that should get into the thinking of you folks of the UBCCC and especially of the F.C.U. Board of Founders.

This is the plan for President C.J. Lin and Mrs. Lin to spend a sabbatical year in the States. They hope to come this summer; but personally I hope they will not do so unless Dr. Theodore Chen is able to move forward his date for returning to Foochow. The Board of Managers formally invited Chen to come as acting president during Lin's absence. His reply was non-committal as to that offer but stated that he is tied up thru July and will start back as soon after that as transportation can be found. Probably that would get him here in September. Lin should not leave until the administration is clearly set up and, I think, until the acting president has taken over.

But provision should be tentatively made for the Lins to have a spot to live at Union or near there. C.J. wants to study ethics there, Mrs. Lin public health at Columbia. Doubtless you have a record of their scholastic background at the office, but it is pretty wide:- Oberlin, Johns Hopkins, Harvard, Drew, perhaps other schools as well. Both are tired, both need refresher courses. Also to be considered is the contribution that C.J. might make to the UBCCC financial campaign.

Things are far from well at FCU. Probably Fenn learned of these conditions and has reported them. The student strike of last Fall was settled as a complete victory for the extremists among the students and many of the friends of C.J. fear that stormy weather is ahead when school re-opens in April because the suspected Communists are still in school. Lin had told the faculty that he would get rid of them before re-opening school; but no steps have been taken in that direction. Some of the strongest men on his faculty are quite critical of his policy; one or two of them planning to leave unless conditions change.

I spent a day at the University with CJ and will be able to report the various steps taken to recondition the physical plant for re-opening. The project is being delayed (Chinese New Year still functions!) but I think they will be able to start on schedule. The Shaowu stuff is steadily being brought down by boats and lumber rafts.

I assume that Bill Fenn has arrived and has brought you folks up to date on the many facets of the college problems out here. It's great that he is there and available for the annual meeting; he should be prominently used. My own plans still envisage a start homeward in the latter part of March, with arrival at the office for work the latter part of April. It is now planned that after reaching the States I be incommunicado for ten days or two weeks so that I can in perspective arrange my material and write my two reports: one for the China Committee of C.R.C. and one for our Methodist Board.

Greetings to all on the 9th floor.

Frank T. Cartwright.

COPY OF LETTER FROM MR. JAMES L. DING TO REV. EARLE H. BALLOU

Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow.
February 28, 1946.

Dear Mr. Ballou:

Knowing that you are very much interested in the coordination of Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan College, I, as chairman of the Joint Conference Committee on Relationship between Fukien Christian University, Hwa Nan College, and the Union Theological College, wish to tender a brief report on what has been done in this connection.

To begin with, the Boards of Managers of the three institutions of higher learning in Foochow elected five representatives each to serve on the Joint Conference Committee to study the problem of relationship. This Committee met for the first time on January 4th and voted to approve of the policy of co-ordination on adjacent sites of Fukien Christian University, Hwa Nan College, and the Union Theological College, as outlined in the report of the Post War Planning Committee under Section II, "Cooperation and Consolidation", Paragraph 10, (d), "Coordination".

Three sub-committees were created to study the problem of location, the problem of administrative functions, and the problem of academic relations. After very careful study and splendid collective thinking the committees brought in reports which were adopted practically in toto by the larger committee.

The committee on location recommended that the adjacent campuses be located at Kweichai in the neighborhood of Fukien Christian University; the committee on administrative functions recommended that a joint administrative council be organized and a chancellor and a comptroller be elected by the Joint Committee subject to the approval of the three separate Boards; the committee on academic relations recommended that all existing departments be continued and courses be open to all students and it further recommended that a joint academic relations committee be created to decide on all academic problems of joint nature.

It is highly gratifying to see that the idea of coordination has received the sympathetic support of all concerned and that the plan of coordination is making rapid headway and taking definite shape. In this connection we must give expression to our gratitude to you for helping to make it possible for us to benefit from the able leadership of Dr. Frank Cartwright whose timely arrival greatly augmented the spirit of cooperation. Himself an apostle of unity, an example of integration, all he needed to do was to lend the weight of his personality and the inspiration of his conviction. To him, more than to any one other man, we owe the realization of the need for coordination, the enthusiasm for it as well as the wisdom in devising adequate means to bring it about. We are truly thankful to have him with us and we wish you to know it.

It is our belief that in coordination and in coordination alone lies the assurance of the full development of these three institutions. We shall be happy to do our very best for them and we are depending on you for encouragement and support. I am planning to go to your country once more in the near future and am looking forward to the pleasure of meeting you. I am,

Cordially yours,

James L. Ding, Chairman,
Joint Conference Committee.

Unification of Fuchien & Hwa Nan

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COPY OF LETTER FROM DR. FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT TO REV. E.H. BALLOU

Foochow, Fu., March 7, 1946.

Dear Earle:

It is quite probable that my first period in the States will be so full of work connected with the China Committee of the FMC that I will be unable to report promptly about the FCU and Hwa Nan situation. Therefore let me give this written report as at least a preliminary statement.

If the strike of telegraph and cable employees ends before I leave China a message will reach the United Board thru my secretary as follows: THREE FOOCHOW COLLEGES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED PLAN COORDINATED COLLEGES UNIVERSITY SITE BRINGING DETAILS.

That laconic message does not begin to tell the story. Enough to say here that the long series of negotiations beginning two decades ago came to a head on the 26th and 27th of last month. A committee of five representatives from each of the institutions, Hwa Nan, F.C.U. and the Theological College, had been at work for some time preparing their recommendations looking toward a coordinated college plan. On the 26th that committee accepted with much careful consideration and some minor amendments the recommendations of the sub-committees. That afternoon the Hwa Nan Board of Managers ratified the action, the next morning the U.T.C. Board did the same, and that afternoon the F.C.U. Board did so. In the late afternoon the committee of fifteen met again to carry forward the agreement one further step.

That step was in the electing of what they are terming a chancellor who is to be an honorary officer who will serve as chairman of the administrative committee (made up of the three presidents and three deans) and who will also be chairman of the governing committee that will replace this committee on cooperation (the committee of fifteen). Mr. James Ding was elected on the first ballot. His election must be ratified by the Boards of Managers of the three schools. Two have already done this and F.C.U. Board is to meet tomorrow. Let me say that James is unquestionably the man for the job, because of his wide experience in educational work, his administrative leadership and the fact that as brother-in-law of President Lucy Wang he has had much to do with persuading her to cast her influence on the side of a cooperative program. Mr. Henry Lacy was elected controller for the three schools, a post which envisages full time service as in charge of all accounts, as purchasing agent, as general business manager. His election must likewise be ratified by the three Boards.

In the meantime both schools are making the temporary repairs that will enable them to open school next month. The Committee of 15 appointed a committee to advise with President Lin regarding the location of temporary buildings erected with materials used in the buildings at Shaowu, locations that will not interfere with the ultimate plan for sites at Hui-gie for all three colleges.

So far as I have been able to learn there is almost none of the suspicion which marked earlier negotiations. And, fortunately, the man who made the unfortunate remark that wrecked the rapprochement ten years ago is now off the field and the missionary list! There is much that I will want to say to you and your colleagues and the Board of Founders of the schools; but it can wait.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Foochow, China

March 11, 1946

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of personnel information of Dean T. H. Wang of the F. C. U. College of Science. As you will notice that Dean Wang has been continuously serving his Alma Mater since his return from America on our special call since 1929. Since Dr. Sutton's return to America he serves also as head of our Chemistry Department. He should be on the top of our list for a refreshment furlough. Kindly arrange for his studies at Cornell University as early as possible. If not, then at any other suitable institution and send back the institutions admission letters and the Associated Boards certification for the support of his expenses. If the Associated Boards authorities are not ready to do that please arrange with our own Trustees and pay Dean Wang's travel and support from our Furlough Reserve Fund. We must not fail a loyal scholar and a most faithful servant of Christian higher education as Dean Wang.

Mrs. Lin and I hope to spend our year of furlough at the Union Seminary, New York City, if we can get a small apartment there. I would like to put my major time studying philosophy and Ethics, and Mrs. Lin spends hers at the Medical School of Columbia University. She has her M. D. from John's Hopkins in 1924, and worked in P. U. M. C. etc. until our marriage in 1929. If our Trustees approve of these ideas would you please take the matter up with the Union Seminary authorities and reserve the apartment for us for 1946-47. Our Board of Managers in its last annual meeting asked some outfitting allowance as well as the travel expenses for us. They know that all our personal belongings were lost during the Japanese occupation, and that we have been in rags since the war days. But we do not want to have our Trustees grant us special favors which the Associated Boards are not ready to do to other college presidents. We would be glad to be informed of what may be the decisions of our Trustees or of the Associated Boards.

Three other personnel information notes of our faculty are ready, and I am sending them along to you to avoid delays. I know you will do what you can for them. I shall try to write about them a little later.

A few of our younger staff have sent applications direct to U. S. institutions for admission and for fellowship or scholarships aids with my recommendation letters. Please find a list of their names and the institutions to which they sent their applications for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

/S/ C. J. Lin
C. J. Lin, President

Enclosures.

COPY OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM BISHOP CARLETON LACY ON MARCH 11, 1946

HWANAN FCU JOINT CONFERENCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE
PROCEEDING UPON RECOMMENDATIONS ABCCC POSTWAR PLANNING
COMMITTEE BUT DISAPPROVES HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSIONS
REPORT AND REQUEST UNITED BOARD DEFER ACTION PENDING
SPECIAL COMMISSIONER VISIT TO FUKIEN LACY.

COPY OF RADIOGRAM RECEIVED FROM DR. FRANK T. CARTWRIGHT MARCH 12, 1946

FOOCHOW MARCH 4, 1946

NOTIFY DIFFENDORFER ROBINSON BALLOU THREE FOOCHOW COLLEGES
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VISITS EAST CHINA BEFORE HOMEWARD START.

Mr. B. Burr 517

Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Office of the President

April 19, 1946

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

Re: 1. Agriculture Work
2. Re-opening of Class Work in Foochow
3. Personnel

Dear Mr. Evans:

On April 5, 1946, we sent you a copy each of a memorandum on, and our answers to questionnaires, of the F. C. U. College of Agriculture, and a list of its equipment needs by departments and divisions. These types of information were prepared upon the request of Mr. Slater of the China Christian Universities Association in Great Britain. We sent you similar literature on our Science Work on March 14, 1946. I hope they will help our friends there in a better understanding of the agriculture work in Fukien.

Our experiment farms on the Foochow campus are in fairly good shape now. Our orange orchard was not destroyed during the Japanese occupation, although other farm and cannery equipments were moved away, and our goat and chicken houses torn down. The Agricultural Economic Research Room and Agriculture Education Materials Room are functioning well again.

We have set May 1, 1946 for the re-opening of our class work on the Foochow campus. The preliminary repair work on the buildings is practically finished. Using double-decker beds, as we used in Shaowu, we shall be able to accommodate about 700 students. For the faculty and staff we have partitioned most of our formerly one family residences for two families. There will be few members who will have to rent houses in Foochow.

To meet our furniture problem we are floating down all the student beds, tables and chairs from Shaowu. We hope the rafts will be here in ten days time. There had been no rain until early March, and the river was too low to float rafts on the Shaowu section of the river. This is the chief thing that has held us up from re-opening our class work earlier. As you have been informed before, all the furniture, and fixtures in both the educational buildings and the residences on our Foochow campus were looted during the second Japs occupation, and the parts recovered back are very small. We made a small part of the most necessary furniture, such as laboratory tables and library and class room chairs. But it already costs us about CN\$10,000,000.

For the water supply we shall have only enough pipe to connect the water intake on the river bank with the upper tank near our house. The pipes and also the pump and motor come from Lin I's oil factories in Kienwo and Shansien, which have been recently closed. The Fukien Government sold same to us at about half of market price. We shall have to use bamboo pipes to get some water from our old water reservoir in the valley for the buildings in the west valley. We have to put our electric light plant from Shaowu into use again. The Foochow Electric Light Co. estimates that it would cost over \$25,000,000 to get the line down, and even then the materials are not available.

We are still short of both teaching and administrative personnel. We hope Miss Leona Burr will be back from the Central College in Yungnan soon. We have not yet heard when Yang Hsin-Pao and Miss Thomas will have their sails.

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It is hoped that it would not be long. I also hope that you will keep touch with Mr. Li I-Ying. I want him very much to come back to our Chemistry work. I am writing to Teddy to see whether he would approach Mr. Cheng Teh-Chao, another F. C. U. graduate, and used to be in Grozer Seminary to come for our student Religious work.

I thoroughly approve of the propositions made by you and Dr. Cheng Tso-Hsin with regard to the exchange of professors and students as stated in your letter of December 18, 1945. Please go ahead with all the necessary preliminary negotiations and furnish us with more information of the professors concerned as to their field of work, and possible date of coming, and conditions of travel and other expenses; and I shall write again when we secure the proper candidates for the exchange of students from our side.

Appreciating the continuous interest and effort you give for

R. C. U.

Yours sincerely,

(signed) C. J. Lin

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(Received April 30, 1946)

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Foochow, China.

Office of the President

November 1, 1946

Mr. C. A. Evans
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, 11, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

At last, here I am on this beautiful campus! It never looked better to me. My first impression is that the members of the administration responsible for the rehabilitation of the physical plant have done a stupendous job well. Of course, it looks much as compared with pre-war days, but for post-war days I think it is a marvel. All windows are still more boards than glass, but that will disappear gradually as will many other things of a temporary nature. Faculty residences are sparsely furnished with plain wooden bed frames and boards, stools, a few wooden chairs, and very ordinary tables, etc., but again slowly, slowly we may look forward to more conveniences. I am sleeping on boards, but fortunately I brought along with me an inner spring mattress which was given to me by the Joe Moody Mattress Mfg. Co., Los Angeles, upon inquiry re buying one. Mr. Meeken of the Purchasing Department, American Board Mission, Boston, recommended the company to me when I was in Boston last July.

They Marine Lynx arrived in Shanghai on October 15 after not too bad a trip considering everything. One's attitude towards the accommodations had more to do with one's comfort or discomfort than the accommodations themselves, I think. On the whole the "400" missionaries and 150 Chinese students and technicians in the Emergency Class accepted conditions as they were and "enjoyed" the trip! We were very well organized with an overall committee to plan for the general welfare of the group - this committee having been organized before we sailed - and then there was a committee each for worship services and entertainment. Thus the evenings and days were not too dull. Meeting so many old friends and sharing experiences since we were separated by the exigencies of war was one of the most pleasant phases of the journey. There were a number of interesting groups of persons, such as the eight young men going out for the Yellow River Reclamation Project under UNRRA, but the personnel being selected by the United Brethren Church. Their special work is to teach the Chinese how to use and care for tractors, etc. Then there were two groups of Minnonites, one going to the Philippines and one to China for relief work plus evangelistic work, and others equally as interesting.

Baggage in Shanghai was a real problem. In spite of the rigid instructions sent out by the American President Lines re the allowance of 500 pounds of excess baggage, in the end they permitted passengers to take as much as they wanted to. These freight boxes, including pianos, washing machines, frigidaire, bicycles, mattresses, springs, etc., were all dumped on the docks together with regular baggage, the result being that the space at the wharf was wholly inadequate. This caused the baggage to be all but piled up to the ceiling, and it was next to impossible for individuals to identify same. The customs men said in all of their years in the customs they had never experienced anything like it. Miss Thomas and I spent four days trying to cull out our pieces from that pile of chaos and confusion. In the future it would be well to advise people bringing excess baggage to mark it on all six sides, and in large letters (at least two inches high) in contrasting colors. Of course, I was at a disadvantage in looking for the three pieces of baggage sent from N.Y. and the mattress as I had never seen them and did not know just what to look for, there were so many hundreds of boxes and crates of all kinds.

But finally the baggage was located and our entire F.C.U. group, eleven including the Chens' two daughters, left Shanghai on Sunday, October 20, and arrived on the campus at 2:30 October 22. We received a hearty welcome at Pagoda Anchorage where the university launch and sampans met us. Professor T. H. Wang with one or two other faculty members and some students came along, and some several hundred or more were at the jetty together with firecrackers to welcome us, and I think the welcome was truly genuine. From all reports this new group coming in, the mere thought of help coming, stepped up morale considerably both among the faculty and students, which is a strong challenge to us to do our best to live up to the high expectations of the group we found here, insofar as it is humanly possible to do so. Certainly things are starting off with a bang! Some twenty or more undesirable students and some faculty members were dropped before we arrived which helped considerably in making for a better spirit on the campus. It is the general feeling of the faculty, old and new, that the students are settling down to be much more serious in their class work. Teddy Chen reinforced this at his first convocation in making it clear that the "transition" period of moving, etc., was at an end, that this was the beginning of a new era in which quality and not quantity counted.

I hope the above does not sound too "sugar-coated". It is first impressions. I am also aware of many problems which cannot be solved all at once, but a good beginning in general helps to soften up the individual problems. Teddy is facing everything as it comes in a fine way and so far as I know he has full support from all corners of the campus. In many ways it is a decided advantage that he has none of the "war psychology". It is interesting to me sitting on the side lines to note the difference in the psychological attitudes of the old, and the new members fresh from the U.S.

The Overholts are good sports in every sense of the word. Both of them are hard workers and do not ask for any pampering. They are glad to align themselves with the Chinese in facing the hardships together. All of us are finding it difficult to get our respective households established, coming back to such bare houses. With prices so outrageous I do not know what constitutes a minimum essential in the furniture line for instance, but by degrees I'll come to have a better sense of values than at present.

One item of business. I did not pay the American Express in San Francisco for excess freight and handling charges because they preferred to collect from the boards, and the President Lines preferred to have it go through the American Express, as everything with both companies was so jammed and rushed. They simply did not have time to do all of this clerical work and collect from us. Thus I am sure you received a bill from the American Express, and I thought that without any word of explanation you might wonder why I did not pay it out of the travel money you advanced me. I had plenty of money to get me all the way to Foochow without drawing anything from Mr. Berckman, and will get my ^{travel} expense account made out as soon as it is possible to get all of the necessary data together.

I may be able to delve a little deeper when I write again. I need to learn a lot before I can write about business matters intelligently. Unfortunately, Mr. Hayes of the Methodist Mission who has been handling our financial affairs has been out of the city ever since we arrived, so Teddy and I both are quite in the dark at a number of points. We will have a long conference with him as soon as he returns and will get in touch with Dr. Penn directly.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Eva M. Asher