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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

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My dear Miss Asher:

It is time to give you approximate figures on income for 1958-57. We have studied this situation very carefully, but at the present time any forecast which we give you must be considered as a pure and simple estimate. First of all, the figures have not been acted upon by the Board of Trustees, and then again many things might happen between now and the first of July.

In the following schedule we have included the Boards and Harvard-Yenching Institute as continuing on the present basis. There is, however, a slight increase in the endowment income, and it is our hope that this will grow better, but we have no basis upon which to warrant giving you the actual further increase.

<u>Mission Boards Cash Grants</u>		
American Board.....	5,500.00	
Methodist Board.....	1,682.00	
Reformed Board.....	<u>500.00</u>	5,682.00
Harvard-Yenching Institute.....		8,421.06
Endowment Income.....		<u>7,457.50</u>
		21,560.56

From the foregoing it will be necessary to deduct Home Administration, Expenses, Incidentals, Trustees, and Associated Boards Promotional, totalling \$2,250. It is our hope that these expenses can be reduced and that additional income will be received, which will still further reduce the proportionate costs. At the present time we cannot figure on anything less than the foregoing.

In this year's budget we have figured on special gifts amounting to \$8,250, which amount was to be borrowed from the Pierce Fund if contributions did not cover the total. Up to date \$2,069. has been received, and it is our hope that still more will be forthcoming.

It is our suggestion that estimates be set up as soon as possible to be in our hands for Board meetings the latter part of April or the first of May.

Very truly yours,
C.A. Coase

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Dr. E. G. Warner has been very insistent about paying for the customs on the two packages which came to him in November. He has felt that the presents were so beautiful and costly that it would be only right that he should stand any cash outlay at this end. We have allowed him, therefore, to pay the \$1.25, which we charged to your account for customs.

Your letter of December 14th regarding the surveyor's apparatus which was sent out in September came to hand. As requested, we have made payment of same, charging the \$75.00 to account 51.

I am acknowledging your letter of December 9th containing a list of books, which have been ordered from the publishers.

Your letter of December 11th has also been taken care of, and we trust these books reach you without delay.

May I take occasion at this time to answer your letter of December 15th, which enclosed monthly statement for November, with reconciliation sheet. We have entered the \$22.95 representing gain on exchange on our reconciliation of account 51.

The procedure you have outlined in the closing of the books is very agreeable to us. As we understand it, hereafter you will indicate on the various drafts the date of the budget to which they are to be charged. This will permit us charging against 1936-37 any which are so marked, and will permit you at the end of the year to reconcile your cash account, giving consideration to the drafts which have not been paid by us but which are in transit. The adjustment of this figure will show you the amount of cash available on the current budget. In this way there should be less confusion and reconciliation later on than we have had in the past. Our accounting office has noted that this procedure will be followed.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the audited report as of June 30, 1935, which gives us the balance sheet as of that date. We note what you say regarding the Laidlaw Brothers order from San Francisco, and will be governed accordingly.

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Miss Eva M. Asher

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We are ^{carefully} gradually absorbing all news regarding the Hwalean-Fukien situation, and without doubt you will be receiving word regarding the recent meeting of the two boards held in America. I am not so sure that anything very encouraging grew out of this, but we are hoping for the best. We trust you will be guided right in all of the approaches that are made in this very delicate situation.

Very cordially yours,

C.A. Evans

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

You will find enclosed herewith a check for \$152.00, representing income on the Scholarship Fund carried in our endowment section. The schedule of earnings for the past six months is as follows:-

Mrs. Henry Date Library Fund - semi-annual	16.70
R. W. Jones Scholarship Fund - " "	8.45
E. C. Jones " " - " "	70.85
O. W. Groff " " - " "	18.00
Osborne " " - annual	<u>18.00</u>
	152.00

I am sure that you will find occasion to put these funds to good use if they have not already been spent.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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February 14, 1936

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of January 15th, the contents of which have been duly noted.

We are also acknowledging the enclosure of December reconciliation sheet, as well as your personal check for \$150., which has been credited to your loan from the Trustees. This comes in very handy at the present time in view of the shortage of cash.

I trust that your new location will be pleasant and agreeable. You have had good experience in the women's dormitory, and undoubtedly you will be wondering what to do with your spare time. (?)

We note the further evidence of interest in cooperation with the Kwangai Province. This is as it should be, and undoubtedly will present opportunities for further development along this line. More success to you!

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

February 17, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office dated December 20 (2), 31 (2), January 2, and January 13 (2).

I have passed on the information in your letter of December 31 re "The Craft of Athenian Pottery" to Mr. Farley, and I think the matter is closed.

We are glad to have word from you giving us an estimate of expected income for 1936-37, as given in your letter of January 13. We have already begun on the budget, and have called a Board of Managers meeting for March 7, so we hope to get it to you in time for the Trustees' meeting the latter part of April or the first of May. We are glad to note the increase in endowment income, and hope that some other sources may yet come to light. It is the general feeling here that the challenge to Christian higher education has never been greater than it is at the present time. I have never known a finer spirit among the students during the twelve years I have been here. They are entering into the Thursday afternoon activities, as announced in the Bulletin, with real interest and enthusiasm, and in general a new spirit is abroad on the campus.

Ten days or two weeks ago we sent 100 small size and 50 large size of the carved cork Christmas cards to Mr. Garside, in response to his request for same. Mr. Lin is receiving many letters of appreciation from people to whom we sent this kind of card at Christmas time. Chancellor Flint of Syracuse University made inquiry as to whether or not we could have something like it done for Syracuse. Of course we shall be glad to do it for him if he decides he wants it. By getting them in large quantities, 1000 large size and 600 small ones, we got them at 26¢ and 25¢, respectively. It is more difficult to carve the small ones than the large ones, and thus the price is about the same. - Note to B&G attached

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I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for January, together with reconciliation sheet. There is an exchange item of M\$2,315.52 which should be entered on your books in case it has not already been done.

Mr. Garrison

✓ I failed to acknowledge your letters of January 9 and 20. ✓ I am glad that our suggestion for closing the books, with particular reference to the account between your office and ours, meets with your approval. We shall try it out this year and see how it goes.

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It is a great relief to have it warmer these few days. We had a very nice fall, but when it did get cold it was very cold, and lasted for a long time.

It is a joy to have Miss Li Gwan Fang, our new Dean of Women, here. Besides filling the office of Dean and teacher of Sociology, she is a fine addition to the academic and community life in general, to say nothing of being a splendid companion for me. Also, we are all the richer for having Miss Thomas with us.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours very sincerely,

Eva m. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

March 21, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

✓ We have your letters of January 23 ✓ and 27 ✓ and
February 10, ✓ together with check for \$132.00 covering the
various scholarship funds.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for
February and reconciliation sheet. On your January statement
you credited us with the U.S.\$1.25 which Dr. Warner paid you
for customs charge on the gift we sent last fall (M\$3.13). We
cannot find any record on former statements of you charging this
amount against us when you paid it out, so it would seem that we
should not be credited with it. Will you please check up on it
and let us know. There is one exchange item, made up of a number
of small items, (M\$2,336.15) which need to be entered on your
books if it has not already been done.

In a day or two we shall send you copies of the minutes/
Board of Managers meeting held on March 7. They are now in the
process of being mimeographed. We sent a summary of the budget and
a report on Hwa Nan-F.C.U. cooperation a week ago, which we hope
will reach you in plenty of time for your Board of Trustees meeting.

Things in general are going along quite well, but
personally I am getting to be a pessimist when it comes to the
weather. I am at the point now of wondering if the sun is ever
going to shine regularly again! It is certainly the worst winter
all round that I have ever spent in China. The newspapers reported
it as being the coldest winter for thirty or forty years. To
have Kushan Peak white for a week is going some.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours very sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University

March 25, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 17th.

It is most stimulating to learn the reaction of the student body to the present condition in China. Amazing as it may seem, the enrolment in the colleges of the North is nearly on a parallel with that of the first semester. How much of this is due to the placid, self-contented attitude of the Chinese, or, on the other hand, to the challenge for higher education, is hard to tell.

As far as we can observe from this end, the sooner the Chinese accept prevailing conditions with a philosophical attitude and address themselves to the development of the country from an economic standpoint, the sooner they will be able to cope with external conditions. It is inevitable that some adjustment must at some time be made, but any immediate step to accomplish this end would seem to be suicide. I may be entirely wrong, but I view the present world turmoil as being largely the fault of the United States. On the large scale, if America had entered into the League and thrown her influence to the cause of justice and righteousness, there is no question in my mind that the present chaotic condition, both in Europe and in Japan, would not have occurred. It is because of the isolated attitude and non-interference policy of the United States that these countries take the attitude which they do. Again, may I say these are strictly my opinions, and have no official standing whatever.

We received the Christmas cards, and undoubtedly Mr. Carside will write you separately. We take it for granted that you were dealing with Chancellor Flint of Syracuse directly, and that we are not called upon to make any overtures in that direction.

The monthly statement for January is acknowledged herewith, and the entries suggested have been made upon our balance sheet.

Miss Eva M. Asher

3/25/56

It is interesting to note the type of winter which you experienced, which in effect was very similar to that which the New York area enjoyed (?). We had plenty of winter when it once got started.

From all the previous correspondence regarding Miss Li Gwan Fang, we were led to believe that she would be a a most valuable addition to the staff, and we are very glad to learn that this is actually proving true. We trust that new strength and power will be added to her and to Miss Thomas as the days go on.

With added good wishes, and many thanks for keeping us informed of conditions on the field, I remain,

Most cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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Fukien Christian University

April 1, 1956

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Fochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of May 31, 1955 has been in my follow-up file for nearly a year. The reason for this delay is the statement regarding the Capital accounts not having been entered upon our books for a considerable period. A preliminary study of the situation showed us that it would involve a considerable amount of work. Time has not been available to study through all of the ramifications involved. Although many other things are calling for attention, we are laying everything aside and devoting our undivided attention, barring telephone calls, to this situation.

First of all, we have had no entries upon our books in the Capital account since the close of 1950. This makes apparent the fact that we have not taken into consideration the increase in assets as set forth in your report of August 20, 1951, amounting to \$42,886.12 and itemized as follows:

Endowment.....	\$ 2,476.54
1919 Class Loan Fund.....	25.00
Buildings.....	28,989.08
Grounds.....	875.50
Books.....	2,480.67
Equipment.....	4,065.56
Furniture.....	2,448.32
Water Works.....	1,000.00
Electric Light.....	527.50
	<u>\$42,886.12</u>

In giving consideration to the individual items on this list, the last seven are the ones to which we would naturally give our attention, as we are not in a position to follow up the endowments or land funds carried on the books of the field treasurer. Plant funds, however, are of a different nature. lo

In entering the Buildings item of \$28,989.08 we are confronted with a discrepancy between these expenditures and those shown in the New Buildings disbursement on page three of the same report. The total disbursements under this caption amount to \$58,641.55. In reconciling these two funds we find that Water Works and Electric Light are the only ones which correspond, and there seems to be no way for us to reconcile the others in the two accounts. We should be very glad to enter the Buildings if you will advise us.

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of the projects for which the \$28,989.05 was used. We could go ahead and enter up the items under Disbursements on page three if we found a way of definitely balancing your increased assets and buildings with these various itemized expenditures.

Regarding Grounds, was the \$875.50 used to purchase additional land, or was it a permanent improvement?

The item of Books probably refers to additions to the library. Are these permanent, and is it advisable to capitalize them at the present time?

We understand that Equipment amounting to \$4,063.56 was new equipment at that time and should be so entered on our books.

The same applies to Furniture.

The last two items of Water Works and Electric Light probably apply to permanent improvement of these items. Is this true, and should we enter them accordingly on our books?

Treasurer's Report 1951-52. Increase in assets as shown on page two of your annual report is as follows:-

Endowment.....	\$ 800.59
Buildings.....	52,052.92
Grounds and Fence.....	2,159.20
Books.....	29,218.08*
Equipment.....	3,572.85
Furniture & Fixtures.....	25,657.79*
Water Works.....	2,262.96
Electric Light.....	255.28
Museum.....	8,502.06
Gas Plant.....	5,280.00

*These increases are due principally to careful inventories made in January 1952.

As in the previous year, we are faced with Buildings amounting to \$52,052.92 which cannot be reconciled with the New Building Funds as shown at the bottom of that page and the following page. Can you give us more definite information as to the expenditures for buildings?

The same comment for Grounds & Fence applies as in the previous year.

The charge for Books amounting to \$29,218.08, along with Furniture & Fixtures amounting to \$25,657.79, show a vast increase during this year due to careful inventories. Do we understand from this that a considerable period elapsed when no inventories were taken, and that the items shown here-with are an increase over what was previously charged on the books or included in the 1950-51 report?

The same comments regarding Equipment, Water Works and Electric Light apply as in the previous year.

The item of \$8,502.06 for Museum raises the question of whether this is for equipment or the permanent building.

In entering the Gas Plant on our books we quite naturally ask if this replaced old equipment, and if so, was there any valuation to it, and should there not be an adjustment upon our books if at some previous time a Gas Plant was purchased and entered as a part of our equipment?

In entering the above items, what funds are we to use to balance the account? Where you have used budget surpluses, we naturally would enter this as representing cash raised on the field. Smaller gifts would be treated in the same manner. The \$5,000 from the Glencoe Church seemingly should be carried as a separate fund against an individual project, or a group of projects such as residences, which as a matter of fact we believe it was given for.

Treasurer's Report 1952-55. The increases in assets as entered in your report of this year are as follows:-

Home Endowment.....	\$15,937.98*
Field Endowment.....	11,463.05
Buildings.....	35,510.76
Grounds and Fence.....	7,059.03
Books.....	4,966.66
Furniture & Fixtures.....	3,425.76
Water Works.....	125.80
Electric Light.....	92.22
Museum.....	337.68
Herbarium.....	225.46
Gas Plant.....	9,940.94
Telephone.....	116.99
Land Development.....	671.48
	<u>\$89,929.61</u>

*Home Endowment shows a decrease this year owing to the depreciation or loss in investment amounting to \$25,192.00, less Endowment received \$7,254.02.

Again, there is no opportunity to reconcile the Building Funds as shown on page three of your report. The buildings as charged up on this list amount to \$35,510.76, whereas the total expenditure for a new building amounts to only \$24,167.16.

Re Grounds & Fence of \$7,059.03, we take it that this item is an increase over the previous year and the care of the grounds and the erection of additional permanent fences.

Again the question regarding Books for \$4,966.66 prompts us to ask if these are permanent equipment and are actually increases in the library.

This same general question applies to Furniture & Fixtures.

As a matter of fact, all of the remaining items bring up

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office dated February 14, March 2, 9 (2), and 12. Also I acknowledge receipt of the Harvard-Yenching check for the third quarter, \$2,105.26.

Placed in Bob's
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book.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for March together with reconciliation sheet. There is one item made up of gain on exchange on five drafts, M\$1,854.79, which should be entered on your books if it has not already been recorded.

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There is no particular news, as it all goes in the Bulletin week by week.

Sincerely yours,

Ewa M. Asher

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April 27, 1956

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Fochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I am replying to your letter of March 21st enclosing reconciliation sheet for February.

We wish to thank you for calling our attention to the credit of \$1.25 which was extended to the field account, whereas it should have been credited to the Trustees' account. We have made this change by the use of journal voucher No. 251.

The exchange item of Mex.\$2,536.15 has been entered upon our balance sheet, as suggested.

The copies of the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting came to hand in ample time for the meeting of the Board of Trustees. The minutes of the Trustees meeting are not ready for distribution at the present time, as a resolution adopted at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee has not been completed by a member of the American Board. As soon as this comes to hand, we will proceed in getting out the minutes for both meetings.

In order not to keep you in suspense on the field regarding the action covering the budget, I am enclosing a copy of Appendix B-2, attached to the docket, showing the changes made by the Board of Trustees.

In the first place, you will note there is a reduction of around \$200. on endowment income, but the Board agreed to the request of the field that US\$2,000 be added, which is included in Other Gifts, which on the basis of 3 to 1 exchange adds \$6,000 income, which reduces the additional amount to be secured from other sources to LC\$2,961.75.

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Miss Eva M. Asher

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Will you not kindly inform President Lin of this action on the part of the Board of Trustees, and inform him that a letter covering the entire minutes of the meeting will be forthcoming within the next mail.

Very truly yours,

Ch Evans

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May 4, 1956

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

Dear President Lin and Miss Asher:

We enclose herewith copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Trustees held April 22nd.

It will be noted that a great deal of new material attended this meeting, and by that I mean new members of the Board. Dr. Hodous had not been with us for some time, likewise Mr. MacRossie. Mr. Shafer had attended one meeting, and Mr. Crockett had not been down for a year. Mr. Sites was not familiar with many of the situations, as was also true of Dr. Frank Anderson. Mr. Talcott attended for the first time.

Report of Discussion with Hwa Nan Trustees Regarding Cooperation. Naturally, many questions were asked regarding the situation involving cooperation with Hwa Nan, and before the meeting could proceed to any other business, a very thorough discussion of that situation had to be cleared. In many respects this was the best thing to do as it gave opportunity to give a great deal of information, which was quite readily absorbed and needed as well. There was a great deal of sympathy manifested for both of the constituencies on the field, and it was felt that a very superior degree of tact would be required in dealing with the condition. The sentimental attachment which can easily be worked up for the interest of Hwa Nan seemed to be a barrier which logic and good judgment would find difficult to overcome. During the discussion a suggestion was made that in order to maintain the standing with the government some effort should be made to consolidate the appeals for funds, and resolution T-1117 was voted. We are checking with other members of the Board in an endeavor to secure a good representation at the Columbus meeting. It is our hope that Dr. Garside will also be there.

Financial Statement. This in reality requires no further comment, as you are receiving our budget analysis from month to month and know the situation. It is hoped that we will not be required to draw upon funds beyond the actual gifts received for the 1956-57 budget. We have already written dealing with this subject, and it is not necessary to repeat the information we sent last week.

Matters Arising out of Field Minutes. We will refer briefly to those items calling for further elucidation:-

Granting of Degrees by Board of Directors. Ever since the State Department has granted the absolute charter, it has been the thought of the Fukien Board that the Board of Directors on the field should grant these degrees. The request of the Board of Directors for this authorization under M-774 was noted, and the Board of Trustees gladly acquiesced and voted resolution T-1120. The actual working out of the process of handling these degrees is left to the field, and requires thoughtful consideration. The standards that have been established, of course, must be maintained. We are sure that good hands are at the reins and there is no cause for apprehension.

Urging Board of Trustees to Assist in Securing Endowment Funds. This subject involved considerable discussion as to promotional work, and assurances came from several directions that every effort possible would be made to build up the endowment funds of Fukien. It was stated that this University presents a very favorable picture for impressing one with its potential powers, and the influence it is exerting in Fukien Province should challenge people who are interested in this kind of work to take a substantial interest in its welfare. We are hoping that these individuals can be found and influenced to give as they have means and are moved.

Action Regarding President Lin. There were two distinct reactions to this situation. One was that of consternation that President Lin should think of relinquishing the presidency at this time, and the other was the commendable manner in which the Board of Managers acted and took immediate steps toward forestalling any such lamentable change in the staff personnel. From our contacts with President Lin, we know that he takes personal praise with due decorum and proper balance. Therefore, we are not backward in saying that the expressions on all sides were of the most commendable and highly satisfactory nature. Briefly summing it up, it is inconceivable to think of anyone taking over his position at the present time, and by all means President Lin should carry on in this most significant and magnificent work. His ability to interpret to the rest of the staff the feelings of the Trustees makes him invaluable in the present office, he having recently been among us. As a result of the many fine expressions of appreciation, two resolutions were voted:- one commending the Board of Managers on their action in refusing to accept the resignation, and the other expressing the appreciation of the Trustees of his services.

Matters Arising from the Associated Boards Meeting. As in the past, the Fukien Board felt very much interested in the proposal that a closer relationship should be established between the Colleges, if not a United Board. Two representatives were appointed on the United Committee.

Remarks of Prof. E. M. Stowe. There was a very cordial expression of appreciation for having Prof. Stowe at the meeting, and he contributed valuable information. His remarks were of a most inspiring character. We were very glad to meet him and have him at the Associated Boards meeting as well as the Fukien Trustees meeting.

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President G. J. Lin
Miss Eva M. Asher

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Report of the Nominating Committee. This does not call for any further comment as it is a routine affair, but gives you an idea of the set-up of committees and officers for the coming year.

There was a very sympathetic feeling on the part of all members of the Board of Trustees for the work that the University is doing. Again and again regrets were expressed that individuals were not in a position to do more than they have done or are able to do. I am quite sure that from a spiritual standpoint everything that prayerful, consecrated thought can do is being done for this enterprise. And does it not call for even more devoted and consecrated effort on our part to sustain and carry on this important work?

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Loans.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITYESTIMATED INCOME 1936-37

	U.S.\$ Anti- cipated by <u>Field</u>	L.C.\$ @ <u>3 to 1</u>	U.S.\$ Anti- cipated by <u>Trustees</u>	L.C.\$ @ <u>3 to 1</u>
I. <u>From Trustees</u>				
(a) <u>Boards</u>				
American.....	3,500.00		3,500.00	
Methodist.....	1,682.00		1,682.00	
Reformed.....	<u>500.00</u>		<u>250.00</u>	
	5,682.00	17,046.00	5,432.00	16,296.00
(b) <u>Endowment</u>				
General.....	<u>5,207.50</u>		<u>5,010.25*</u>	
	5,207.50	15,622.50	5,010.25	15,030.75
(c) <u>Special Gifts</u>				
Harvard-Yenching Institute.	8,421.06		8,421.06	
Scholarships.....	264.00		264.00	
Special.....			250.00	
1st M.E.Church, Pasadena...	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Other Gifts.....	<u>1,000.00</u>		<u>1,000.00</u>	
	10,685.06	32,055.18	10,935.06	32,805.18
II. <u>Book Items</u>				
Property Rent.....		1,000.00		1,000.00
New York Office Expenses.....	2,250.00	6,750.00	2,240.00	6,720.00
Salaries.....		<u>19,333.00</u>		<u>19,333.00</u>
		27,083.00		27,053.00
III. <u>University Income</u>				
Student Fees General.....		21,810.00		21,810.00
" " Designated.....		12,420.00		12,420.00
Miscellaneous.....		<u>4,516.00</u>		<u>4,516.00</u>
		38,746.00		38,746.00
IV. <u>Other Sources</u>.....				
		8,340.00		8,340.00
		LC\$ 138,892.68		138,270.93
*Total Endowment Income..... 7,250.25				
Less Custodian Fee.....	26.00			
Home Administration.....	1,000.00			
Incidentals.....	200.00			
Trustees.....	50.00			
Associated Boards.....	700.00			
Scholarships & Designated	<u>264.00</u>		<u>2,240.00</u>	
			5,010.25	

Fukien Christian University

May 4, 1936

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Dr. C. J. Lin
Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Friends:

I am enclosing copies of the minutes of the April 3rd meeting of the Executive Committee. These were delayed because action E-1114 was to be prepared by the American Board, and it only came to hand Saturday morning. Dr. Fairfield reported to the Trustees the nature of the resolution, and it was approved.

Proposal Concerning Gift from Dr. Pierce. This situation called for very careful consideration by the Executive Committee. It would seem from Dr. Pierce's attitude that somehow he contorted President Lin's letter in such a manner as to obtain the impression either through pure misunderstanding or the naive appearance of a definite understanding, and concluded that he could buy the University's name for the sum of \$50,000 United States currency. To all with whom we conferred ~~we con-~~ferred this seemed to be a ridiculous proposition. If he had ^{been} willing to give \$200,000, there might have been more sympathy with the offer and a greater temptation to acquiesce; but to sell the University's good name for the sum of \$50,000 appeared just too cheap for consideration. Nevertheless, much prayerful and careful thought was given before the resolution as shown in the minutes finally prevailed.

No other comments are required covering these minutes.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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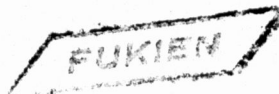
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

May 12, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your letters of April 1 and 3.

In your letter of April 3 you state that you cannot locate "Les Application de la Physique Pendant la Guerre". It is all right to drop the matter.

Your letter of April 1 deals with a number of questions which came up when you were making a study of our capital accounts with a view to bringing your records up to date by entering on your books the increase in assets since 1930. We are working on this and shall send you our reply as soon as we get it into final form.

Our first-year men students left yesterday for military camp. They seemed to be in high enough spirits as they were leaving. The program at camp sounds quite strenuous, running from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with one hour off at noon. Living conditions in the camp this year are much better than last. Last year was the first experiment and there was much to be desired, which brought forth complaints from a number of schools. University freshmen were not required to attend last year, so this is our first experience in this connection. School spirit on the campus continues to be fine.

We received the cable today stating that the Tinneys are not coming. We shall have to get busy now and try to find a Chinese for Botany, as that is one of our greatest needs at present in order to round out our Department of Biology. So few Chinese go in for Botany that a good Chinese botanist is very hard to find. The institutions that can pay better salaries naturally have the first choice. From the standpoint of our agricultural experiment work it is also very important to have a botanist.

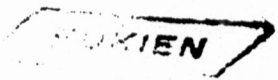
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Mr. Gordon

We realized something more than \$400 from the benefit concert given on May 1 in Foochow by our Glee Club. This goes towards the aviation fund which our students are requested to raise. Each college student is required to contribute \$5.00 and each high school student \$3.00 towards the purchase of aeroplanes for Chiang Kai Shek's 50th birthday sometime in October.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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June 1, 1956

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Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

We are enclosing herewith two checks covering the followings-

Harvard-Yenching Institute.....	\$2,105.27
Scholarship Funds received from the First Church of Pasadena.....	255.00

We trust these will reach you before the end of the fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Fukien Christian University

June 5, 1956

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

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My dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of May 2nd covering several orders and a reference to the \$4.64 paid to Montgomery Ward & Company.

The orders have been placed, and we are writing to Montgomery Ward as apparently this is an oversight on their part. We have before us their letter of November 30, 1955, acknowledging receipt of the remittance of \$4.64. We will write you later as to the result of our correspondence.

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We were very greatly perturbed here over the resignation of President Lin. Every member of the Board of Trustees felt it keenly, and expressed the deepest concern over such a move. The splendid work he has been doing is one definite reason why he should continue; but not alone that - the fine contacts he made while in America and his general knowledge of the whole situation, plus his adaptability for the position he is holding, make it rather imperative that he continue as Fukien head. I know that you are doing all possible on the field to make him feel the same as we do here, and I am only dropping this word to fortify you still further as to the attitude of the Board and of the officers.

With most cordial regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

C A Evans

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Fukien Christian University

June 8, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

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My dear Miss Asher:

Thank you for your letter of May 12th.

We note that you are making a study of the Capital accounts, and that later on will report any changes you desire to make.

We are very glad to know that the usual fine spirit at Fukien still maintains. We are wondering if this is still so in view of the present movement of Southern troops toward the North. One cannot tell from the news items what the purport of this movement really is. It has all the appearances of making a civil war, whereas on the other hand it is possible to develop into nothing more than a coup to mislead the Japanese. We are watching the news dispatches very closely.

We are very sorry indeed that the Tinneys did not decide to go to Fukien, especially in view of the hardships of securing a well-qualified botanist in China. We trust, however, you will be successful.

You are to be congratulated on the success of the Glee Club concert. I suppose the students are happy over the results in view of the contribution required from each student. This is a rather novel way to raise taxes. I am wondering how it would work out if our government tax'd each student for the purchase of war material. It would be an interesting experience.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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June 8, 1938

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

The total budget for Fukien Christian University as approved by the Board of Trustees on April 22nd amounted to LC\$41,076.75. The United States dollars payable to your office but which does not call for a guarantee from the Board of Trustees totaled \$9,625.00.

In recent years you have been allowed to draw as occasion required, and we see no reason for not continuing this procedure. It makes us scramble sometimes to get cash to take care of the drafts, and therefore when there is no advantage to you in sending a sight draft, we would prefer to have them at three days. We will, however, leave this to you.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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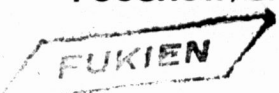
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



June 10, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letters of April 27 and 29 and May 4 (2) with Minutes of the Trustees meeting of April 22 and the Trustees Executive Committee of April 3, respectively.

We are glad to note that Mr. Stowe attended the Trustees meeting. A letter received from him yesterday states that he has passed the comprehensive exams for the doctor's degree, so I presume that he will come back to us as Doctor Stowe. We are eagerly looking forward to his return this fall. There are a number of things around here that he can do better than any one else, and that is said with due respect to all other faculty members.

We are all in hearty support of the Trustees' attitude towards President Lin's resignation. Certainly we should feel like a ship without a captain without him at the helm. Re Dr. Pierce's proposal, we are also in hearty agreement with the Trustees that \$50,000 is far too cheap a price for the name of the University.

I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement for May together with reconciliation sheet. You will note that there is an item of Exchange, M\$1,471.15, to be recorded on your books, if it has not already been done. Almost every month we have to make an adjustment of one or two cents on our reconciliation sheet because your office and ours do not use the same method consistently in dealing with a half cent in figuring exchange. Shall we agree that when the third figure after the decimal is five or above we will consider it as one cent? In this way I believe we can eliminate these small adjustments every month. From now on we shall do that consistently at this end.

This term will soon be in the past. Final examinations began today. We have the baccalaureate service on Sunday, June 14. Dr. W. L. Beard of the American Board Mission will preach the baccalaureate sermon. I think he has been a member of the Board of Managers ever since the university was established, with the exception of the years he has been away on furlough. He and Mrs. Beard have reached the age of retirement, in fact have passed it by a year or two, and they are leaving for America within a few weeks time. So we feel that it is very appropriate to have them with us on this special occasion. The commencement exercises will be held the following day, June 15, and the summer vacation begins on June 17. Twenty seniors are finishing their work now, and nine finished last January, so we shall have

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something more than twenty in the procession. Some of those who finished in January are too far away to come back.

Between the summer school which will be conducted by the Provincial Government and the various conferences to be held on the campus this summer, the place will be quite alive with activity. The summer school is for principals, deans, and teachers of science, history, geography, etc. of all the middle schools in this province. They are anticipating some 500. They shall certainly be more than crowded so far as dormitory space is concerned. The Methodist Religious Education Conference begins on June 26, the summer school on July 10, and the Student Conference on August 26. After one group gets out there will be only a few days to get ready for the next. Of course, all of these groups take care of their own expenses.

I am planning to go to Swatow for a month this summer for a change, not that it is particularly a summer resort but because I have friends there in the Baptist Mission who are not going away for the summer and it is about the cheapest thing I could do other than staying on the campus again. I have never been to Swatow, so I think it will be a nice change. The other Western members of the faculty will go to Kuliang, the summer resort near Foochow, and most of the Chinese families will be on the campus.

With best wishes to all of you there for a good vacation whenever it comes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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June 17, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Ashers:

We enclose herewith four sets of the report forms for the University of the State of New York which we have just received from Albany. As you know, the Regents are so slow in sending these out each year that our China Colleges, in making out their reports, have to use the forms issued for the preceding year.

We are sending these along now to be sure that they are not overlooked later, and know that you will keep them available so you will be able to get off these reports very promptly in June 1937. I am enclosing both the financial report forms and also the annual statistical report forms. Will you please see that the statistical report forms are gotten to President Lin's office?

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Davide

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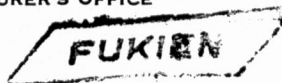
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TREASURER'S OFFICE



July 14, 1936

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letters of May 18 (2), 28, June 1, 5, and 8 (4). Also we received on June 29 the check for the Harvard-Yenching Institute fourth quarter, \$2,105.27 and one for Pasadena Church scholarships, \$255.00.

We are now in the process of closing up our books for 1935-36. Mr. McClure will write you about the final figures a little later when our annual report is ready. He will also send you the New York State Education Board report in a week or two. It is impossible to get our books closed and this report made out by the middle of July. The Harvard-Yenching report will have to wait until I come back from Swatow the middle of August. I think there will be no question about getting it there in time. I leave for Swatow on July 16 and will be gone for about a month.

You are probably aware of the fact that I have not sent in a payment on my loan from the Trustees as I usually do in June or July. This is by no means a "default". I am not sure how much I shall need for this trip to Swatow and back and the extra expenses in connection with same, so I am waiting until I come back to send you a check. I hope there will be something left to send!

You mention in one of your letters of May 18 that there is no news coming through except what is in the Bulletins from week to week. I am always conscious of the fact when I am writing letters that I have already said it all in the Bulletins. Do we send you enough copies of the Bulletin for all of your office staff. If you would like to have more, please let us know and we will send you whatever number you say beginning in the fall. We do not get the Bulletin out during the summer months. If you have any suggestions as to how the Bulletin can be improved upon from the standpoint of serving the foreign recipients of same, I should be very glad to receive them. We send about 60 copies to friends in America, including Board Secretaries, Trustees, and a few personal friends. In China, it serves to keep missionaries throughout this Province in touch with the university, as well as the mission executives in Shanghai, and it is the news organ of the campus. So in trying to meet the needs of these three different groups, I am not sure that I am doing it for any one of them in the most satisfactory way. So if you have any suggestions from the American end, please do not be bashful about sending them along.

You will remember that the Summer Institute sponsored by the Fukien Government was to have been held here on our campus, but just two weeks before it was to open they decided to have it in Foochow; somewhat to our relief. It might have been good advertisement for us, but we were concerned about there being too many people for our accommodations. We figure that at most we could take care of only

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300 students, and they were talking in terms of 600. It was their own decision, however, to change.

According to the announcement in the newspapers, we have been granted \$10,000 National Currency by the Ministry of Education, Nanking, for this year. Most of it, however, is probably outside of our current budget. I hope it includes the Physics Chair grant for Dr. Henry Chen as it did last year. We counted on that in estimating income for the budget. I suppose we shall be hearing about it officially very soon. According to the same source, Hwa Nan was granted \$8,000. We are still hoping to get something from the Fukien Government for the new College of Rural Reconstruction. In fact, I think the Governor has definitely promised something, but the last I knew no definite amount had been named.

President Lin will be going to Shanghai and Nanking within a week or ten days. He has not been out since he came back from America. The colleges that are close enough by to keep in close touch with Nanking by means of personal representatives are inclined to get more help than those further away.

Dr. W. Y. Chen left here the latter part of June for his new duties as General Secretary for the China Christian Council. His absence will partly be compensated for by the return of Mr. Stowe. We are expecting him and his family in the early part of September. The Suttons and Farleys will go on furlough next year. Mrs. Farley and the children are going this fall, probably in October, due to family reasons at home.

The indications are that we shall have a larger freshmen class next fall than we have had for several years. Forty-six have been accepted for admittance, and entrance exams will be given again the first part of September. Miss Li and Dr. Francis Chen visited the middle schools in South Fukien at the end of the term, and Dean Chen visited the schools in Foochow.

Conditions here in Fukien continue to be quiet and peaceful, although there are reports from time to time that Kwantung-Kwangsi troops are nearing, or have crossed, the Southwest border of the province. In general the populace throughout the country is against the movement of these two Southwestern provinces against the Central Government. There are reports in the papers during the last few days of some of their own men, especially aviators, going over to the Nanking side. You probably get more accurate news, and get it more readily, through the American papers than we here get. The press in China is quite strictly censored. That is one thing the people are always clamoring about to the Central Government.

Wishing for all of you a pleasant vacation when your turns come,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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July 17, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Focshow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I have just written a letter to Mr. McClure covering the Thomas-Talcott situation and I find your letter of the 10th also before me. This includes a monthly statement through April and have added the gain on exchange as indicated with the exception of the amount on draft #1672. This draft was for \$80. and was extended on the basis of LC\$200. In your adjustment you use \$32. as the United States amount at 3.33, or the Mex. equivalent of \$106.56, the difference being carried forward as \$26.56. This appears as though the US\$80 had been deducted from the Mex\$106.56. We have made an adjustment using \$80 on the basis of 3.33, showing a total local currency expenditure of \$266.40 from which deducting \$200 originally figured leaves a balance of \$66.40 to be added to the account. Please let us know if this is correct. The adjustment can, of course, be made in next year's account.

We sincerely trust that our delay in closing out the books will not interfere with your vacation, but as indicated in Mr. McClure it has been impossible for us to do otherwise. In addition to the regular rush which we have at this time of the year, we were further handicapped as the young lady in the Accounting Office taking care of the Fukien books left us in the latter part of June and we are going along with the hope that new material will be developed very shortly.

We greatly appreciated your good newsy letter. We are also grateful for the Weekly Bulletin which comes to this office giving us an idea of happenings on the campus.

Very cordially yours,

C A Evans

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July 23, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We are sending the closing entries for 1935-36 by Air Mail and trust that the China Clipper does not take a nose dive and find a watery grave. We are using this method as we desire to get these papers through as soon as possible. The Journal Vouchers have been retyped on thin paper, but we are not sending the Invoices covering the last month as they are following by regular mail. They are too heavy to send by air.

You will notice in the closing we used the Local Currency figure as shown on the summary of Account 31. This shows that we owed you LC\$6,655.60 which is equivalent to U.S.\$2662.24, which you will note has been carried forward as Accounts Payable on our books. We closed out the \$3,449.60 of Special Gifts without including any further appropriation from the Board of Trustees as in a recent letter it was stated that you would endeavor to get along without using more funds than we secured through Special Gifts. We sincerely hope that this can be done. You are, therefore, authorized to draw the \$2,662.24, and you will be able to tell from your own books and our closing entries whether or not to have other drafts outstanding against this amount. You will note that Account 136.1 was not included within the budget, but that we have carried forward against this account \$592.19 paid to the American Board.

A letter from Mr. Belcher received this morning, indicates that he is willing to work out any plan which will be satisfactory to all concerned, but that he is leaving on vacation and will take it up sometime early in September. A copy of the letter he wrote me has gone to the field.

I trust that you have no further difficulty in closing. With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C A Evans

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August 18, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

We are acknowledging receipt of your letter of July 15th ordering several publications. The orders have been placed with the publishers, and we trust the books will be received without delay.

It is in order to acknowledge your letter of July 14th, for which I am exceedingly grateful. We are glad to have the information that the New York State Education Board report will be forthcoming shortly, and that the Harvard-Yenching report will be made up after your return from vacation.

You are very conscientious about the loan from the trustees, and we admire you all the more for it. In other words, because one is so conscientious, we have less fear of the outcome of the transaction. We will await your further word, to be sent at your convenience.

My remark about the news coming through was not in the nature of a criticism, but nevertheless we are always hungry for news from the field, and usually you keep us well informed. The bulletins, of course, help immensely in this respect. As a matter of fact, they should lessen your obligation to write; but on the other hand, the personal letter conveys more than a multigraphed sheet. I believe that the copies which you are sending through at the present time are sufficient - unless there are some extraordinary circumstances, of which we will let you know.

I presume that there was a feeling of relief when the Summer Institute was not held on the campus. Surely this would have been a rather overcrowded situation had the anticipated enrolment become a reality.

President Lin has also written us regarding the gift from the Ministry of Education, and we note that you are still hoping to obtain something toward the College of Rural Reconstruction.

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Miss Eva H. Asher

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Undoubtedly you will let us know when Mrs. Farley sails and give us any particulars we should have in this office.

We are very glad indeed to learn of the prospects of a larger freshman class this fall. Undoubtedly the trips taken by the various members of the faculty have produced results. We would like to see, of course, a very decided upward turn to the extent of Fukien becoming overcrowded. Possibly this is too much to expect, but at least we will hope for an improvement over the past couple of years.

Yes, we are getting the newspaper reports regarding conditions in China, as well as a lot of opinion expressed by correspondents. Apparently the situation in the South is now well in hand, and we trust it will so continue.

With many thanks for your personal interest, and with kindest regards, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 26, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letters of July 1 and 22 which have not been acknowledged. We also heard from the Waterman Company about the shipment which you mentioned in your letter of July 22. The way you are handling it is entirely satisfactory to us. If that shipment finally was made before the Montgomery Ward package arrived, I hope it will not be too long before that can be included in something coming this way.

I am enclosing a small order to Montgomery Ward, asking that you will settle for same for us. I believe it is more satisfactory to send these orders through you, for the amount required for postage is always a guess and they will not send small orders without payment in advance. I think this will be small enough to be sent direct by parcel post.

I got back to the campus yesterday after a very pleasant vacation with friends at Swatow. Strange to say, it is considerably cooler there than it is here in Foochow. I suppose it is the difference between the breezes from the bay there and our river breezes here. The Baptist Mission where I was staying is located on a hill where it commands a fine view of the bay and the city which is on the opposite side of the bay.

The people who have been left on the campus with the "bag to hold", so to speak, have been very busy, particularly with reference to the College of Reconstruction. President Lin went to Nanking during the first part of August to see about getting it registered, etc. The Ministry of Education is quite in favor of our program, but prefer that we have the two new departments - agriculture and rural service - this first year rather than calling it a college, these two departments to come under the science college. So that required a little change in the organization of same. The Provincial Government has promised \$1500 LC per month for twelve months for this program, with the understanding that we get two or more teachers for these two departments - and high grade teachers at that. That is not so easy at so late a date, but we are doing our best. I feel too much out of touch with things to try to give details. I am sure President Lin will be writing about it soon, if he has not already done so. No doubt, however, his English letters have been rather limited during my absence.

Mrs. Kellogg and son, Stanley, left Shanghai for America on August 10. The daughter, Virginia, who graduated from the University

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of Southern California in June is to be married in September, and Mrs. Kellogg wanted to be there. Stanley is a sophomore or junior in High School, so she will probably stay there with him for a year or two at least.

Mrs. Farley and the four children are leaving Shanghai on the "President Jackson" on September 15. Our ladies' circle will be rather depleted for the next year or so. The Suttons will go on furlough next year too.

The North Fukien Christian Students Conference opens on the campus this evening, and will last for several days. The faculty will have a two-day conference, September 7 and 8, just before school opens, to discuss "Student Life on the Campus". Classes will begin on September 14. I think the Dean is expecting a large freshmen class, and an increase in enrolment in general. Of course, some old students always transfer or drop out. More about this after registration.

✓ I am enclosing a check for \$135.00 towards my loan from the Trustees.

I hope all of you people there in the office have had good vacations.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

P.S. I also have your letter of July 27 together with check for \$132.00 covering various scholarships.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

September 5, 1936

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

We have drawn four drafts on you amounting to a total of \$955.00 in connection with Mrs. Farley's home-going. All of the drafts are at three days sight:

Sept. 3	#1707	American Mail Line	U.S.\$555.00	-
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" 3	#1710	" " " "	150.00	✓
			<u>U.S.\$955.00</u>	

All of this is on account for Farley, travel, and should be charged to our current budget. I hope this will not be too much of a strain on your finances at one time. Our drawings are always inclined to be heavy at the beginning of the fiscal year.

I find that Mr. Garside's letter of June 17 to me enclosing report forms for the University of the State of New York has not been acknowledged. It is quite necessary to receive them one year for the next, for the current forms always reach us after our report has been sent to you.

We have succeeded in securing a man for Botany, a Mr. Sieh, who seems to be well trained in that field. We are trying to get Mr. William W. Overholt from the Methodist Yenping Conference for Animal Husbandry, but at best that will require a lot of red tape and we could not expect to have him on the campus before next term, although he is now serving in an advisory capacity. He, himself, has written to the Methodist Board at 150 Fifth Avenue about it, and so have we. And we are all lying in wait for Bishop Gowdy. He is due to arrive in Shanghai on September 5. Mr. Overholt is very eager to come here and join in on our broader agricultural program. He is especially trained in Animal Husbandry and has had very little outlet for it in his work. His coming here would not leave his work in Yenping high and dry, for we plan to have rural centers in Yenping, Kutien, Futsing, and Hingwa, so as to be able to get the cooperation of the church and the schools in those places, and thus render worthwhile service to the people throughout those districts.

Every one is busy preparing for the opening of college next week. We are looking forward to a good hear.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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September 11, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

The annual report of the treasurer for the year ending June 30, 1936, has been received and I have given it some study.

First of all, I wish to congratulate you on closing the year without a deficit. This is much better than the trustees have done for some time, the closing of our books showing a deficit of above \$5,500. How this is to be met we do not know, but are hoping that there will be ways and means provided within the near future.

One thing occurs to me regarding your report, and that is the increase in assets in the Plant and Endowment accounts, some of which, quite naturally, should be entered upon our books. It brings to mind, however, the letter which we wrote on April 1, 1936, regarding previous reports and similar entries, to which you have not been able to give your attention as yet and render a reply. We believe these earlier entries should be taken care of first, and therefore are doing nothing with the report for 1935-36. It is quite possible, however, you will desire to make some recommendations upon this report at the same time you are answering the April 1st letter. In that case we can take care of all of the entries at the same time.

With best wishes to you, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. Evans

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September 28, 1956

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of August 26th at hand, enclosing order for Montgomery Ward, which we trust will reach you without delay.

We are very glad to have this letter, giving us information regarding the staff during the summer, and also regarding the gift of LC\$1,500. per month for the Reconstruction Program. We trust you will be successful in getting the proper teachers for this program.

We note the sailings of the Kelloggs, and that Virginia is to be married - or by this time has been married. We are also looking forward to seeing the Farleys again, and presume they will be coming into the office at no distant date.

We received in this letter a check for \$155., which has been credited to your loan from the Board of Trustees. We congratulate you on the way in which this is being paid up, and trust that you are not straining too much to get it out of the way at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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October 1, 1936

TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have letters from your office which have not been acknowledged as follows: June 16, August 7, and 18 (2).

Your letter of June 16 to me came during the summer while I was away and got pigeon-holed in the President's Office and turned up only a few days ago. It has to do with the Montgomery Ward order for \$4.64. From now on, this should bear the title of "Comedy of Errors", for it is not yet settled! Well, I guess the \$4.64 is really settled, because you sent it to them again in June. But they have been paid twice for the item of \$1.06 (F-786001) as they took it out of the \$4.46 you sent them under date of November 25, 1935, and refunded you the balance of \$3.58. We, knowing nothing about this, sent them a check for \$1.19 under date of January 4. This \$1.19 represented \$1.06 for balance due on Invoice F-786001 and \$.13 for balance due on Invoice F-768961 and F-732036, per Invoice of F-768961 dated May 13, 1935. Will you please take the matter of \$1.06 having been paid twice up with them. I am now reconvinced that all of these small orders going out from the university office should be sent to you to send on to Montgomery Ward and that same should be paid for by your office. They will not ship export orders on credit, and it is impossible to calculate to the cent what postage and other charges will amount to, so that every order has a balance due them or us, and I don't wonder they can't keep their accounts straight collecting balances of 5¢ and upwards. Of course, there will be some personal orders going from the campus, no doubt, for a number of families, Chinese and foreign, patronize Monty Ward, but they should not mix up these personal balances with the official orders from the university, which from now on will be sent through your office unless we hear from you to the contrary.

As you will see from the Weekly Bulletin of September 26 we have a total enrolment of 175 students, including six unclassified students taking special courses. We really expected a larger enrolment. Out of the 144 new students who took our entrance examinations, we accepted 80 for admittance, but only 63 came. It seems to be the style among students these days to take entrance examinations to several colleges and then they choose where to go at the last minute, according to financial or political circumstances. For the first time we gave examinations in Shanghai this year, and got three students out of that. The announcements were made rather late and thus made the whole thing somewhat hurried. We are going to definitely include Shanghai hereafter. I think about nine students took the Exams in Shanghai, but only three were acceptable. We also lost a few new students by not allowing them to come in late, but there has to be a limit. Out of the 44 women

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students 18 are new this term. We are having to use a few of the attic rooms this year. They are good rooms, however, for the attic was built with that in mind; it is much higher than most attics.

One of our new students is John Voskuil, the son of Dutch. Reformed missionaries in South Fukien. He seems to be getting on all right. He lives in the dormitory, but eats with Mr. Kellogg. This is our second foreign student, the other one being Betty Beach two years ago. But she lived with her father. John Voskuil plans to be here only one year. The family is due to go on furlough next year.

x Mrs. Farley and children were due to arrive in Seattle yesterday. Mr. Farley has not yet given me definite instructions about payments to Mrs. Farley. As soon as he does, I shall pass the word on to you. I have asked him about it. Mrs. Farley is really not entitled to any of the furlough allowances, such as rent and medical attention, this year, for her going a year early is all for personal reasons. The university is responsible for only one furlough year, which officially begins next year when Mr. Farley goes. So until you hear further from us there will be no payments of any nature due Mrs. Farley. We advanced her a rather liberal travel allowance as she was traveling alone with four children. She will refund the balance, if any, and there should be, when she turns in her travel account. I think she will send all of that to us direct, as we made the payment. If she does send it to you, of course it is all right for you to handle it.

President Lin has written rather fully about the College of Rural Reconstruction to Dr. Fairfield, a copy of which letter he sent to Mr. Garside recently. Altogether the Fukien Government is giving us about \$28,000 for the whole project, plus the \$3,698.00 they give for the Wu Li Ting Rural Service Station. They gave to this last year you remember, and are now continuing it. We did succeed in getting a Botanist and a Horticulturist, both of whom have had training abroad. The government is furnishing all of the money for experiment work in Horticulture, the larger project being the improvement of citrus fruit in this province. In a few years from now we may have oranges comparable to the "Sunkist" variety.

x At last we are having a long felt need met in the person of Mr. Hsiung, our new Athletic Director. We have not even pretended to have an athletic director for the last ten years. Mr. Hsiung is the first one we have ever had who has had real training for the job. He has had the regular course in Physical Education in one of the Chinese schools, which I can't recall for the moment. He seems to be satisfactory and he has a very pleasing personality. Following the flag-raising ceremony every morning everybody goes in for calisthenics for about ten minutes.

I am ashamed to mention the Harvard-Yenching report which is not yet quite ready. I have completed all I can do, and I hope the general survey will be ready in a few days. Last week I sent all of the material which had to go as second class matter, such as syllabi, catalogue, and publications, direct to Mr. Elisseeff. The Trustees meeting comes sometime in November. If it is not too near the first of the month, our report will be there on time yet. We have had a fairly good reputation in that respect, and it would be too bad to spoil it now. I am doing my best to push things along. Will send you a copy when it is ready.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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October 9, 1936

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

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ack. 11-27-36

Dear Dr. Garside:

We received your cable yesterday ~~and~~ decoded same to read:

"Harvard-Yenching Institute has not yet received your annual report. Undergraduates last year overdue. When may we expect?"

Our reply decoded, which we are sending you today, reads:

"Report was sent on October 5. Board of Managers confer degrees. Do not think it necessary to report undergraduates."

We are sorry that the Harvard-Yenching report is so late this year. We had established a rather good reputation in the matter of having it in on time. We hope that it will still reach Cambridge before the Board of Trustees meeting. The last letter from Dr. Elisseeff stated that the meeting would be held in November, but he did not say just when in November. We were rather short-handed this year in getting the report prepared because Dr. W. Y. Chen who was the Chairman of the Fukien Culture Committee left the first of July to take up his new duties in Shanghai. Dr. Chen was the leading spirit in our work on Chinese Studies. We are now in the process of trying to break in a new man, Prof. Lin Hsi Chien, who joined our faculty a year ago this fall. His first love is Political Science, but he is a scholarly man and a good writer. We are enclosing a copy of the H-Y-I report.

As to reporting on last year's undergraduates, we thought it was not necessary since the Absolute Charter had been granted. Dean Chen wrote you about this in the summer of 1935, and your reply to him dated August 16, 1935, led us to go ahead and have diplomas prepared for the graduates of 1935, and we have done the same for 1936. However, since we sent the cable this morning I have gone into the correspondence more carefully and it seems that we did make a slip in going ahead with the diplomas for 1935, as the Trustees did not take final action delegating the power to the Managers until April 22, 1936 (T-1120). The Managers have not taken formal action on the class of 1935 as they did for the class of 1936, M-803, June 6, 1936. But as stated above the diplomas have been

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prepared and signed by President Lin and Dean Chen, and three of the members of the class of 1935 have taken their diplomas. But it is quite clear now that it still remains for this class to be passed on for graduation by either the Trustees or the Managers. In case it is in order for the Trustees to do it, since the power was not delegated to the Managers until April of this year, I am asking Dean Chen to prepare a list of the class of 1935 together with a letter of transmittal to be enclosed in this letter. We shall let the matter rest until we hear from you. We are sorry to have made this error in the first place.

Perhaps we never reported to you on the form of diploma we worked out. We followed the form used by Yenching. Instead of sending you a bonafide copy which costs \$5.00, I shall type one showing the form, etc.

Things in this section of the country continue to be calm and peaceful, but the atmosphere in the North is rather tense from time to time. Our students have a very sane attitude towards political conditions, and a fine spirit in general prevails on the campus.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

* Rather than to hold up this letter I am mailing it without Dean Chen's list which is not ready. Will send same in a few days. A holiday and Sunday intervenes before the offices will be open again.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

October 16, 1936

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of September 11 came a few days ago. I think your suggestion in the third paragraph about waiting to make entries on your books showing increase in assets in the Plant and Endowment accounts for 1935-36 until you receive the information you need from us re the same accounts previous to 1935-36 is a good one. We have not forgot about your request in that connection under date of April 1, 1936. It seems hard for our accounting department to keep abreast of current accounts, so that other things take a back seat. The government grants we receive have a great deal to do with this. They require such detailed reports, and their forms are entirely different from ours, and everything has to be translated into Chinese including technical terms and what-not. It is a tedious and drawn out process. We are now in the throes of reporting to Nanking on the 1935-36 Grant. Beginning this year we shall have to report the Provincial Government and their requests, forms, etc, will probably be different from Nanking. We really need an Assistant Chinese accountant, and will have to come to before very long. We are inclined to put it off as long as possible, because it is difficult to find the kind of man we want, the administrative offices are already over-crowded, and there is always the problem of money. These are just some of our private troubles. As soon as Mr. Li gets the Nanking report off (it has to be in Nanking by October 31) and bring the current accounts up to date, we shall try our best to furnish you with the information you need on the Plant and Endowment accounts previous to 1935-36. We have your monthly statement for August, so we shall soon be sending you our statement for September together with reconciliation sheet.

Mr. Farley asks that you will please send Mrs. Farley U.S.\$70.00 each month, beginning with October. We shall deduct this from our payments to him here in U.S. Currency. Your payments to Mrs. Farley are of course chargeable to our current budget account. The address is:

Mrs. M. F. Farley
Churchs Ferry, North Dakota

Dr. Sutton sent to Montgomery Ward under date of October 14 a combined order for the Chemistry Department and personal. I enclose herewith a copy of his letter for your

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reference. You will note that we sent U.S.\$101.50, and asked the company to collect any balance which may be due from you. Dr. Sutton felt that it might speed up things if some money arrived with the order. The \$101.50 covers the entire cost as nearly as we can figure, but it can't be right to the cent. So if we owe them anything, please pay them for us and charge to our current budget account.

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers will be held on Saturday, October 31, here on our campus. We shall send you copies of the minutes as soon afterwards as possible. The minutes are always greatly delayed because the Secretary of the Board does not send them to our office to be mimeographed for such a long time after the meeting. It usually requires two or three letters to extract them from him. I seem to be able today to find sufficient excuses for all of our shortcomings!

October 10 this year was more widely and more elaborately celebrated than usual since it was the Silver Jubilee of the founding of the Chinese Republic. Particularly was this true in the larger centers. Our students were up at 4:30 shooting off firecrackers and singing patriotic songs.

I visited our Rurral Service Station at Nieu Tien with Dr. Francis Chen yesterday, and saw for myself the improved stock of chickens and hogs some of the families in that village had secured from us. We gave them improved eggs for setting pupposes in exchange for their ordinary eggs which we sold, and now they themselves are getting good eggs. The difference in size between the improved eggs and the native eggs is quite noticeable. The children were having great fun watering their garden patches here and there.

With best wishes to all of you,

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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Fukien

November 9, 1956

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find a quarterly payment from the
Harvard-Yenching Institute, amounting to \$2,105.26.

The first quarter came to hand promptly, but we
were so close to starvation on the Fukien accounts that it
was impossible to forward same immediately.

We are hoping that the Aluminum Company of
America will pay an extra dividend within the next few weeks,
which would help us very materially. This is merely rumor at
the present time, but we trust that it will prove true.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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November 15th, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

I enclose herewith a copy of the expense account Mrs. Farley has sent us, together with a copy of the letter I have written her today.

The \$286.15 refunded by Mrs. Farley was in the form of two Fukien drafts totaling \$70.00, and a check made out to our office for the remaining \$216.15. We are depositing the \$216.15 to the credit of the field account, and are returning the two Fukien drafts (Nos. 1703 and 1704) to you for cancellation. This seems to be the simplest way of handling this refund.

I hope you will find that this disposition of Mrs. Farley's account is satisfactory form.

By the time this reaches Focchow, you will be in or near the holiday season. All of the group in the office here join in sending you holiday greetings and good wishes.

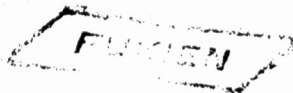
Sincerely yours,

B. H. Garside

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Fukien

November 16, 1936

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

My dear Miss Asher:

We are grateful for your letter of October 18th, and sympathize with you in the problems you have to face in your office. I know exactly what that means, especially when a whole staff is on demand and there is constant pressure from the outside to undertake other duties. It is because of our knowledge of this situation that we are reluctant to press for any information outside of the usual routine. Sometimes, however, it is quite necessary that this be done, and this seems to be one of the cases. We note that things appear to be opening up whereby your accounting department will be able to get this information out at an early date.

We have noted to send Mrs. Farley US\$70. per month beginning with October. We are mailing her first check today.

We are also acknowledging receipt of a copy of letter Dr. Willard J. Sutton mailed to Montgomery Ward, and will care for any balance in case the company writes us.

We will await with pleasure the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, and sincerely trust it will not be quite as long a time in getting them out as you anticipate. It is quite possible there will be a surprise in store for you;— in that case it will be a surprise to us as well.

You are to be congratulated on the splendid start Fukien has made in the rural reconstruction service. This has swept like a wave over China and should be a permanent part of the activities of each one of our universities. Even Yenching is addressing herself to this problem.

Twenty years ago I had the rare good fortune to become intimately acquainted with Arthur E. Slater, located at Etah, India. He had a fine pamphlet printed describing and showing pictures of the industrial and agricultural work he was carrying on among the natives. At that time he was raising funds to carry back more chickens to India and introduce a finer breed. He characterized them all as "missionaries with wings" — a very practical title. This is one way to increase the wealth and income of a country, and you are to be congratulated on the share you are playing.

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Very sincerely yours,
C.A. Evans

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November 18, 1936

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

*Paid 11/26/36
No 2800 a*

I have your letters of September 29, October 8 and 9. I am glad you were able to stave off the wolf from the door when Mrs. Farley's travel drafts came in. There are others coming! We sent draft #1722 for \$350.00 with an order to Arthur H. Thomas under date of October 28. I should have notified you of this sooner and did intend to do so; time goes so fast. Under date of November 6 we sent Mrs. Martin, in Australia, draft #1727 for \$1,109.18 which settles in full their furlough salary. According to past experience, it seems to take drafts sent to Australia three or four months to get to New York, so there is time yet to plan for that one. Mr. Martin is still in China - has not gone home at all. The year he left here he taught at St. Stephen's College, Hongkong, and in September of this year he went to the University of Yunnan, Yunnan-fu, Yunnan, to teach Physics. That is a government institution. Just how long Mr. Martin plans to stay there, or in China in general, I do not know. Mrs. Martin went to Australia two years ago this fall for health reasons. She is much better now, but does not seem to be 100% well. Since they had served at the university for two terms and had devoted themselves wholeheartedly to their work, etc., and we had not helped any in connection with Mrs. Martin's medical bill, we decided when we knew that we could not invite them back to give them a full furlough year of salary. We had made some payments previously, so now this draft settles it in full. We sent the draft for \$350.00 with the Arthur Thomas order because they give a 2% discount for cash payments, and this was a large enough order to make it worthwhile to make cash payment. The only thing is I should have notified you earlier.

I am enclosing our monthly statement for October together with reconciliation sheet. You will note that there are three items to be entered in your accounts if they have not already been entered. I am also enclosing a copy of the Revised Budget for 1936-37 which was approved by the Board of Managers at their meeting of October 31. I am also enclosing the signed statement of the auditors.

You may remember that I wrote you sometime ago that we were trying to get Mr. William Overholt of Yenping to join our staff for work in Animal Husbandry. Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Bankhardt, senior missionary at Yenping, have recently agreed to release Mr. Overholt for work here. He will probably start in with us by December 1. Their furlough is due next summer, so he will just barely get initiated before

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he leaves for furlough. However, that will be all to the good. He will be in a much better position to present a true picture of F.C.U. to his friends in America for having been here even a short time, and too he can get the work in Animal Husbandry started. They will probably live in Foochow (the Methodist Mission) as all of our houses have been assigned for the year, and it is never very satisfactory to try to crowd in two families together. The Overholts have three children.

The university will furnish the salary, \$50.00 a month, for a substitute for Mr. Overholt at Yenping from December 1 to June 30, 1937. He has been doing some teaching in the school there, so we can't leave that part of his work high and dry. All of Overholts expenses will continued to be paid by the Methodist Board.

In general our work in rural reconstruction, which now includes class room work, experiment work on the campus, and the eighteen villages coming under the Wu Li Ting Station and the Nieu Tien Station, is making progress. Mr. Chu, the man who came this fall for work in Horticulture, is busy getting things started. All of this project, salary and expenses, is paid for out of the Fukien Government Grant. Dr. Francis Chen is as enthusiastic as ever about village work. I am sending Mrs. Macmillan a copy of his article "The Villages Take on New Life" which appeared in the November China Christian Advocate.

We are beginning to plan for Christmas. The Student Christian Association is quite active this year. Hwa Nan and F.C.U. will for the third successive year give a joint Christmas Carol Candle Light Service, one evening here and one evening in Hwa Nan. It has proved to be one of the most effective Christmas services we have had for a long time.

Student life here is very good this year. All of the student organizations are constructively active. The Student Self-Government Association is planning a program for College Day on November 25. We seem to have an exceptionally fine group of students this year; at least a number of us agree 100% that that is the case.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

* P.S. Since finishing the above, Mr. Garside's letter of October 15 to President Lin, together with minutes of the Fukien Trustees Executive Committee of October 8, and the Treasurer's report, has come. Innote in his letter, in the minutes, and in one of your former letters reference to the fact that Prof. Malcolm F. Farley will be in America this year. Only Mrs. Farley and the children went home; Prof. Farley will go next summer.

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Fukien

November 25, 1956

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of October 1st.

First of all, this deals with the overpayment of \$1.06 to Montgomery Ward & Company, commonly known as the "Comedy of Errors". We have written to the company and have received a reimbursement of \$1.06. From the tone of the letter we believe that they have an idea that the caption should be changed to "Much Ado About Nothing". However, \$1.06 is worth something even in U. S. silver. This has been credited to account 31.

We are very glad indeed to have this word regarding enrolment and the process involved in selecting the students. Strangely enough, all of the colleges are increasing their enrolment this year much beyond their expectation — especially in view of the militaristic condition. It was most interesting to observe you have a foreign student among the enrolment and wonder how you would like twenty or thirty exchange students like Lingnan has, which of course would mean that you have that number of foreign students mingled with the Chinese.

We note what you say regarding the Farley travel, and will await further word from you.

I somewhat envy you the experience Fukien is going through regarding the development of Rural Reconstruction Work. That is something I would like to be in the midst of myself. The citrus crop so far as it has been harvested in America this year has not been a very good one. Undoubtedly the next month will see the crop improve.

More power to Mr. Hsiung! I presume that you join in the morning setting-up exercises. In that case, beware — as it might require a new wardrobe.

I notice that you reserve to the last paragraph any mention of the Harvard-Yenching report, and in true oriental fashion express humility in being "abhumed". The fall meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute trustees is now a thing of the past, and I am awaiting the Report of the Treasurer, which should come to my desk at an early date.

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Sincerely yours,

C. A. Evans

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monthly Statement
for November
Reconciliation Sheet
copy of property
insurance list
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"MISSIONS" list
attached

TREASURER'S OFFICE

December 15, 1936

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

We have your letters of November 9 and 12, together with the Harvard-Yenching quarterly payment of \$2,105.26 and your monthly statement for October, respectively. We also received the clergy blanks.

We are enclosing herewith our monthly statement for November together with reconciliation sheet and a copy of our property insurance list. The latter is just for your general information. All of this is covered by one policy. We get a much better rate by doing it this way.

In our book order of December 2 to you several of the companies are not supplied with addresses because we do not know what they are; such as The Association, N.E.A., Morrow Company, and Upshaw Company. If you cannot trace these companies down to a definite address, we shall have to give up their books. Also we have no address for Farrar & Rhinehart.

As soon as the gossip about King Edward and Mrs. Simpson came to a climax, by his abdication, we entered into the excitement in connection with the capture of General Chiang Kai Shek by Chang Hsueh Liang. All the news about it to date is only rumor, so one guess as to the why and wherefore of same is as good as another. Anyhow the people in this part of the country are very indignant over it. He has certainly gained in popularity during this year; that was very evident before the capture.

December 16. Another rumor last night was that Chiang Kai Shek had been released; true or not, Foochow staged a big parade last night to give vent to the joy of the occasion. When we will get the details of the capture and the release, if ever, no one knows. You people in America probably know more about it this minute than people in China do.

We had our first joint Hwa Nan - F.C.U. faculty meeting here last night. Mr. Cressy was here a week or two ago, and drew a few administrators of the two colleges together in conference in a discussion on the curricula of the two institutions. It happened that our next faculty meeting, the one scheduled for last night, was to be a discussion on curriculum, so President Lin gave the general invitation on the spot for them to come for this discussion, and later followed it up so that ten of them came. They had supper with President Lin. They took no part in the discussion, which was quite natural, for being thrust into it for the first time they did not know enough about our problems to discuss them. But it is a beginning perhaps for more such meetings together,

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which may help to bring about better understanding between the two schools whether or not real cooperation is ever accomplished; certainly it will not be in the near future. At least we have arrived at that much understanding during the last year or two!

As usual Christmas week is filled with activities in keeping with the season. Hwa Nan and F.C.U. are again joining together in giving the Christmas Carol Candle Light Service, once here and once at Hwa Nan. These services are always well attended at both places, and have proved to be ^{the} most effective and worshipful Christmas service we have. This is the third year we have done it.

The faculty will celebrate as a group on New Year's Eve, after the Christmas rush is over, at the President's Residence. We shall have supper together followed by an evening of entertainment. We have a committee that plans faculty-get-togethers three or four times during the school year. When we were a smaller group we did it more often, but it is more difficult to manage with the larger group we have now.

The Gowdys will leave Foochow on the first boat after Christmas Day, starting on another trip to West China. They have not been able to settle down for more than a few months at the time during the last three or four years, and they probably will not be able to do so until another Bishop is elected in China. We would be glad to have them in Foochow more.

I hope all of you there in the offices will have had a Happy Christmas and New Year Season,

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

December 24, 1936

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Mr. C. A. Evans
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Dear Mr. Evans:

I acknowledge herewith Mr. Garside's letter of November 13 re Mrs. Farley's travel expense account, together with copy of same. The account is entirely satisfactory to us, as well as the way you handled the refund.

M. G. G.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter to the Dixie Can Sealer Company, Little Rock, Arkansas, which I think is self-explanatory. Since they do not do export business, we are asking that they send it to you thinking that you would be able to include it in the next shipment from the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions to Foochow. This order is for our Horticulture Department, and they will need it sometime next spring, say, in April or May. Please make payment for us when you receive the invoice and the goods, and charge against our current budget.

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On December 14 we received from the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, a check for \$840.00 Local Currency, representing the sale of U.S. \$250.00 @ \$3.36 from the First Methodist Church of Pasadena, Pasadena, California, for scholarships. This is the first quarterly payment of the U.S. \$1,000.00 from this church listed as income on both your monthly statements and our budget. Last year, these payments were sent directly to your office, and we still prefer to have it done that way, because sometimes we loose on exchange when it is sold in Shanghai by the Associated Mission Treasurers. Perhaps you could ask the Methodist Board to ask the Pasadena Church to send the payments direct to your office instead of through the Associated Mission Treasurers. On the slip there is a notation, "Per: S. F. Johnson, Thru Conf. Treas."

The festive season is very evident on the campus. I shall write you more in detail after it is all over.

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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December 30, 1956

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am acknowledging your letter of November 18th, which notifies us that you have issued draft 1722 for \$350.00 to Arthur H. Thomas & Co. and draft 1727 for \$1,109.18 issued to Mrs. Martin in Australia. The former draft has been received and paid; the latter one has not come to hand as yet.

We wish to acknowledge receipt of the revised budget and reconciliation sheet enclosed with this letter. We will study this budget before the next meeting of the trustees and make some sort of a report at that time.

We note that the Overholts are to be transferred by the Methodist Mission to the Fukien staff. This would seem to be a very splendid achievement, and we trust that the work they turn out will be all that is anticipated.

We are very glad to get the additional word regarding the Rural Reconstruction Program and its progress. It is a godsend that Dr. Francis Chen can carry on this work with so much enthusiasm.

This is the week between Christmas and New Year's and we presume that it is vacation time for you. It is always interesting to hear of the plans for the Christmas Season, and we trust that it has been a happy and joyous one on the campus. If F.C.U. and Hwa Nan have enough Christmases whereby they can get together on a celebration service, eventually they will cooperate otherwise. I wonder if there is any way in which we can make every day Christmas Day.

I do not know how it got around that Malcolm Farley would be in America this year. As a matter of fact, I had the same impression until I checked up carefully and found out that it was only Mrs. Farley and the children who came home. We have all changed our understanding of the situation now and will have to await next year before we can see the professor himself.

With best of wishes to you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

C.A. Evans

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