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January 7, 1941

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*4/19/41*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letters to Dr. Sutton, dated October 14 (2), October 17 (2), and October 24, all of which have been turned over to this office. They have to do largely with routine matters and thus do not call for definite comment at this time.

We received from your office yesterday your cable asking for the sailing date of Dr. Sutton. He has no definite sailing date, due to the uncertainty of when he would be free to leave Shaowu on account of the long delay of the arrival of Mr. Lin Chen Chi, and the further uncertainty as to when he could get out of Foochow once he was free to go. Mr. Lin is now in Foochow and will be up here soon, so Dr. Sutton will now begin to plan for leaving at the first opportunity to do so. He himself is writing you.

I am enclosing herewith a copy each of our letter to Dr. T. H. E. Chen, Mr. Cheng Chung Fu, and Mr. Li Lai Yung re returning to F.C.U. in the summer. They should have been sent sooner, but somehow got too securely tucked away!

We are fast coming to the close of the fall term, which actually ends on January 26, Chinese New Year's Eve. Individuals may celebrate the Chinese New Year, but as an institution we celebrate January 1. Considering all the difficulties of getting labor and materials, delay in travel, mail, etc., I think the work of the term has been very satisfactory. One of the most encouraging things to me is the fine spirit every one has in spite of the difficulties. It has been quite a revelation to me to see how the seemingly impossible becomes possible when there is enough desire and effort behind it.

We are putting up another building near the Gowdy Memorial Library. The two buildings will be connected by a covered passage way. The lower floor will be used to enlarge the library space, and the upper part for a chapel. I tell you it has been hard for me to get "warm" religion in Shaowu with a gale blowing in from all sides of the old covered gymnasium. And the worst is yet to come according to reports, for every day some one says "it will be much colder than this."

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The general health on the campus has been fairly good except for six cases of thphoid and one of dengi last fall. There is always some malaria which is much worse here than in Foochow. The high cost of quinine is quite a problem for the people who cannot afford to pay so much, and they seem to be the very ones who have it most. When the Gowdys were here in November they made a gift to F.C.U. of a thousand tablets for just such cases. Their gift is much appreciated, I can assure you.

Our staff on the Foochow campus is really having a very difficult time with the prices of food, especially rice, continually soaring. Other than rice, I think prices here are about the same, but we pay only a third as much for a load as people in Foochow have to pay. We are trying to arrange to send some down to them from here, but there is the inevitable tax and permit to be dealt with first. We are very fortunate with our increased student body and staff to be in a rice growing district. Some of the schools which moved only a short distance out of Foochow are having much difficulty in getting a sufficient supply of rice even at any cost.

I am going to experiment on this letter by sending one copy by ordinary mail as usual, and sending one copy by air mail to Hongkong. There is a short air route between Yung-an, present capital of Fukien, and some place in Kwangtung Province and from there to Hongkong. So please let me know which arrives first. I do not have the copies of the letters I am enclosing, so shall send them in the letter by ordinary mail. You see, I still have more faith in that which I know than which I have only heard about!

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

NOTE: See Dec. 14, 1940- to T. H. E. Chen from C. J. Lin  
" Dec. 14, 1940- to Cheng, Chung Fu- from C. J. Lin  
" Dec. 13, 1940- to Li Lai Yung

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January 20, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, CHINA

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*3/14/41*

Dear Miss Asher:

We are writing today with the hope that this letter will get into your hands in time to be a guide for framing your budget for 1941-42. We would have done this before, but the Methodist Board appropriations have just been acted upon. We are glad to report in this respect that this Board's appropriation has been restored to the \$1,745.00 previously donated.

The following schedule seems to be the best we can frame just now, but they are not official in any respect. We are continuing the American Board appropriation, although they have not acted upon next year as yet. The following are the figures:

BOARDS:

American Board.....	\$ 2,625.00	
Methodist Board.....	1,745.00	
Reformed Board.....	<u>500.00</u>	\$ 4,870.00

SPECIAL:

Special Gifts.....	250.00	
Endowment Income.....	<u>6,800.00</u>	7,050.00
		<u>\$11,920.00</u>

LESS HOME ADMINISTRATION:

Executive Office.....	6,075.00	
Trustees.....	<u>375.00</u>	6,450.00
		<u>\$ 5,470.00</u>

CLASS "B" SPECIAL FUNDS

Harvard-Yenching Institute.....		8,947.36
Pierce Dormitory Fund Income.....		350.00
<u>Special Scholarship Gifts:</u>		
M. E. Church, Pasadena.....	1,000.00	
O. W. Greff Scholarship.....	56.00	
Osborne Scholarship.....	<u>18.00</u>	1,054.00

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Special Endowment:

Date Library Fund.....	45.00	
R. W. Jones Scholarship.....	22.00	
H. C. Jones Scholarship.....	<u>180.00</u>	245.00

Again there has been a reduction in the general field budget due to a decrease on income of securities and additional cost of administration in the United States.

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Miss Asher

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The estimate for the Harvard-Yenching Institute is based upon the use of \$85,000.00 for all of the Colleges — Fulkerson's share being \$8,947.36.

You will note from the foregoing that no sustaining or extra gifts are included.

Your budget should be in hand April 15th, and included therein the anticipated expenditures for the coming year, which presumably will show a deficit. This deficit will guide the Committee in framing requests for the coming year.

After a very careful study of prevailing conditions, we are convinced that low money rates for income will continue for some time. On the other hand, the cost of living expense in America is constantly rising, which is nothing new to you, I am sure. However, if there are any possible adjustments for saving, we should be glad to pass them on to the field.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

cc: Dr. C. J. Lin

Via China Clipper - 1/21/41  
c.c. via "President Coolidge" - air mail to Pacific

P. S. No rate of exchange has been agreed upon and in building your budget, kindly indicate what rate is used where funds are transferred either way.

C. A. E.

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February 10, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien, China

Dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge your two letters of December 4, which arrived here on February 6. Under the circumstances, this seems to be fairly good time. Thank you for your answers to the number of questions in our letters of earlier date.

I am sending on to the Board of Regents the figures which you have given for Items 4 and 7 in the statistical report. I might suggest in this connection that when it comes time to make up the report for the year ending June 30, 1941, these two items be numbered and revised according to the manner of handling the figures as given in your letter of December 4.

I presume that Dr. Shafer did not get down to Fukien after all, since he became involved with considerations in Japan and Shanghai. I have not had an opportunity to see him since his return, so I have not been able to check on that matter.

We have received from President Lin an application for scholarship help for Mr. Chin Yun-min. This was received in time for us to take under consideration at the meeting of the Scholarship Committee in January. However, our difficulty is to find now the scholarship tuition which is necessary and it may be that we cannot do this in time to bring Mr. Chin to America next fall. It is probably more likely that we can work this out during the coming months with the hope of having an arrangement for him for September, 1942. In case anything should develop earlier than that, we will have to handle the matter by cable which, if considered on the background of this notation in this letter, will perhaps make it possible to carry out arrangements on short notice.

We are glad to know that you are in Shaowu and able to help in their very important work at that point.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

February 17, 1941

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Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of November 25th requested us to send some office supplies, but before this letter came to hand the United States Government had placed an embargo upon all parcel post shipments. The only material allowed to go through is covered in the classification of printed matter and book post. Consequently, all of the merchandise you list is prohibited. The best we can do is to wait until someone goes through from the West Coast and can take this material along with them.

To that end, we will hold this correspondence pending such an event and we will then take it up without delay.

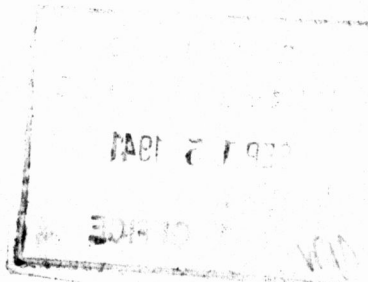
Sorry we cannot comply immediately with your request.

Very truly yours,



C. A. EVANS

CAE/S  
Via China Clipper - 2/19/41  
c.c. via "President Grant" - 2/20/41



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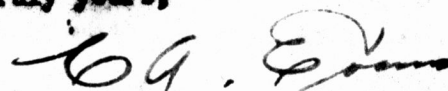
Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaswa, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of December 4th has just been received which does not require any particular answer, excepting to note that in the future Miss Burr will ask the American Board to collect her share of annuity from our office.

We hope that the Christmas plans worked out successfully and that the spirit of the time was in keeping with the celebration.

Very truly yours,

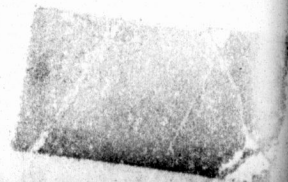


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Via "China Clipper" - 2/19/41  
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February 17, 1941

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Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letters of December 9th are before me and, as requested, we have charged Draft #2025 against Accounts Payable.

Yes, the Hills have done nobly by Fukien, especially when one considers that they have other large benevolent institutions.

Up to date, as you will note in the January 31st trial balance, there is \$20,184.00 in hand for the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund. Potentially there seems to be another \$10,000 in sight, although it is not in the nature of a definite pledge.

We have been truly greatly concerned over Dr. Sutton's delay in leaving China. Lois Jane was suddenly laid low with a serious attack of pneumonia. Sulphamanide injections checked the cause within three days and now she is convalescing. It is the constant recurrence of things of this sort within the family which wears down resistance and it is just too bad that Dr. Sutton has not been here to share his part of the burden.

From reports received from West China, we can well imagine the difficulties you are encountering in getting goods through to Fukien and Shaowu. If the Offensive moves still further out, it is quite possible that things will be still worse. We are hoping and praying, however, for better things.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours,



C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 2/19/41  
c.c. via "President Grant" - 2/20/41

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

February 17, 1941

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Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

A letter from Miss Julia I. H. Chen is at hand, and I am ready to reply to your letter of November 23rd.

As yet we have received no word regarding authorization to proceed with efforts to secure scholarships for next year for Mr. Yang Hsin Pao. We have been following through on one possible scholarship, but have no definite word as yet.

Apparently Miss Julia Chen received Dr. Lin's letter only recently -- in fact, too late to make it possible for her to get away promptly. She states she will not be able to leave until summer and is asking judgment regarding sailings the first part of August. The authorization to loan up to \$300.00 is noted and we will be governed according to the facts outlined in Dr. Lin's letter to her.

We are grateful for the pictures taken at the Dedication Service at the Library.

With every good wish, I am

Most sincerely yours,

*C. A. Evans*

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Annual report of the treasurer for 1939-40- is filed under Reports & Statements- Fukien- Treasurer's Office- Field-

Trial Balance Sheet of Capital Accounts and Endowment Funds year ending 6/30/40- filed under Accounts- Fukien Code

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March 5, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Treasurer's Annual report for the period July 1, 1939 - June 30, 1940, together with the auditor's statement. You will note that this report was accepted by the Board of Managers pending the auditor's statement, per M-916 in the minutes of October 12, 1940. The auditor's statement was not ready when the Board of Managers met on January 21, 1941, as is noted on page 2 of the minutes of that meeting. But Mr. Storrs completed the work on March 1. We tried to get this done earlier by having a man come from Yenping and one from Yangkow to help Mr. Storrs, but neither of them could come; thus the long delay.

Deficit \$19,813.72. This amount was more than covered by funds held in your office for us under Accounts Payable, June 30, 1940. It is, therefore, not a real deficit.

Increase in Assets. The summary of increase in assets under six headings, such as Buildings, Grounds and Fence, etc, and the source of the funds for the same are shown on page 1. The details supporting these totals are shown on pages 10, 11, 12. This will furnish you the information for bringing these accounts up to date on your books.

I believe the other sections of the report tell their own story without further comment. If you find that you need more information concerning any part of the report, please feel free to call on us. I hope this will reach you in ample time for the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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March 10, 1941

South-Western Publishing Co.  
350 Mission Street  
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

Please send to the Fukien Christian University Bookstore, Shaowu, China, the following books:

<u>No. of Copies</u>	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
1	44	20th Century Banking Text . . . . .	.60
1	301	Bookkeeping and Accounting for Rural Schools - Stuebaker . . . . .	1.40
1	166	Student Body Finances and Accounting. . . . .	1.40
10	B15	20th Century Bookkeeping and Accounting - 18th edition - First Year Textbook (Chapters 1 - 27 . . . . .	1.44
1	B112	Business papers and blanks for Walker Practice Set . . . . .	.60
1		College Accounting - Sherwood and Boling, revised Ed.	

Under present conditions it requires two months at best, and often three, for letters to come from America to Shaowu, and packages are inclined to be even more slow. We would, therefore, appreciate having this order filled and mailed as soon as possible. We shall need the books by the first part of September.

Please collect from our New York Office: Mr. C. A. Evans, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City (Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China)., allowing us your best educational discount. We are authorizing him to make payment upon the receipt of your invoice. I should also be glad to receive a copy of the invoice direct.

Yours very truly,

*Eva M. Asher*  
Eva M. Asher  
Associate Treasurer.

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March 13, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fujian Christian University  
Shaswa, CHINA

Ack  
8/29/41  
BY ASHER  
C.J. LIA

Dear Miss Asher:

We have been endeavoring to ascertain who is responsible in America for the Chinese Republic 5's/1925 of which Fujian University holds seven bonds. Apparently a French bank is the repository of these securities and absolutely nothing can be done at the present time. The Banca Commerciale Italiana of 62 William Street, New York City has so informed us.

We are noting, however, that this is to be followed up at intervals with the hope of securing some action at no distant date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/E  
Via "President Coolidge" - 3/16/41

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NOTE: See Budgets\* Fukien- 1941-42

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May 14, 1943

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We were chagrined when we received your cable of May 9 on May 12, saying that our budget estimates for 1941-42 had not been received. Evidently you have received later letters in which we mentioned having sent the budget under date of January 31. We thought surely there would be no question about its arriving in plenty of time for the meetings in May. We received February 8 and 11 letters from America a few days ago. I hope the copy of the budget mailed you on January 31 will yet show up before this letter arrives by Clipper with a duplicate copy. Sometimes your Clipper mail gets here before the ordinary mail, and sometimes later. Several times this spring it has come through in four, five, or six weeks, which is better by a month or two than ordinary mail.

I wrote you on April 28 what I knew about the occupation of Foochow which took place on April 21. As yet, we have had no word from Mr. McClure. Just how long it will be before some kind of connections will be established is a sheer guess on anybody's part. So long as the telegraphic communication between Shaowu and Shanghai is not impaired we should be able to get sufficient funds to carry on. Instead of going through Mr. McClure as formerly, which is impossible at present, I telegraph Mr. Fuller direct when we receive money from the merchant in Shaowu, and he draws on you and pays the merchant's agent in Shanghai. So long as the merchant has goods to sell, we should be able to continue on the present minimum basis. If he is cut off from receiving goods from the outside indefinitely, then we shall have to make other plans, probably with the Chinese banks further in the interior west of us.

One of our students left Foochow on April 23, and Mr. Bissonnette, a Methodist missionary at Kutien which is some 40 miles up the river from Foochow, left there on April 25. According to both of these reports conditions in Foochow generally were fairly orderly. No fighting had taken place in the city. But according to newspaper reports since then there has been considerable looting and all that goes with the entry of the Japanese army into any city. There were from ten to twenty thousand Japanese soldiers in the city by April 25. There has been, and still is, fighting just outside the city. The Japanese got up the river almost as far as Kutien at one time, but have been pushed back to the outskirts of the city (Foochow). We have not heard of much bombing in Fukien Province during the last few weeks, though we have air raid alarms here now and then. People in Foochow heard that we had been bombed and had moved. It is very difficult to separate rumors and facts under present conditions.

Only mail between here and Foochow proper is affected by occupation. We have had mail from places only ten, fifteen, and twenty miles out from Foochow. And mail from Shanghai is coming through as usual.

Sincerely yours,

Sent by Clipper  
Copy with enclosure sent by ordinary mail.

*Eva M. Fisher*

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Return To CAC for  
acknowledgment.

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March 14, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of January 20 (copy) and one of January 22, sent via "President Coolidge" - air mail to Pacific, arrived here on March 12. The original sent by China Clipper 1/21/41 has not yet come. Such are the mysteries of mail in a war-torn country. This was the first American mail we had had for almost a month.

Your letter of January 20 furnishes us with the estimated income for <sup>the</sup> 1941-42 budget, which we are glad to have, but which is too late for our budget estimates, due to the delay in mails. We mailed a copy of our budget to you under date of January 31, and if our letter made as good time as yours it should be in your hands very soon. As you can readily see, had we waited for this information it would be impossible for us to get the budget to you by April 15. Our estimates agree with yours fairly well considering that we arrived at them independently, except of course we used last year's figures as a basis for the most part. Your total estimated income is \$16,066.36 and ours \$17,378.36, a difference of \$1,312. This difference is largely accounted for by our including more in special gifts than your estimates show and the fact that you show a reduction in income of securities and additional cost of administration in America. We would have shown a large deficit had we not included in our income section a certain amount for Sustaining Fund, Rockefeller Foundation, and gain on exchange above 10 to 1. You will be able to figure out from this section what the deficit would have been, roughly \$415,686.00 Chinese Currency, so as to have some real basis for your request for funds for Fukien. As President Lin has written you, due to the rapid increase in the cost of living and supplies in general, we find that our estimated income should be increased by about one-third in order to be able to carry on at the present level of efficiency. Our financial condition really is a matter of great concern to us.

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We are glad to note that the Methodist Board has restored their appropriation to \$1,745.00. I notice that we put that figure in our estimates instead of \$1,682 which they have been giving for the last few years. I do not recall now why we did - perhaps on "faith".

I am sending a small order of books to the South-Western Publishing Company, San Francisco, and am asking them to collect from you. I enclose a copy of the order for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

Eva M. Asher

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President's Office  
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March 22, 1941

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I am enclosing herewith a copy each of an account of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration written by President Lin, an account written by Dr. Leger, and a copy of President Lin's report to the Trustees and Managers on conditions at the beginning of the spring semester. I am also enclosing some pictures taken by Dr. Stowe at the time of the celebration.

We are having the account of the celebration written by Dr. Leger printed and will send it to friends in America who are on our mailing list. I do not believe there is anything for me to add concerning the celebration, as it is quite well covered by these two accounts of it.

Having always lived on the Foochow campus since I came to China until I came up here last fall, life in Shaowu is an entirely new experience for me. One certainly comes to know the problems of the masses in an outpost like this better than in a "metropolis" like Foochow. History has been made during several periods of the life of the nation, and I hope it can be said of F.C.U. when our visit here comes to an end that history of a more constructive nature has been made.

I have not seen any of your people since they came last fall, as I had already left Foochow and have not been back since. But it is good to know that they are back in their respective places. A.C.C. is very fortunate to have John and Muriel appointed to its staff.

Fukien Methodists sent forty delegates to the Conference in Shanghai, many of whom are Chinese of course. I do not know just who among the Americans did go except Mr. Wiant. Everybody in Foochow seems to take for granted that we here know all about what is going on there, so news trickles through very slowly, if at all, in this direction much of the time.

Shaowu had an air raid alarm the day after our official guests left following the celebration. Our first thought was that the guests were being sought after, but the planes did not come here after all. We heard them, and heard the bombing at Nancheng just over in Kiangsi, west of us. Quite a large number of people were killed and wounded according to reports. That is the only time, I think, that Shaowu has even heard bombing.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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C O P Y

(Confidential Report to the Trustees)

Foochow, Fukien  
May 7, 1941

My dear C.J.:

I know that you have been wondering about things here in Foochow and on the Foochow Campus. All means of communication has been cut off with the outside. The Post Office is still closed. My friend, Rev. Loren Humphrey, came down from Mintsing overland by way of Ingtau and is returning early tomorrow and has agreed to take this letter and mail it in Mintsing. So I will try and give you a picture of the situation here since the invasion. Since this will be carried out of occupied territory before it is mailed I will be able to tell you more than I could if it went through the post office, for the P.O. is also under Japanese control.

Since the first landing down on the coast I have been down on the Campus practically all the time for I have felt that it was imperative for a foreigner to be down there. I had some worries about the Christian Herald work but after arranging things as best I could in that I felt that I must be down river when trouble came.

On Saturday, April 19, rumors were many but I knew that an advancing army could not reach FCCU for some hours and I wanted to remain here as long as possible so I kept in touch with the Consul who informed me of the troop movements and did not leave Foochow until the next day. All day Saturday and Sunday planes flew overhead, bombing some in the approaches around Foochow. The siren sounded Saturday morning at 4:00 and did not go off at all. There was some machine-gunning but not as much as one might expect. On Sunday morning it seemed that if I were going to get down to FCU before it became dangerous I should go at once. No boats were on the river so the only way to reach there was by walking. Leaving at eleven I arrived there at 2:30 pm.

On Sunday planes were busy all day bombing, machine-gunning and flying over the city and surrounding territory. Several times on my way to FCU I had to take shelter when the planes were flying low and machine-gunning. Sunday afternoon a group of planes flying in formation released many bombs beginning with the Methodist property next to the Stone Church, that in the upper compound that has been occupied by business people for some years. From this as a starting point they almost cleared out a path down to and including the Yenping Boat dock. Mr. Kierkegaard's (Postal Commissioner) house was hit with several bombs but none of his family killed or injured. His gateman was killed and I think another servant. The Seminary was in this line of bombing but no bombs struck that. It is estimated that from 100-200 bombs were dropped. It is also estimated that from 250-500 were killed with no estimate of the number injured.

On my way down to FCU I met many people coming from lower down the river trying to get away from the trouble. Some soldiers were coming toward Foochow also. The launches had stopped earlier and some of them had been burned and sunk in the Foochow harbor.

When I arrived at the campus I found the staff and workmen very much frightened but somewhat relieved by my arriving. I immediately had a meeting of the staff and organized things giving each man something to do. Until that

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time there had not been much trouble with thieves but knowing what Foochow was having I was expecting it so prepared. Consequently as far as I know we have not had anything taken although several attempts were made.

All Sunday night shooting could be heard in the not too far distance. A few soldiers had been stationed down at the jetty and about four in the morning opened machine gun fire on a Chinese Navy launch that was headed up river. This brought everyone out. The Navy Launch was abandoned here at the jetty and before leaving on foot it was set on fire. The soldiers stationed at the jetty also left. The shooting further down river became louder and more often as daylight came. One bunch seemed to go in about Mill Valley and head over the mountain toward Foochow. Shooting was often back up in the hills. Soon a small army approached Hui Qie, shooting every few paces, not at soldiers but seemingly to bolster up their own courage. One old man was killed--because he was wearing a hat that looked like a soldier. One woman was shot as she ran up into the hills. A few shots came on the campus, one going through a window in the Apartment house back of the Sutton house. The staff not knowing what would be attempted ran back up into the hills. I stayed near the front gate. The soldiers passed in orderly fashion, not causing any trouble. They passed off and on most all day. Tuesday more passed and by Wednesday, the 23rd, motor trawlers were running up and down the river unloading supplies from ships that had broken through the blockade at the mouth of the river, and were anchored at Pagoda Anchorage.

A large group of horses came over the Kuliang range entering the city at the north gate bringing heavy artillery. There were probably two thousand horses.

The trawlers have brought in many trucks, armored cars, motorcycles, touring cars, and bicycles. Then a big amount of general supplies that would follow any army.

The occupation of Foochow was very orderly. No resistance was met and therefore no fighting occurred in or near the city. For two days after their coming there was no order, looters continued and a certain amount of raping on the part of the Japanese soldiers.

On the morning of April 25th soldiers coming by the campus took the US flag that I had on the front gate - one of Roderick's cloth flags. I registered a complaint through the Consul which resulted in apologies and the return of the flag within a few days.

About noon on May 1st soldiers were going with their horses toward Mamsui and broke in the gate leading to the Agriculture Department. I questioned their motive and they said they wanted water. I told them that the river was full of it and they said alright and went away. Many of the soldiers and most of the horses have gone by steamer--reportedly to Kwangtung.

The electric light plant was started about the third day after their arrival. Telephone service was resumed before that.

The policy in the Agriculture has changed from experimental to production. It is necessary to keep a staff large enough to protect the property and in the agriculture to raise as much food stuff to offset the keep of the maintenance staff, as possible. Now we have Agriculture coolies working in the fields and the B.M. (Business Management) coolies doing the same. After you left I rearranged things much as we talked over before you left. More fields were

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placed in cultivation. The BM coolies were taken and placed in this field work. Many other smaller changes were made to better the situation in general.

I have talked with McClure about these changes and he thinks it would be much better since the invasion and says that we should sell the chickens immediately. I wish that I could get word from you before going ahead with anything but there is no telling when a letter will come from you. I shall wait as long as possible hoping to hear.

Something will have to be done about the food situation with the staff before long. There is enough rice to last almost until the end of this month. The food situation here in Foochow is still serious. Prices are high and food is scarce. Unless something is done most of the workers will not stay. In the first place they are afraid and think that they would be safer out in the country and most of them seem to have some relative on a farm where they can go and live. Thieves are so bad that it is necessary to keep extra watchmen on for protection of the property. There are rumors that the Japanese will bring large quantities of rice and if that is true the problem will be more easily solved. I am of course keeping in close touch with McClure and he is advising with me.

We had many things packed for shipment but the boat did not come down and now there is no way to ship to you. The automobile engine that I was sending up was all put in good shape but of course now it cannot go. My greatest concern is about this drum of oil for the electric plant. I know that you will be needing it soon but it seems to me that you cannot plan on ever getting it through.

I hope that things are going well up there. There is no indication that the Japanese plan to go further interior so I think that you will not be molested. Now there is only a skeleton force holding Foochow. Try not to worry about things down here. We will do the best that we can.

Sincerely,

Note from another letter says:

"The worst thing that we have to do now is bowing to the Japanese. Yes, foreigners must do it also. Foochow ain't what she used to be!"

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May 19, 1941

Treasurer's Office  
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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Second copies of Clipper letters from your office sent by ordinary mail were received on May 8, as follows: 4 letters dated February 17, addressed to me, and 2 of the same date addressed to President Lin. The original copies came some-time ago and have already been acknowledged.

Your Clipper letter of April 23 to President Lin came today. This asks for cooperation on the part of western staff members and Chinese members of the staff who have friends in America, in supplying Dr. Garside and his new office with information re conditions in the school and surrounding areas generally. We are making copies of your letter to circulate among the faculty members concerned, and I am sure you can count on some letters going out from here direct, or being sent through your office as suggested. We may all have to resort to the latter system, as we are so short of materials and facilities generally to turn out anything in English here in Shaowu which would be acceptable to the American public. Ever since we moved here we have sent everything to be printed in English to Foochow. Now that is impossible. With the recent occupation of Foochow, the need of which you speak has taken on a new reality for us. The food situation there is no better than it was before occupation and literally thousands are starving. In addition to the needs in Foochow itself, our students cut off from their families in Foochow and some parts of Chekiang are in immediate urgent need of relief, as President Lin wrote you on May 15. Even if communication opens up later, it is quite certain that many of these families would have nothing to send as a result of having been in the path of the Japanese army. News is beginning to trickle through. People in Foochow send letters by people who get out somehow where letters can be mailed.

We received our first letters from Mr. McClure and Mr. Bishop this morning. They sent them by a missionary going to Ingtai, some thirty miles up a branch of the Min River from Foochow. He sent, or attempted to send, a messenger with letters to his flock there a few days before, but the messenger was back by noon because he had been relieved of all the letters. Our Foochow campus had not been molested at the time Bishop and McClure wrote, May 7. Mr. Bishop has spent most of his time on the campus since April 20, in spite of his heavy duties in Foochow. I feel sure his presence on the campus is what has saved it from being looted, if not occupied. Looting was rife in Foochow a day or two before the Japanese came in and for a

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day or two following. Soldiers have passed by our gates a number of times, when they were coming in the first time and when they were leaving. Some started in once and he asked them what they wanted, to which they replied they wanted water. He told them the river was full of it! At that they left. Without a foreigner there they would have been all over the place in no time, no doubt. We were most fortunate in being able to get Mr. Bishop to start his work with us on a part-time basis as early as we did. Aside from Japanese occupation he is a good all-round man to have on the staff at any time. He reported that much of the army and army supplies which came in had left for Kwangtung, South of Fukien, and that Foochow was being held by only a skeleton force. His opinion coincides with our belief that the Japanese will not try to push farther into Fukien at the present time.

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I am enclosing herewith our monthly statement with reconciliation sheet for March and April.

It may seem to you that Mr. Fuller is drawing on the F.C.U. account rather heavily these days. We have to keep more funds on hand than usual, as we do not know when telegraphic communication between here and Shanghai might be cut, etc. Then, too, we have to supply cash to some of the mission schools that have recently moved further up this way, as well as mission school students who have come here during the last month. That is, Mr. McClure has deposited American Board funds with the F.C.U. account in Foochow and asks us to forward cash through the Chinese banks in the interior to the school. His money in Foochow is getting scarce as he could not at the time he wrote transfer funds by telegraphic means to and from Shanghai. Our life-saver is that the merchant here wants money in Shanghai and has no means of getting it there save through us, or the bank at a much higher rate than he pays us. That, plus the fact that Mr. Fuller can draw on you, puts us in the position to serve other mission groups who do not have these connections, and perhaps no funds in Shanghai. We feel that we should render as much service of this kind as we can during these uncertain days of stress and strain.

I am today mailing you under separate cover a copy of the 1941-42, President's Lin's letter of May 15, and mine of the same date, which we mailed you by "Clipper" mail on May 15, at a cost of \$37.00. I do not know whether any of the office people there are stamp enthusiasts or not. If so, they, of course, have the first right to anything interesting which comes in. If they are not, Dr. Sutton would be glad to have all such interesting envelopes, or stamps. He prefers the covers if there is anything unusual about them, such as having \$37 worth of stamps on them!

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Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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May 26, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The enclosed letter is a report by Mr. Bishop to President Lin re the occupation of Foochow, our Foochow campus, etc. This was the first direct word we had from our Foochow office. Three workmen from the Foochow campus arrived here on May 24, having left Foochow on May 15. According to their report, conditions on the campus were about the same when they left on the 15th as when Mr. Bishop wrote on May 7. Will you please send this report to the Fukien Trustees for us. Also please send Dr. Sutton a copy.

So far as we know the P.O. in Foochow has not yet opened. It is quite a handicap to be so completely cut off, and especially as we are approaching the end of the fiscal period when there are a number of miscellaneous items to be cleared up between our two offices. We are fortunate to be in touch with the Associated Mission Treasurers Office, Shanghai.

We mailed you a duplicate copy of the 1941-42 budget, together with letters from President Lin and Myself, by Clipper on May 15 and ordinary mail May 19. I merely mention it here in case this letter might possibly arrive first, as I am also sending a copy of this by Clipper and a copy by ordinary mail, thinking that you people there might be quite concerned about the Foochow Campus.

Your letter of April 23 asking that faculty members send letters to their friends in America informing them of the conditions and needs locally and otherwise came last week. We shall be sending you some letters soon to be prepared and sent out from your office.

The January statement from your office is the last one we have received here at Shaowu. I think from now on it is better to send the first copy to me here at Shaowu.

Our spring term ends on June 21. I suppose most of our students will have to stay here this summer. Students whose homes are in recently occupied cities in Chekiang and Fukien are still anxious about their relatives in those cities.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

Sent by Clipper  
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Fukien Christian University,  
Shaowu, Fukien, China,  
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Dear Friends in America:

Ever since my return to China, I have been thinking of writing to every one of you personally. On account of the limitation of time and the high cost of postage, however, my desire cannot be realized. I am, therefore, taking advantage of the service of our Board in America to forward this letter to you in mimeographed form.

I am glad to tell you that in spite of all the difficulties in connection with my return journey last year from the States to Shaowu, the location of this college, is a very happy one. Quite a large group of Chinese students from various parts of China representing all kinds of educational institutions came back on the same boat, S. S. President Coolidge, with their advanced training in the States. So far as I know, each one of them has reached his or her ~~final~~ destination in safety and is now working for the reconstruction of China.

with — Fukien Christian University with which I am connected is an interdenominational Christian institution of higher learning in Fukien, which is the main source of (supply of) secondary school teachers and educational administrators in the province. In the past twenty five years, it has developed from a very small college to a university with three colleges and ten departments (consisting of) about three hundred students and more than seventy faculty and staff members. As a result of the increasing contributions made by its graduates both to the church and to society in general and the internal strengthening of its faculty and equipment, the institution has evolved from a provincial university to a national one attracting students from all the neighboring provinces such as Kwangtung, Chekiang, Kiangsi, Anhwei, Kiangsu, and so forth.

Accompanying the growth of the university there have arisen many new needs. First, the enlargement of the faculty and the staff brings about the problem of maintaining their traditional solidarity which so far is still quite good. The better offers of governmental institutions and the appalling rise in the cost of living have made it difficult to secure or retain competent persons with Christian background. If we in the future ~~to~~ get the right persons to staff our college, the solidarity of the faculty will be affected. Secondly, the increase of students coming from government high schools may gradually thin out the Christian character of the college unless we can get capable Christian teachers for our college. Thirdly, the fall of Foochow and its neighboring districts in the latter part of April, from where many of our students have come, has created an impending need for relief for those students whose homes are affected. Without substantial help they will be compelled to drop out of school next fall because of financial reasons.

In addition to the needs of our college, there are urgent needs resulting from the pouring in of thousands of refugees and refugee students into Shaowu. Many of them have fled without bringing anything with them. One example will illustrate the courage of these refugee students. The first

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group of them arrived at our campus with a boy of fourteen years of age. He followed the group walking more than two hundred miles ~~for eight successive~~ days with a bundle of clothing and a few cattles of rice on his back. Such a spirit as this deserves our admiration, encouragement, and help. Their needs are very urgent; and we are doing our best to assist them. In short, the needs of the college internally and those of the society outside the campus are many. You as one of the many great friends of China who helped her in one way or another will be interested in knowing this situation. In case you or your friends want to know more, I will be more than happy to be so informed and to supply you with whatever data are available. *further information.*

In general the spirit of the people is still good. On the other hand the continuous increase in the cost of all daily necessities from three to more than ten times pre-war prices has made life very difficult for everybody, the salaried class in particular. For example, the average monthly salary of a professor in this institution is not more than US \$12.00, while a pair of shoes costs more than US\$2.00. It is an embarrassing task for a professor to maintain a family of four or even two. The situation for those with lower salaries is of course still more difficult. In the long run this situation unless improved will eventually affect the spirit of the people.

You may have heard that the Chinese translation of the word, 'crisis', is wei-chi or "danger-opportunity." From our Christian point of view it is wrong to look at the situation from its danger side alone. It is more important to see it from the angle of opportunity arising therefrom. No doubt this is a great opportunity for the rejuvenation of China, especially for the development of the Christian movement in this vast country. We could hardly find a better period with the attitude of government leaders so favorable toward and so appreciative of Christian activities, be they evangelistic, educational, medical or social. The minds of Chinese youth are searching for something worthwhile. What better soil could we find for our Christian message! The attitude of the masses is very favorable toward the Christian gospel as a result of the relief work and other activities carried on by Christian institutions. The trust of our government leaders in Christian people including missionaries has been manifested in various ways. ~~In short,~~ There is a great opportunity for Christianizing China in this period. It is my ~~belief~~ <sup>HOPE</sup> that American Christian friends will continue to contribute generously to this saving task as they have been doing.

I am fully conscious that what is happening in Europe is occupying the front pages of your papers and magazines. Under such circumstances it is quite natural that your attention is drawn to Europe. Nevertheless I trust you understand that the struggle in China is as important as, if not more important than, the European struggle, either from the standpoint of strengthening the Christian movement or the preservation of democracy. America, Britain, and China are the ~~only~~ three main fortresses of democracy.

With kindest regards,

~~Your Chinese friend,~~

*J. M. Tan*

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"A Transplanted Chinese University at Work"  
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A TRANSPLANTED CHINESE UNIVERSITY AT WORK.

The spirit that animates higher education in China is illuminated by an incident that came to my personal attention in the fall of 1940 on the campus of Fukien Christian University. A New Freshman was assigned to help with certain clerical work I had to do. Noting a certain skimpiness of clothing and other evidences of want, I made some inquiries about him. It was then that I learned that this lad had walked all the way from his home to our campus, a distance of 300 miles, because he did not have the wherewithal for bus fare. And in China there is no hitchhiking.

Incidents of this kind have been multiplied times without number in China during these war years as students and administrators have carried out the resolve that there shall be no blackout of higher education here. Institutions have been moved bodily for hundreds of miles, the students in most cases making the trek on foot. While our own institution moved but two days distance from its original campus, that means the equivalent of a move, say, from Boston to Kansas City.

After two and one-half years in this new location it is time to consider the question that might very naturally be asked: "Granted the heroism and determination of these administrators and students, what level of educational effectiveness has proven possible under these conditions? Has it been possible to maintain work of the quality that should be expected of colleges and universities? Has morale been equal to its many tests? Has the Christian spirit been maintained in the midst of trials to the flesh and the deprivations of conveniences and necessities?"

Let me answer in terms of the work of Fukien Christian University as that work came under review in the institutions' Twenty-fifth Anniversary. What would you have experienced had you visited this campus in the spring of 1941 on the occasion of that celebration? Well, you would have found a deluge of rain. Also you would have found a deluge of speeches. But you could have escaped both had you chosen to wander into the exhibits made for the occasion. Perhaps these exhibits form as good a way as any for measuring accomplishments by the University during the past thirty months. Though you will need not forget that the most important things that happen on a college campus are not necessarily those that lend themselves to physical display.

Let us try Science Hall first. We find it in an old hospital, one among the buildings made available through the kindness of the American Board of Foreign Missions. The School of Agriculture has crammed itself into two ells on the first floor. Has this department anything to teach farmers of forty centuries? Plenty, to judge from what we see. Observe those amazingly fine rice heads, fruit of scientific seed selection. Note that chart of the pH requirements of each crop that grows in local soils. Mark those soil maps of the county. Look at the astonishing differences between these heads of cabbage that demonstrate varying fertilizer treatments.

Tangible evidence of intellectual and of physical activity is to be seen also in the display of the horticulture department. The rows of canned vegetables and fruits, the collections of seeds, the array of expertly-grown vegetables, the demonstration of budding and grafting technics, the appealing designs of landscape gardening bear testimony to work of leading importance. Though to gain a perspective on the work of this School of Agriculture you would have to view the 150,000 seedlings set out on neighboring hillsides or

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visit the farm where intensive study of rice goes on all the time. But these exhibits tell the wayfaring man that something important has been happening here.

You might reflect, however, that of course agricultural pursuits are natural to a country such as China. Step into the Physice Department exhibit, then. Even the casual visitor may not overlook the fact that much of the apparatus there is the product of the Department's own workshop. Here are verniers and micrometer calipers, manufactured in the literal sense of that term, but equal in accuracy to the imported article (bearing in mind that it could not be imported now and that if it could the prices would be ruinous). So with dozens of other forms of apparatus that appear among the shiny pieces that bespeak the resources of the western technologies.

Power for the needs of the laboratory is furnished in a characteristically ingenious way. There is a generator, and there is an old Ford motor. But how run a motor without fuel? Even a Ford motor cannot disregard the blockade on Standard Oil. Very well; power it with gas from heated charcoal, lubricate it with locally produced tea-oil. The resulting light and power are just as good as Broadway's. And wasn't setting up this plant and getting it to work a liberal education for those Physics majors!

Up that ramp, and you arrive in the Chemistry Department. You will be fascinated by the lovely bowls from the ceramics aspect of their work, made of course from local clays. Nutritional values of local foods are graphically charted there. Attention to the deeper recesses of chemical abstruseness is attested by the models demonstrating atomic and molecular structure, even if there is no electron to take the atom apart. But then it is just as well to learn first how it is put together.

The intensely practical problems of chemistry, however, are much in evidence. There is a working model of a plant for the distillation of the pine wood in which this region abounds for critically important economic products. There is the plant set up by Prof. Wang for the production of much-needed alcohol. There are the exhibits of endless jars of tea which have been the basis for exhaustive chemical analysis.

Nearby is the Biology Department. Are there really so many species of insects? Yes, and of much economic importance, though it is of interest to note that one section of the collection is given to "Beautiful Bugs". This collection has been made entirely from our new location. The same is true of the collection of over four hundred species of birds you see mounted. Another room shows plants of economic and medicinal importance. The section where microscopes hold mounted slides prove of much attraction to the stream of town visitors who for the first time learn the appearance of certain parasites and of how much more there is to a fly's leg than meets the eye.

Tired? Then just one more exhibit, that of the Rural Economics Department. Students from that department went out to neighboring counties to round up products of basic importance to the life and welfare of the people. Who would have surmised that this region produces 150 kinds of paper in its local manufactories? Or over 200 varieties of tea? or 50 of mushrooms? And so on, to the number of more than 1000 separate articles of concern to the student of rural economics. Skilfully drawn charts on the walls help interpret the findings.

Does this brief tour suggest to you the intellectual excitement possible when trained intelligence grapples with concrete problems of

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existence? As these two things are fused one sees the essence of higher education, whether applied to material or spiritual problems. And this precious achievement of the human spirit was obviously not lost in transit from the old established campus to this unfamiliar one.

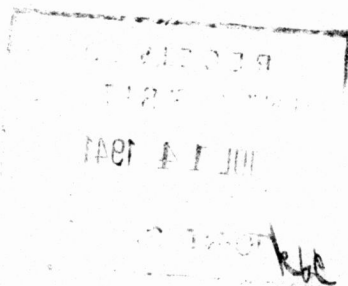
This is not to say that the Twenty-fifth Anniversary was concerned only with science. It was initiated, in fact, by a sacred concert. The theme of that concert was LIGHT. A choir of fifty young men and women sang the mighty strains of Beethoven, Bach, Handel, Mozart, and other masters of music. The music was integral with a worship service built upon the theme of light as found in the Scriptures.

The service concluded with a symbolic ceremony. Pres. C.J. Lin and Mr. Ting, a representative of the Board of Managers, lit candles from the two large ones flanking the Cross in the center. From the two candleholders by these representatives of the University's work, alumni came forward and lit their candles. From these it was transmitted to small candles held by every one in the hall. As these candles went out into the night at the conclusion of the service, one thought of the many students who have gone forth from this and other Universities as bearers of Light. That night was rain-swept, as our present is storm-beset. But the University is dedicated for another Twenty-five years, and beyond, to the Light that cannot fail.

Everett M. Stowe

Prof. of Education

Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien  
June, 1941.



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June 9, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shacwu, China

Dear Miss Asher:

It was good to hear from you, and to receive the pictures you enclosed with your letter, and the accounts written by Dr. Leger. I am filing all of this material, together with President Lin's report for use in connection with our campaign. Please thank the gentlemen concerned on my behalf for their cooperation.

I am much interested by your description of life in Shacwu. Perhaps you will recall that our family spent about six years in Yenping. I became deeply attached with West Fukien, and some of my happiest memories are of wandering with a gun through the mountains back of Yenping. I would give a great deal to be able to visit Shabang again. My father and I discovered the place and helped to develop it into one of the pleasantest summer resorts I have ever visited.

You can well understand that I would very much like to be with you all in Fukien these days. We wonder alot about what is happening, and we hope before long that we may receive definite information. So far, no letters have come through here from your area, or from the Foochow region.

The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Campaign here is going along slowly. Our great good fortune has been in the friendship and support of Dr. William Bancroft Hill. He has given, so far, \$26,000. to Fukien Christian University in the present fiscal year. He is one of the most delightful people I have ever known. I called on him a few weeks ago in a particularly social way, and made a point of disclaiming any intention of asking him for money. He laughed at me, and a few days later, we received a check from him for \$3,000.

It is too early yet to know when we will be able to count on a conclusion for our campaign. At present, friends of China are for the most part busily engaged in pushing the United China Relief Campaign to an end. All independent efforts are necessarily put in the shade.

Please give President Lin and all my friends on the staff my heartiest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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June 13, 1941

Mr. C. A. Evans  
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New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

In response to your letter of April 23 asking for letters from the staff members of the China Colleges to be used in connection with the United China Relief Campaign, I am sending you herewith a letter from Dr. Tan and an account of one phase of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration written in rather popular style by Dr. E. M. Stowe. Dr. Tan would like to have his letter mimeographed and sent to the list of friends attached. You may make any other use of it you may care to. As you will note Dr. Stowe has given only a few names to whom he wishes personally to send "A Transplanted Chinese University at Work." You are, of course, at liberty to make any other use of it you may wish. I sent you pictures of this exhibition several months ago. I do not have extra copies to send at this time. Will you please see that Mr. Caldwell gets copies of both Dr. Tan's letter and Dr. Stowe's article.

I am sending in <sup>the</sup> copy of this letter sent by ordinary mail a list of the names of Dr. Tan's friends whom he would like to have put on the F.C.U. mailing list. They are included in the list to whom the letter is to be sent, but he did not care to have all of those put on the regular mailing list.

Both Foochow College (boys' high school) and Wen Shan Girls Schools are here in Shaowu. Some students came ahead immediately following the occupation of Foochow. The principals, teachers, and more students arrived last week. We are housing Wen Shan temporarily in our new infirmary which was barely completed when they arrived. They are trying to get some land on which to build. Foochow College is occupying one of the buildings we were using and a part of another. What they will do in the end I do not know. Everything is still in a state of indecision. We had invited Union High School (agricultural) to come and share with us our buildings and facilities of our Agricultural Middle School. They have not yet given us a definite reply.

We are still cut off from Foochow. It has been announced several times that the P.O. has opened, but we have to date had no concrete evidence of it. Two of the American teachers who came up in connection with the moving of Wen Shan returned to Foochow two days ago, - at least started - and we sent letters and messages by them. Bandits make travel as precarious as the fighting lines. Many people are robbed. The bandits do not seem to be interested in holding people for ransom - too expensive to feed them I suppose - just robbery.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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JOINT OFFICE

June 16, 1941

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Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shawu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of May 14th including duplicate copy of the 1941-42 budget came to hand this morning. The letter of January 31st has never turned up.

We are now putting the figures into the hands of the Associated Boards' Committee for consideration and hope to get action within a short space of time. The Finance Committee of Fukien will also consider same.

We have a long letter from Mr. McClure regarding the handling of funds which apparently will be ignored under present emergency conditions. We are ready to cooperate in any way to bring relief.

We are glad to have this latest report from you on conditions in Shawu and surrounding country, and it makes us all the more conscious how dependent we are upon Divine Grace to carry on.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S  
Via China Clipper - 6/16/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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June 17, 1941

Ack  
8/29/41

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaswu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

We have received check for \$27.41 representing 25%  
of the creditors notes of Union Properties, Inc. of Cleveland,  
Ohio.

This applies to the frozen portion of your bank account  
and we are crediting same to the University Bookstore Account at  
the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

I trust you will find this is in order.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

GAE/B  
Via China Clipper - 6/18/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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Cable Address:  
Hsiho, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
SHAOWU, CHINA.

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June 26, 1941

Treasurer's Office  
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(Via China Clipper)

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Clipper letters from your office dated May 13, May 15 (2) together with a copy of Theodore H.E. Chen's letter dated April 29 came on June 18. Your two letters to me dated April 17, sent by ordinary mail, came today. I am quite convinced that there is something "phony" about mail of American origin. We have had very little American mail of any kind for the last five or six months. In fact, we got very little Christmas mail. We have had very little mail from your office other than Clipper letters. In fact, your letters of January 20 and 22 to me, and March 19, air mail to the Pacific, to President Lin, and copies of six China Clipper letters dated February 17, plus the two letters dated April 17 which came today, constitute the letters from your office sent by ordinary mail since the beginning of this year. No one has received any mail of any kind, first or second class, to speak of during the last three months. The occupation of Foochow has nothing to do with it, I am sure, for letters originating in Shanghai come through as usual. We feel very strongly that it is some definite policy the Japanese have about American mail, and that something happens to it in Shanghai. We have been sending most of our letters to your office, and other letters of administrative importance to America, by China Clipper or air mail to Hongkong, for the last few months. "Air mail to Hongkong" actually means air mail from some town on the northern border of Kwangtung to Hongkong. The point is that mail going that way goes out by way of Hongkong instead of Shanghai. You can send mail that way from America for 23%. It might be worth trying to send one copy of the monthly statement that way. As I have said before the last monthly statement we have from you is for January, and that came by way of Foochow from Mr. McClure.

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mark it  
air mail  
to Hongkong

In your letter of May 13 to me your query was whether we wanted the income on Directors' Current Fund Investments kept separately or reinvested with the Fund. If the question is still open when this letter reaches you, we should like to have the income kept separately and applied on the 1941-42 budget as we are so greatly in need of funds for the coming year. If you have already reinvested it, we shall probably survive somehow without it!

Mr. Parker's letter of May 15 to President Lin tells about our cable of May 13 being garbled when it arrived. We sent you a covering letter concerning it on May 15 by China Clipper, so you probably have the straight of it ere this, but I shall quote it again in case you have not: "Inform Huangsiuchi Crozer return marry Tan Teach FCU Pay travel \$250 Request \$1000 relief students from newly occupied territory." It was garbled at the crucial point - marry Tan (many ten) teach FCU (each FCV)! I imagine the garbling was done right here in the Shaowu telegraph office, as English is almost nil there.

Naturally we are disappointed to learn again that Teddy and family are so much in love with America that they can't tear themselves away. His reason for not coming, however, is rather naive to say the least. I am sure that every one concerned knows that that really has nothing to do with his staying another year.

Sincerely yours,  
Eve M. Asher

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June 30, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

We are experimenting on these trial balance sheets for the year 1940-41 and will send one by Clipper by way of Hongking and the other copy by way of the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai.

The closing papers consist of trial balance sheets before and after closing, budget analysis and cash statement, also copies of Journal Vouchers #398, #399, #400, #401, #402 and #403.

We have stretched a point in closing our budget by including \$99.23 from Endowment Stabilization Fund income. It is our conviction that the cost of handling Harvard-Yenching Funds is sufficient to permit us using this small amount from income alone. By doing this we have balanced our income over against expenditures, as will be seen in the budget analysis.

You will note from Journal Voucher #401 that your overdraft in the current budget of \$4,871.69 is charged against Sustaining Funds. You will also note from Journal Voucher #402 that \$13,546.41 has been credited to Accounts Payable. The analysis of Accounts Payable aside from the foregoing voucher is as follows:

<u>1938-39</u>		<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE #130</u>		
Harvard-Yenching Institute		\$4,135.68		
Emergency Funds		<u>1,606.36</u>		\$5,742.04
<u>1939-40 -</u>				
<u>Misc. Current Gifts -</u>				
M. E. Church Pasadena	1,105.00			
Groff Scholarship	38.00			
Osborne "	18.00			
Misc. "	<u>39.00</u>	1,198.00		
<u>Endowment Income Restricted</u>				
Date Library Fund	46.05			
R. W. Jones Scholarship	23.29			
E. C. " "	<u>200.00</u>	269.34		
Harvard Yenching Institute		581.28		
Sustaining Funds		298.84		
Pierce Dormitory Fund		<u>380.00</u>		2,697.46
				<u>\$8,439.50</u>

I sincerely trust that you will have sufficient information to close

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Miss Asher

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out your books without difficulty.

In addition to the foregoing, you will find copy of a letter dated June 28th conveying \$535.00 from the Associated Boards to Fukien Christian University. The surplus in Sustaining Funds of \$1,183.00 will be applied upon the amount set forward for the first six months of 1941-42. This is \$5,000.

Please let us know how your work this year is coming out and if it will be necessary to make application for the use of any of this fund.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 6/30/41  
c.c. via boat - c/o Associated Mission Treasurers.



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August 4, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of June 15th enclosing copy of material to be sent to various constituencies. These are being taken care of at once and, as a matter of fact, I am giving this over to Mr. Caldwell to send out as requested.

Your letters are always so full of interest and information that I feel like sitting down and writing lengthy responses. With you having more to do than our combined work here, we certainly give you credit for carrying on so nobly.

The United China Relief is still working on the first stage of its development, having secured through the efforts of everybody up to date \$1,177,000.00. We are anxiously hoping that our \$140,000.00 will be reached, although it cannot be wholly included within this year's closing. The prospects are that the campaign will continue until the 15th of October and possibly longer.

We have asked the various Colleges to notify us of deficits for 1940-41, but have received no word from Shaowu in this respect. We hope they will be forthcoming immediately.

With every good wish, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B  
Via China Clipper - 8/4/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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August 4, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shagwa, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of June 26th by way of Clipper mail arrived July 28th and from what you state something certainly has gone wrong with your mail from America. It seems amazing that up to June 26th you had not received monthly statements since January 1941. We are noting what you say regarding the method of mailing by way of Hongkong and will make the effort to get through correspondence by the way you suggest.

While the books have been closed, we can use income on your fund in anyway you desire and will give you credit on our books toward the 1941-42 budget.

The garbled part of the cable has now been straightened out and a subsequent cable has put an entirely different phase upon the situation. We are trying to straighten this out now.

It is interesting to note the construction you put upon reasons for certain Chinese not returning. It is too bad, but I think you are correct.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S  
cc: Accounting Office

Via China Clipper -- 8/4/41  
c.c. via next boat

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Cable Address:  
Haino, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
SHAOWU, CHINA.

August 15, 1941

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Treasurer's Office  
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Dear Mr. Evans:

These figures on the 1940-41 report to the N.Y. State Education Department, are in U. S. Currency having been converted from the Local Currency figures on our books at 2:1. We have always used 2:1 for this report. I do not know what policy other institutions follow. You might check up and let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher



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August 15, 1941  
(Via China Clipper)

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The chief purport of this letter is to send you a copy of our report to the New York State Education Department for 1940-41 and a copy of our statistical reports for your Annual Report, and to say that we are today sending a copy of the Harvard-Yenching Report, 1940-41, to Dr. Elisseeff by China Clipper. A copy is also being sent to him by ordinary mail. We are also sending you a copy by ordinary mail. The copy by China Clipper to Dr. Elisseeff really should reach him by October 1 or before. We shall send you a second copy of the report to the New York State Education Department as soon as the additional blanks come. Mr. Parker sent one set in a letter, stating that the other two sets were being sent under separate cover. The one set came about one week ago, and the others have not yet come. I hope this report is in order. We have tried to follow all suggestions of the past pertaining to it.

Your cable of July 18 re the 1941-42 budget is quite garbled. We have made four or five attempts to get a correct version, but each correction seems to add fat to the fire rather than clearing up the original. The original reads as follows: "Following 19412 budget approved neegeneral beneral 5745 stop Spelial funds 10596 requesting associated boards 23980 to cover deficit letter follows". Of course we know in general what it means and are grateful for the information. Your cable of July 14 also came in due time: "Cable operating results last year stating amount deficit surplus", and a later one about Miss Huang Siu Chi saying she could not return to Fukien unless the existing embarrassment were removed. We replied to these two cables under date of August 3, "Release Huangsiuchi. 19401 Operating Expenses \$573,000. No Surplus." In other words, we do not hold Miss Huang to her promise to come now that circumstances in the case are different. If she is still in America will you please take up with her the matter of refunding the travel your office advanced her per our authorization, if she has not already done so.

Your letter of June 5 together with May statement came on July 13, in time to be entered before closing the 1940-41 accounts. Your letter of June 27 with statement for June came on August 9 (original copy by Clipper). We are glad to have this information, and I shall comment further on some of the points when our Annual Report with reconciliation of our accounts with yours is ready to be sent to you, which will be within another week.

We are busily preparing for the fall term. The freshmen will come the first week in September and classes for all begin on September 15. It looks now as if we are going to have even more than we anticipated a few weeks ago. The outlook is that we shall be more crowded than ever in spite of putting up a new dormitory and dining room. I shall have to move out of the women's dormitory to make room for the girls as soon as a "shack" can be thrown up for me!

Sincerely yours,  
*Eva M. Asher*

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

STATISTICS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS

July 1, 1942 - June 30, 1943

Teaching Staff (based on full time service) Chinese 46 Western 12 Total 58

Student Enrollment during Year Men 222 Women 52 Total 274

Total Expenditures for Year, in Chinese Currency 2,223,774.33

(Do not include salaries of staff furnished by mission boards)

Total Income for Year, in Chinese Currency:

From Chinese Sources 1,022,621.21

From Western Sources 1,201,153.12

(Do not include salaries of staff furnished by mission boards)

Total 2,223,774.33

Valuation of Plant, Grounds and Equipment, in Chinese Currency 21,124,022.22

Average Exchange Rate for Year 17.222222

Number of Staff furnished and paid for by Mission Boards

Indicate Board furnishing	Married	Single
<u>American Board Mission</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Thomas
<u>Methodist Board</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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W. L. SMITH  
Associated Treasurer



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Hsiho, Shaowu

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SHAOWU, CHINA.

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August 29, 1941

Treasurer's Office  
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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of February 27 was received on August 5, letters of March 6 and 13 arrived on July 10, April 7 (second copy) on June 30, May 12 on June 30, June 16 (2) on July 13, June 17, 19 on July 26. Letters relating to Bookstore business dated May 10, 12 (2) came on July 2, and your letter of April 29 to President Lin on June 23. Also second copies of Clipper letters to President Lin dated March 7, 13, and April 11 have come only recently.

Monthly Statements. We have all of your monthly statements through June. I think your new plan of sending a copy via Shanghai and one via Hongkong is good. Everything seems to be interminably slow except Clipper letters which usually come through in from three to six weeks. Something happens to ordinary mail in Shanghai. It is either greatly delayed or does not come at all. Magazines are coming through a little better than in the spring when almost none came. The June 16 copy of "Time" came this week. We consider that recent!

Annual Report. Our annual report for 1940-41 will be mailed to you soon, together with a reconciliation of Accounts Payable, etc. We balanced our budget by transferring \$82,662.83 from the accumulated gain on exchange, the difference between the fixed budget rate and the current rate for funds sold from Accounts Payable. Thus we reported to you by cable under date of August 2, "1940-1 operating expenses \$573,000 no surplus." We thought by not mentioning deficit you would understand that we closed even. \$573,000 was the best approximate figure we could give you at that time, and which did not include building costs during the year. Now that every figure is in its niche the total amount of expense is \$689,844.33 which includes building costs, furniture and land purchases amounting to \$96,782.13.

Budget 1941-42. June 16 was a late date for you to receive our budget estimates. We were glad to have your cablegram of July 13 giving us a rough summary of what we might expect for the current year. As President Lin mentioned in his letter of August 21 to you, the cable was considerably garbled, but we got the general idea. Your covering letter has not yet come.

Drawing on New York. As Mr. McClure pointed out in his letter of April 4 to you it is very difficult for us under present conditions to tag every draft that we draw on you, because we ourselves do not prepare ~~the draft~~ the drafts. All of our drafts are drawn on you by the Associated Mission Treasurers per our request by telegram.

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The method outlined in Mr. McClure's letter is the only workable one we have been able to think out during these times of greatly disrupted communication. You say in your letter of June 16, "We have a long letter from Mr. McClure regarding the handling of funds which apparently will be ignored under present emergency conditions." As a matter of fact the present emergency conditions - the occupation of Foochow to be specific - have all but forced us to follow this method. Before the occupation of Foochow we could have sold U.S. Currency in that city at a loss on exchange as compared with the Shanghai market, and had the money sent to Shaowu with the additional cost of bank transfer fee. At the present time, however, it is impossible to do any financing in Foochow. The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was doing only local business after the occupation until it was closed by the Japanese the latter part of July. Supposedly it would be allowed to open again in a few weeks on a limited basis, but I have not heard that it has. Our only channel to receive funds now is between here and Shanghai direct. Without credit in Shanghai we are sunk! I telegraph the Associated Mission Treasurers when we need cash which we receive from a merchant here who pays us a good premium on Shanghai. Mr. Berckman of the A.M.T. draws on you and pays the merchant's agent in Shanghai. We do not feel that we can ask Mr. Berckman to try to follow the credit balances in the various accounts with you on which we can draw and we cannot give such explicit instructions in telegrams. We have worked out a simple code which he understands and which operates automatically. Of course, with China credit "frozen" in America he may not be able to sell U.S. Currency. In fact a telegram dated August 22 informed me he could not sell, but since then the Chinese papers state that the Chinese Government has arranged for U.S. to be sold through the Central Bank of China. Your cable of July 28 stating "American dollar bank funds frozen pending further advice" came in due time. We have received nothing further from you on this. We have enough cash on hand to last a month or two. We have made it a practice to keep larger balances on hand these few months.

If things clear up so that the Associated Mission Treasurers can sell U.S. in Shanghai we shall continue the method we have been using. I think Mr. Berckman charges practically all of the drafts he draws against Account 31. At the end of the year, we shall send you a statement allocating the amount sold to the various accounts carried on your books. If we send you this information about the middle of April by China Clipper you should receive it in time for closing your books the end of June. If we cannot sell U.S. Currency in China you may have to send us funds through the State Department somehow. I am sure you are working on the problem at that end and will let us know in due time.

US\$50.00 for Mrs. Yang Hsin Pao per your cable of July 13. I have notified Mr. McClure about this in two separate letters hoping at least one would get through, but I have not heard from him about it yet. It requires a full month, or more, to send a letter to Foochow and get a reply, and sometimes much longer.

Draft No. 2038 is reported on your April statement as Sutton travel and salary \$425.00. On the stub of the draft, written by Sutton himself, the amount is for \$350.00 for travel only - no mention of salary. Does that mean that the difference between your records \$425 and ours \$350, or \$75.00, is for salary. If so, for what period is it

W. J. Sutton, Salary Account

Assoc. Mission Treasurers  
August 11/1941

Assoc. Miss Treas. W. J. Sutton  
Draft # 1156 Salary  
- 75.00  
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Draft # 2038 - 350.00  
425.00 ← TRAVEL

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to cover? Will you please check up on this and let us know so that we can adjust our account.

Check for US\$1.14 from Houghton Mifflin Company, to Miss E.T. Chen, dated January 25, 1936, No. B15516 enclosed. Miss Chen has kept this check until now. It is probably no good unless Houghton Mifflin will allow this amount to be applied on our book orders from them. I sent you some book orders last week including one for Houghton Mifflin. If they will give F.C.U. credit for this, we shall see that Miss Chen gets this amount at the current rate of exchange. She has been a member of our staff since the spring of 1938. She was before that a member of the faculty of Amoy University.

*Note  
Houghton  
Mifflin  
(Boston)*

*10/27*

You probably get very little, if any, news direct from Foochow these days. We do not get very much in letters as people sacrifice news so that business letters have a better chance of coming through. But we do get news from time to time through people who slip through the lines and wend their way to Shaowu. Two missionary teachers for Foochow College (Mr. Faurot and Miss Tapley) arrived last week after having been on the way since August 5. They left Foochow first by boat July 19, but were turned back. The Japanese had sent out an edict earlier saying that no one would be allowed to leave or enter the city after July 20, so these people were trying to get out before the time was out. Why they were not allowed to proceed was not clear. Anyhow, on August 5, they slipped out by another route unnoticed; left the city on foot and took a boat up the Inxai branch of the river. They found all along the way that many people were getting out of Foochow in one way or another. Later reports are, however, that it is almost impossible for people to leave now. Several more missionaries want to come up here to help out in the Shaowu Mission work. It would seem that foreigners in occupied territory in China are virtually prisoners. Foreign homes were being picketed early in August, in Foochow, and nothing was allowed to be taken out. It is very difficult for the people there to get any cash. Mr. McClure would not be able to get any at all the last I heard if families there were not paying him cash for their sons and daughters in school in Shaowu. Mr. McClure uses that in Foochow and authorizes me to pay here. But there will be an end to cash from these sources before long if present restrictions continue. What is happening, no doubt, the "visitors" in Foochow is collecting all the Chinese Currency in the city and sending it out to Japan.

I think the rice situation in Foochow has eased a bit since the new crop was harvested. Price is down around \$100 per load, but people want to leave the city for other reasons. At least half the population has evacuated and more would if they could.

Conditions in Shaowu and environs have not changed radically in the last few months except for soaring prices, and that is likely to continue for sometime yet. Building materials, foodstuff, and supplies of all kinds are daily becoming more expensive and more scarce because there are more and more people here to use what is available. Many things are not obtainable at any price, glass being one of them. We are replacing the lower panes of glass in windows with wood in an effort to get enough to make for some light in the new buildings we are putting up. The high schools and the primary schools in the city are opening now. They all have more students than they wanted, but hesitate to turn them down if there is any possible way to accommodate them. Our horde is beginning to come in.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

*Dep. 11/24/41*

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Cable Address:  
Hsiho, Shaowu

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Mr. C. A. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the <sup>report</sup> to the New York State Education Department for 1940-41 for your files. I sent you a copy for the N.Y. State Education Department by China Clipper under date of August 15.

I think the copy I sent you under date of August 15 was not filled in in two places:

1. Under Item 3 - Students. The last item, Number of students preparing to teach. We do not have a normal course and it is impossible to determine with any accuracy how many students are planning to teach. Many majors in the Education Department <sup>become</sup> school administrators instead of teachers, and <sup>some</sup> students from all departments become teachers.

2. Item 7, Miscellaneous. The answer is 4 in each case.

I thought I should send this information on to you in case you receive a query from the powers that be at Albany.

We heard over the radio last night that the Japanese had withdrawn from Foochow. We have not yet received any details of the withdrawal - how far, etc. The shops in Shaowu set off a galaxy of fire crackers this noon to express their feelings in the matter. I presume they quit the city because they have got everything out of it they want and that it is too expensive to stay on.

Thirty-two aeroplanes passed over Shaowu two days ago. They were bombers (the roar of the engine is unmistakable), but passed on without dropping anything. This is the fourth time we have heard planes this summer. Several places down the river 100 or miles have been very severely bombed during the last month.

We have had several bad bus robberies between here and Yenping within the last few weeks. A bus was held up yesterday and everybody on it robbed of something if not all they had. Mr. Talbot, a member of the Christian Herald Industrial Mission, Mr. Lin Kwan Te (a new teacher coming to us this fall), and a number of in-coming students were passengers. Some of them managed to hide a few dollars hither and yon, but lost most of their money and other things. In a previous hold-up the principal of one of the Anglican high schools in Cieng-au was killed, and the driver. I am satisfied to stay put here in Shaowu these days! Only urgent matters could uproot me from my comparative snugness.

Sincerely yours,

Evans

Sept. 10, 1941

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
1940-41 AGAINST ROCKWELL'S FOUNDATION GRANT OF USD\$1,000.00

Total Receipts during year from  
New York Treasurer

~~USD\$1,000.00~~ @ 17.888703 = ~~USD\$1,414.51~~  
(Average rate)

EXPENDITURES

1. Personal Emergency Expenses-

- a) Rice Allowances to Faculty and Staff Members.....USD\$14,973.77
- b) Rice Allowances to Workers.....USD\$14,955.95

2. Emergency Housing at Shaoan-

- a) Faculty and Staff living quarter 4 apartments.....USD\$16,328.50
- b) Repair on existing buildings.....USD\$12,900.17

3. Small Power Plant and Equipments at Shaoan (Total cost

USD\$9,384.41 less USD\$3,450.84 reported last year) USD\$ 5,933.57

4. Farm Product Manufacturings-

- a) Fruits and vegetables.....USD\$ 3,480.94
- b) Tea.....USD\$ 891.91

TOTAL - Expenditures.....~~USD\$71,414.51~~

Respectfully submitted,

Eva M. Asher  
Eva M. Asher  
Associate Treasurer

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Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, Fukien  
September 11, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

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I am enclosing herewith a copy of President Lin's letter to Mrs. J. V. Foster re a scholarship which she has expressed interest in establishing. She mentioned National Currency \$1000. We are hoping she will make it \$3000, but as you will notice we did not come right out and say so! We suggested she might like to send the money through you. If she wants to send the exact amount of Local Currency, we would prefer to have a draft on a Shanghai bank.

I am sending you today, under separate cover, a copy of our annual report for 1940-41 in case you may need it for reference before the audited copy is ready. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers will be held the latter part of October or early in November. Auditors for 1940-41 have not yet been appointed, but I suppose Mr. C. L. Storrs of Shaowu is the only available person under present conditions, as has been the case since we came to Shaowu. The Board of Managers meeting will be held in Foochow now that the Japanese have withdrawn, September 3. We have not received any word from Foochow since the Japanese left, but we hear that the launches are again running between Nanping and Foochow. Many refugees are returning already.

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

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September 11, 1941

Mrs. J. V. Foster  
430 W. Beaver Avenue  
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Mrs. Foster:

We wrote you on May 8 enclosing receipt for your contribution of \$1000.00 National Currency for the Spencer Finney Barber Scholarship given in memory of your Father. We hope that our letter got through all right. Mail has been very irregular and slow during the last six months.

Mr. Li Lai Yung wrote us in August that you were considering donating an additional scholarship to our university. We certainly appreciate your interest in Christian higher education here and your confidence in our work at Fukien. We shall be glad to have your donation which can be made to the memory of any one you may wish to name.

Mr. Lai has probably informed you that in raising our 25th Anniversary endowment, we assigned \$250,000 National Currency for student scholarships. We asked for 100 scholarships at \$1000 each and 50 at \$3000 each. The income from the former will be enough to pay the tuition of a student at the university and from that of the latter a stipend sufficient to pay room and board in addition to tuition. Due to the effort of our alumni and friends in China and abroad we have done quite well. Due to the war conditions and difficulties of communication we are extending the time of the campaign to the end of this year. A large part of the \$1000 scholarships have been subscribed and there remains about 10% vacancies in the second king.

You may find it more convenient to send your gift through our office in New York, which may be addressed to Mr. C.A. Evans, Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. He can tell you the exact amount in U.S. Currency for the equivalent amount in Chinese Currency you desire.

Many of our students are suffering from the effects of the war, and the scholarships which we are able to give them now is a great help in the training of future leadership for this country. It makes possible the availability of our education to the most promising Chinese youths. We certainly appreciate your part in the work.

Yours sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*  
President

CJL:A  
Via China Clipper

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Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, Fukien  
September 11, 1941

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

(China Clipper)

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your two Clipper letters of August 4 and one of July 29 to President Lin and two of August 4 to me came on August 29. Also your letter of August 8 enclosing the July statement and one of the same date to President Lin, by Clipper, came on September 8. It is good to have things come through in a reasonable time.

I note in your letter of August 8 to President Lin that you worked out a deficit of \$2,163 for us in response to the request from the United China Relief re deficits and surpluses at the end of the fiscal year. I am sorry we did not understand better what you wanted when we cabled you about this on August 2. As is explained in our annual report, in my letter of August 29 to you, we closed even by transferring LC\$82,662.83 (Approx. US\$4,592) from the difference in exchange between the fixed budget rate and the current rate on funds sold from Accounts Payable. We could have well ~~used this~~ to help with building projects for the current year! We greatly appreciate your rising to the occasion and sending in the figure you did!

There is such a thing as being too economical. When prices are so high and the needs are so great the tendency is to try to stretch a dollar beyond the limit. But we shall do our utmost to use all the income that is available to the best possible advantage. We shall have to increase the faculty, staff, and workmen very soon, at the end of this month probably. All of our people are finding it most difficult to provide the daily essentials for their families, and some simply cannot do it on the present basis. They have practically no margin for wearing apparel, illness, etc., all of which are very expensive. A 5-gr. capsule of quinine costs 40¢, for instance, and malaria is more prevalent here than in Foochow. Three capsules, \$1.20, is the minimum during an attack and it is not unusual to have to have four or five capsules, so you can readily see how that item alone counts up. Workmen simply cannot pay for it, so we have to give it to them both from the standpoint of humaneness and efficiency. I am sure you get the same general story from all sections of China, only varying in intensity and scope.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the report on the Rockefeller Foundation grant of \$4000 included in the Sustaining Fund for 1940-41. I think the report is self-explanatory. Farm Product Manufacturing is to promote emergency production through our rural experiment station.

We have had no further word from you about "frozen" funds since your cable sent in July. The Associated Mission Treasurers cannot sell U.S. The American Board Mission in Boston notified Mr. McClure that they could not send funds out but that they could get a Treasury order and cable funds out. If the A.M.T. cannot sell by the time we are in need of funds we shall cable you the amount we need. ~~and~~ We should like to have the money sent to the Associated Mission Treasurers if possible. Failing that, to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai. I shall simply state the amount needed, and you will understand it is to be sent to the A.M.T. if possible. I may send you a cable soon after you receive this letter. Fees may carry us over.

We have had no definite word about a sailing date for Miss Julia Chen. If you have not notified us when you receive this letter, will you please cable us re her plans.

We shall send you a cable re student enrollment on September 23. Late registrations are allowed through September 27, so we shall not know the exact number until then. The wheels of freshman week are running full speed ahead!

Sincerely yours,

*Eva M. Asher*

Copy by ordinary mail 9/11/41

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POSTED 1941

October 6, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

I have not quite recovered from a shock of a few days ago when I received an envelope from Shaowu dated May 19th enclosing your letter of the same date. With it were five letters from our office dated February 17th. The envelope had the appearance of having been sent through a New York tube out of repair and the contents had the appearance of being submerged in salt water. These letters acknowledged previous communications from our office particularly one requesting that material be sent to individual constituencies in America and we have the report that Fukien has responded nobly in this respect.

We are very glad to have the report regarding the activity of Mr. Bishop and again must state that we have not been able to have a committee get together with the Christian Herald staff. This simply will be preliminary and without any authority whatsoever as the Board of Trustees of necessity would be required to act upon any recommendations.

Since this letter was written money has been frozen, bank accounts blocked and on Saturday morning we received word that the United States Government had given us free rein on the accounts within the United States. That means you may use your Bookstore Account if you so desire, but drafts will have to be taken care of in the usual manner of securing a license.

We note what you say regarding stamps and will send some to Dr. Sutton, although there is a very definite understanding that in the office covers are not to be given out. This may not apply particularly to Dr. Sutton, but the extent to which covers may be transferred from one individual to another and become trading property has made it necessary to curtail such gifts.

We are grateful for the enclosures of April 30th -- the trial balance sheets and reconciliation. These have been checked with our books.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper - 10/9/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien  
October 13, 1941

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

(China Clipper)

Dear Mr. Evans:

We cabled you October 3:

"Enrollment 403. Need Chenihsun. Cable Treasurers, Shanghai,  
5000 American."

President Lin has taken up with you the first two items in the cable. The third item, "Cable Treasurers, Shanghai, 5000 American", was an SOS for you ~~somehow to~~ ~~thaw~~ out US5000.00 and cable the same to the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai. I have not heard from Mr. J. H. H. Berckman of the A.M.T. yet as to whether or not he has received this amount from you by cable. I am telegraphing him to find out.

In order to economize on cables, the cost of which is \$20+ per word from here, I should like to make definite arrangement now for further transfer of funds to us. Please cable Mr. J. H. H. Berckman, Treasurers, Shanghai, US\$2500.00 at the middle of each month beginning with December 15 until further notice. We can see from your monthly statements what account you charge these payments against.

Under date of May 21, I asked you to order for me one National Diary No. 5148, from Ganz Bros., 26 W. 30th Street, New York City, for 1942. I have heard nothing from or about it since, so wonder if the letter got through. Mail is so slow there has hardly been time to hear even if it did get through. I just repeat it here in case the original letter did not reach you. I am still receiving April, May, and June letters from your office. Most of them, fortunately, are copies of air mail letters which have come long ago. Also we have been receiving magazines for April, May, June, July, August, during the last month. Old mail is being dug up from somewhere and sent on its way. I think it has been buried in Amoy, South Fukien, for all of it has the Amoy postmark on it.

You are probably aware by this time that we have resurrected the Weekly News Bulletin in English. I am almost ashamed to send it to friends in America the whole get-up of it looks so shabby. That is, however, the best we can do with the materials we have - "c'est la guerre"!

Bubonic plague has been quite bad in the North Gate section of Shaowu City for about three weeks. Our science hall, middle-school, and a number of faculty residences are located there. Dead rats have been found in or near practically all of those buildings, and two of our members are down with the plague. Both of them live in the North Gate section: Miss Chen Nien Hsuan, Graduate Assistant in Chemistry, and Mrs. Joseph Chen, wife of the Principal of our Middle School. They were both seriously ill. Miss Chen has passed the crisis and Mrs. Chen is some better though I am not sure she is out of danger. A week ago we closed the middle school for two weeks and the students hiked to the Bohea Hills for a trip and to get out of the city. The weaker ones who could not go moved to this side of the campus. We also discontinued all work in the science hall and most of the families living in the North Gate section moved over here to the East Gate section where the main part of our campus is. They are living under very crowded conditions in our new Horticultural Hall. The Shaowu people say this is the first time they have ever had the plague here. Perhaps refugees brought it in.

Sincerely yours,  
Eva M. Asher

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October 14, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of August 15th came to hand September 27th in which you allude to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and New York State Department Reports. Dr. Elisseeff has written that he has received the report for Fukien which clears you for this year.

Glad you were able to decipher the cable of July 18th. I realized we were taking chances, but that is what everybody is doing now anyway. War brings chances -- forces chances.

The cable regarding the closing of the books came promptly and has been taken into consideration in allocation of funds on hand.

We have received your cable regarding the opening registration, the need for Julia Chen, and request for funds. We were able to get some money through for you which was cabled out. I hope you have gotten it promptly.

We will keep you informed of future developments.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper  
o.c. via next boat.

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Cable Address:  
Hsiho, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
SHAOWU, CHINA.

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Treasurer's Office  
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October 17, 1941

(China Clipper; copy by ordinary mail)

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have recently received your two cables as follows:

Cable of October 14: "Cabled 3750 Mission Treasurers October 7  
Cable November requirements."

Cable of October 15: "Juliachen anviii able six year contract  
if travel Shaowu provided. Cable."

We are today sending you the following cable in reply to the two mentioned  
above: "

"Approve Juliachen terms. November 2500."

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The cable of October 14 is clear enough. I have not yet heard from the  
Associated Mission Treasurers, but will probably hear soon because I telegraphed  
them just the day before your cable came asking them if they had received  
the money. Our reply to your request for November requirements is that  
we shall need \$2500 U.S. Currency. As requested in my letter of October 13,  
we should like to have US\$2500 per month until further notice. If you can  
send it about the middle of the month, perhaps the transactions in Shanghai  
could be cleared and the money would be available for us to draw on by the  
end of the month when we have our heaviest payments.

We think that the second word in your October 15 cable must be "available".  
Anyhow we take the whole thing to mean that Julia Chen will come to us for  
a six-year term of service if we pay her traveling expenses to Shaowu, and  
we mean in our reply that we are willing to do that. President Lin wrote you  
to this effect under date of October 13 by Clipper, after we received Mr.  
Parker's letter of August 29 re Miss Chen. We need her very much, and since  
Mr. Brewster Bingham offered to pay the traveling expenses of Miss Huang Siu  
Chi we think he will be willing to transfer his gift to the expenses of Miss  
Chen. We have written him about this.

Your letter of July 30 acknowledging my order for a copy of the National  
Diary for 1942 from Ganz Brothers came on October 15, just two days after  
I made inquiry about it in my letter of October 13. Mail is coming a little  
better these few weeks. I received August 20 and August 25 letters today.  
Two months on the way is quite an improvement over four or five months, or  
even six. Several people have received 1940 Christmas greetings this week, -  
two from Mr. Farley for instance.

The plague is subsiding in Shaowu, and we shall probably start up our work  
at the North Gate the first of next week. I think both of our members who  
have it are out of danger now. In general things on the campus are going  
quite well.

Sincerely yours,  
Eva M. Asher

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October 20, 1941

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Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

On October 11th the sum of \$885.00 was deposited in your  
Fukien Bookstore Account at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company.

Of the above amount \$2.00 was received from Mrs. Francis S.  
Browse for yourself, of which we have previously written to you about.  
The remaining \$883.00 was received from Mr. Brewster Bingham designated  
for the salaries of Mr. K. S. Wang and Miss Huang Sin Chi.

Since our field accounts have now been unblocked, this money  
is now available for use.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B  
cc: Accounting Office

Via China Clipper - 10/20/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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October 29, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of September 11th, received October 14th, refers to the closing deficit and we are glad that in some way we could help out. As a matter of fact, U.S.\$2,500.00 was recommended to the Associated Boards Executive Committee in addition to the \$12,500.00 originally allocated from Sustaining Funds, making a total of \$15,000.00 for the year aside from the special gift of \$1,000.00 for sustentation. Please do not count upon this until approved by the Executive Committee.

I thoroughly agree with you on the general conclusion that too close figuring is a bad idea. On the other hand, - what else can be done? There are larger deficits in some of the other colleges and in justice to all and the work of the entire group, adjustments must be made. It is not to be considered however that others can be careless and establish deficits and expect them to be made up. Thus, Fukien has done mighty well to close the year in such a fine manner.

Thanks for the report on the Rockefeller gift. We are preparing a new approach for more assistance this year.

The frozen funds situation has now cleared and before this you have received word of the Bank accounts being released and of the sending out of funds. We shall still continue to use the Associated Mission Treasurers, unless you desire to switch to the use of your account at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company. All the other universities are doing this.

We are now waiting for a definite sailing date for Julia Chen as the question about travel expense has now been cleared with the field. We will cable as soon as we know definitely.

Again, thanks for all you are doing in your cooperation with our office. We need your understanding and sympathy and we also thank God for the work you are doing.

Most sincerely yours,

CAE/A

C. A. EVANS

Via China Clipper - 10/29/41  
e.e. via next boat

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November 6, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 4th enclosing copy of the report for the New York State Educational Department.

I have noted your comments under Items 3 and 7 in case of further questioning from Albany.

Yes, we received word that Foochow had been evacuated, but how completely, of course, the papers do not indicate. At the time this occurred, there seemed to be an indication that an offensive elsewhere was pending by the invaders.

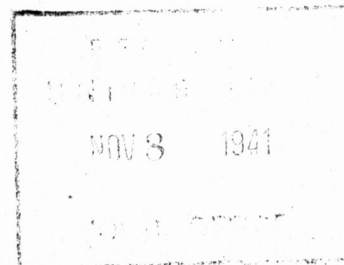
Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper - 11/10/41  
c.c. via next boat.

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November 6, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of August 29th has just been received and I am that grateful that I am acknowledging it immediately.

Monthly Statements. It would seem advisable for us to continue the process we have been following in this respect. Clipper mail certainly should get through more quickly than boat mail by way of Shanghai.

Annual Report. This has been received and passed on to our Accounting Department, and we wish to thank you for the promptness and the good work you did. Possibly later on there will be further comment.

Budget for 1941-42. There should be a meeting of the Fukien Board very soon to give further thought to this budget. In that event, I will write you again.

Drawing on New York. In effect, what you have been doing is following through the only method available at the present time. We have used the Associated Mission Treasurers for such remittances as have gone out and will continue to do this, unless you tell us otherwise. The amount for monthly remittances is US\$3,750.00. We trust this will be satisfactory. If not, kindly let me know.

US\$50.00 for Mrs. Yang Hsin Pao. We trust by this time that Mrs. Yang has received the \$50.00 sent by her husband.

Draft No. 2038. In further elucidations of draft 2038, may we say that the \$75.00 additional was paid through the Associated Mission Treasurers on Draft #1156 and designated Salary Account, Willard J. Sutton. Apparently this was for the period when Dr. Sutton was in Shanghai and covered an amount which he needed.

Check for US\$1.14. We are still negotiating with Houghton Mifflin Company regarding the check for \$1.14 payable to E. T. Chen.

We are grateful for this word about the conditions in Fukien and for the continued work in the University. We hope that you will be able to carry on with the force now available with the possible hope that occasionally others may come in to render some assistance.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B  
cc: Accounting Office  
Via China Clipper - 12/10/41  
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(Dictated 11/4/41)

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November 13, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, Fukien, China

Dear Miss Asher:

The first copies of the reports for the New York State Education Department were received in good time for forwarding to Albany.

In your covering note of August 15 you ask what the practice is in other schools as to the policy in regard to exchange. Some of the schools make their reports in Chinese dollars, and make no attempt to put them into U.S. dollars, but at the same time, indicate the average current exchange rate which would apply to reducing the figures to U.S. money. Other schools always report the entire figures in U.S. dollars. This latter practice, I think, is more satisfactory for the people in Albany for they then do not have to bother with the matter of exchange.

I have noted on some of the reports that an indication has been made that the permanent investments, such as endowments and plant funds, are kept at the old figure and not increased on account of the present exchange. Of course, if the reports are made in U.S. dollars, this can be done without raising any question on the reports. You will have to use your judgment about exchange rates when used in making the reports in U.S. dollars, but it would seem that some arbitrary rate which would not cause too great a fluctuation in the figures from year to year would be advisable.

We very greatly appreciate your care and cooperation in getting these reports to us at the proper time.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

JIP:VN

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December 3, 1941

(Original by China Clipper)  
Copy by ordinary mail ✓

Mr. Oliver Caldwell  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

As you may remember we usually send out something direct from the field to the friends of the university on our American mailing list, several times during a year. We still want to do this, and are asking for your help. We have never been able to have printing in English done here in Shaowu, and now it is almost impossible to get it done in Foochow. We used to use the Christian Herald Industrial Mission for all of our English printing, but their press is not running full time now due to the shortage of workers. And too, material is scarce. Another handicap in sending out material from here is the high rate of postage, which is now 20¢ on second class material. Postage on all classes of mail was practically doubled the first of November.

We are enclosing herewith a two-page manuscript prepared by Everett Stowe, together with a map showing from where the present student body comes, and three snapshots - the arrival of the bus, the new chapel, and the John Gowdy Library. We are asking that you will please get this up in American style and send it to all the friends on the Fukien mailing list for us. We ourselves are puzzled over what title to give it, though two have been suggested: "The Students Speak for Fukien", and "The Exiled Students Speak". We are inclined to prefer the first. We think it is quite likely that you can think of a better title after you have read it over, and if so do not hesitate to use it. Please use your own judgment as to title, form, etc. You know much better what appeals to the American public than we do. We have absolute confidence in your ability to do a good job and do not want to hamper you in any way by trying to drive from the back seat! We have all liked the things that you have put out for Fukien.

As to financing this project, if you have anything in your Fukien promotional budget which can be used for this we would be glad to have the expenses of getting it out met in that way. If you do not have anything you can allocate to this, please have the cost of same charged against the Fukien account #31. I shall write Mr. Evans about this.

I would appreciate it if you would give me your candid opinion about the Weekly Bulletin we are sending to a few friends in America. At first the list contained 105 names, including Trustees, Board Secretaries, and most of the missionaries who were once in Foochow and have been gone for a long time, and a few very close friends like the Joneses (brothers of Edwin C. Jones). Recently I have cut it down to the Trustees, the missionaries who have within the last year or two returned to America, and a few close friends, making a total of around 80 names. I even question whether the Trustees read it, except a few like Dr. Hill and Dr. Warner. With so much material coming to every one's desk these days, one can't read everything and it is only natural to read the things that have the best appearance; we can't compete with American materials. The materials we use are very expensive and at the same time make a very poor showing. So I wonder if anybody in America really reads this bulletin. If you think we would do well to save our money by not sending it to any one, do not hesitate to say so.

Sincerely, *Eva M. Asher*

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"Never did so many owe so much to so few". In these words Winston Churchill expressed Britain's debt to her air-men. A living screen of protection has been formed by these pilots and crews between a Blitzkrieg's destruction and England's cherished values from a long past and her promise for the future. His words happen to apply with startling relevance to the China colleges.

"So many!" Does anyone need to be reminded of the significance of this quarter of its population to our contracting world - an industrious and intelligent people now adding to massive cultural traditions the modern necessities of political unity and military effectiveness? "So much!" China realizes anew, and with modern applications, the truth in Professor Whitehead's dictum: "The nation or race that does not value trained intelligence is doomed." Only the colleges can crack the otherwise fatally constricting bottleneck of the production of qualified leaders. "So few!" There are but 40,000 college students to utilize the memory of a great past in the construction of a greater future for the whole of the 400 millions. In light of all this, small wonder that Fukien Christian University felt heavily her responsibility in welcoming a class of 206 Freshmen in the fall of 1941.

What discoveries awaited these new students when they finally debouched from groaning Diesel buses at the Shaowu station? If you could peek at diaries, you might find entries such as these:

Student Chang: "How glad I was on arriving after 27 weary days of travel to find our bus met by members of the University Student Christian Association. All strangeness and fear left me with their friendly help in taking charge of baggage, showing me to my room and to the bathhouse, then escorting me to supper. I had long heard of the family spirit of F.C.U. But I had not expected all this, even when I got the Association's welcoming letter along with the Dean's notification of by being accepted."

Student Lin: "I was much surprised to find so large a campus awaiting me. We are only six or eight to a room. A dining room that seats 400 is just being finished. There are some other new buildings, too. An old student informed me that one is for Horticulture, another for faculty apartments. And to find electric lights in the great library reading room that can seat the whole student body was entirely beyond my expectation. A good thing they are here, for no kerosene is to be had now".

Student Chen: "We just finished Freshman Week today. What a flood of speeches and advice! And how many times we were reminded that each Chinese college student represents 10,000 of his countrymen! But I'll not forget all I heard. I liked the spirit of desire to be of real help to each student that our instructors all showed".

Student Shih: I went to my first Convocation today. Not nearly all the students have arrived as yet. Yet the Assembly Hall seemed quite full. And the platform barely held the faculty. I counted over sixty-five seated on it. A lot of them seem to be "Doctors" to judge from the introductions. The main speech was given by Professor Wang of the Chemistry Department. He told us what a college education should mean. He mentioned three things. It should be scientific. It should make possible industrialization so that the living standard can be raised. It must be religious. I had heard a lot about the first two. But I was surprised to hear a professor of science mention the last point".

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Student Hsu: "My first laboratory today. The equipment in the chemical laboratory really amazed me. I had not thought so many microscopes, retorts and so on could be transported into the interior. I looked in at the other laboratories before going home. They seem to have just as much. No reason why a good pre-medical education should not be mine here."

Student Huang: "Funny thing I noted about the windows. Instead of glass, the bottom and top panes are of wood, except on the north exposure of the library. It seems a pane of glass here costs \$7, and there is little to be had. We'll have to get along on what light the middle panes give."

Student Tsai: "One week gone, and today is Sunday. My friend took me to the Fellowship which meets in the new Chapel. It was my first visit there, for I seemed to be too rushed this last week to get to any of the three chapel services. I found this quiet meeting a great help. The familiar hymns were a great help. They stopped a flood of homesickness I felt coming on. My friend sings in the choir in the East Gate Church. I want to try out for it myself."

Student Wu: "Can I ever learn English? This is the first time I've ever been taught by a foreigner. They seem to talk so fast. My other teachers have used Chinese in teaching me English. I'm glad my other classes are in Chinese."

Student Wang: "What a lot of Clubs there are just now getting under way. Someone told me there are nearly thirty of them. But we can join only just so many. I wonder which ones would be best."

These are some of the entries new students may have put into their diaries during their first days on the campus. Of course it is possible to "look at everything and see nothing." Most likely there are other facts beyond their present powers of discernment. Did these students, or their older classmates, see

- the painstaking thought and labors of trustees and friends who have for so long loyally supported this Christian college?
- the far-reaching plans of the administration to adapt F.C.U. more closely to its community with all its needs?
- The service to that community through the fact that 48% of our alumni are engaged in educational work?

The ideal of high academic standards (we admitted less than half of this year's applicants) combined with a Christian interpretation of life.

A war has been in progress in China for over four years. This has caused, as war ever does, a steady increase in disintegrative tendencies, for educational institutions as for many aspects of life. That Fukien Christian University has not only kept alive but has also steadily increased the scope of its work in the area served, the size of student body, and the faculty available, seems well-nigh miraculous. It is one further testimony to an ineradicable faith. This faith is, in Professor Hocking's words,

"....the characters of men are not finished parts of reality; they are still being built, and your will is a factor in the building."

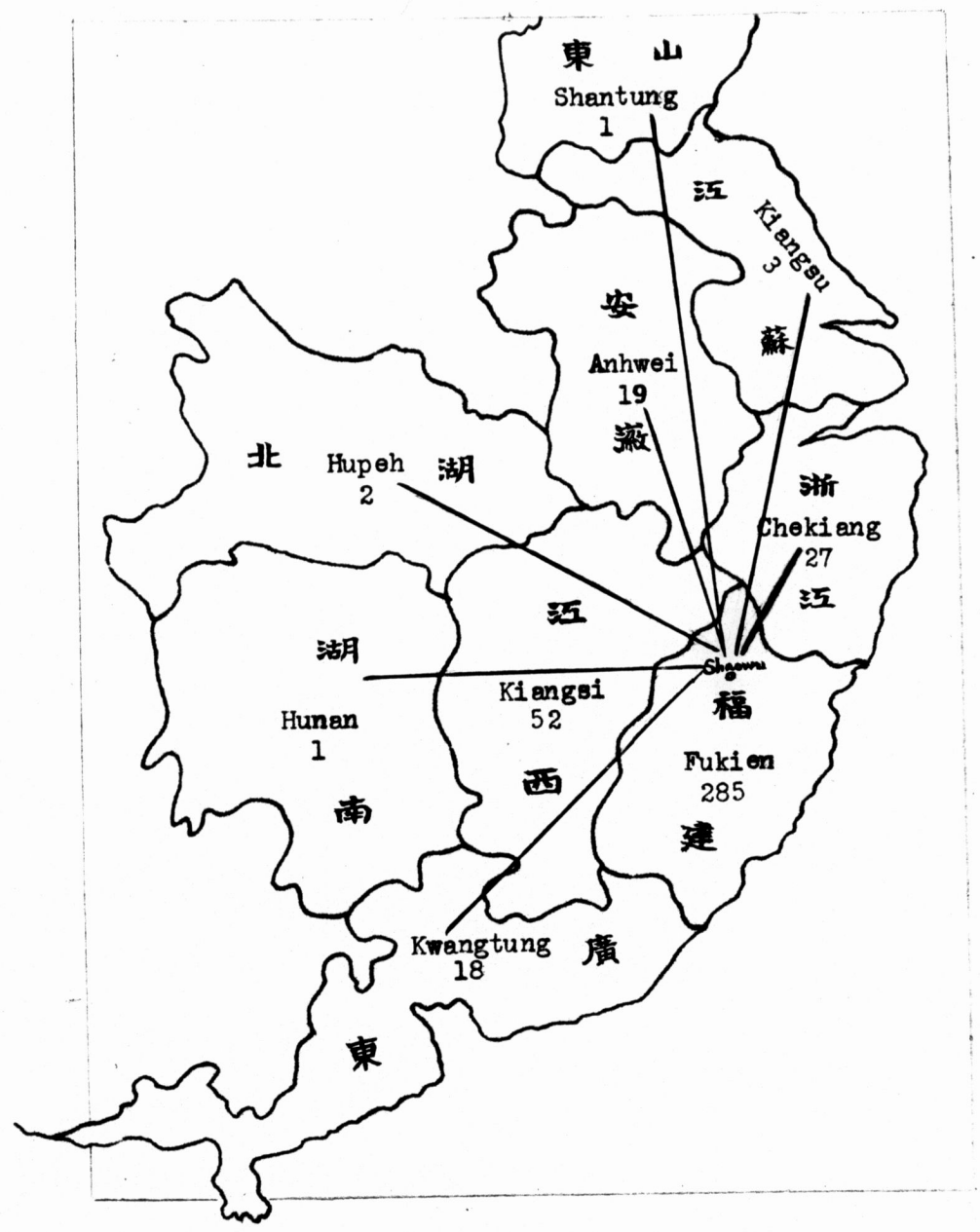
The Christian college forms a living screen against the blasting powers of ignorance, corruption, prejudice, hatred. Further it carries on a positive task of inculcating duty, skill, love of truth, reverence. There is abroad today a newly-born recognition of what China's resources in spirit may mean in the struggle for freedom, democracy and a new world. Fukien Christian University is entering its second quarter-century of service. It is a providential agency for mediating to the youth of this great area the cause that cannot fail.

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Map showing from where the present student body comes [4]

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December 22, 1941

Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien, China

Dear Miss Asher:

Since there is no way of getting publications through to Shaowu under present conditions, we have cancelled Dr. Sutton's subscription to the publications of the American Chemical Society.

We have been in touch with Dr. Sutton regarding the matter, and as he is now working in Ceramics, has no time to make use of them here in the United States. He suggested that we store them in our office until such time as conditions warrant sending to Shaowu, but the way matters stand at present, there is no likelihood that there will be a change in the near future.

Very sincerely yours,

*C A Evans*  
Acting Executive Secretary

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