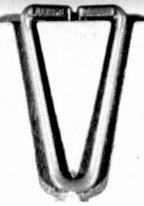


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January 20, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Letters from you not yet acknowledged are: June 24, received November 3; August 29, received November 20; September 29, received December 12; October 6 and 8, received December 8; October 14 and 20, received November 20; October 29, received December 2; November 6 (3) and 10, received December 14. Letters from you to President Lins: October 10 and 15, received November 20; October 21 and November 6, received December 14.

I wrote you last on November 17, by China Clipper, and on November 15 I sent you letters, by Clipper, to be forwarded to T.H.E. Chen, Yang Hsin Pao, Cheng Chung Fu, Li Yi Ying, and Dr. Julia I Chen. Since then we have heard that Li Yi Ying was planning to leave America for China sometime in November. Mrs. Li who is here in school has not heard from him since before he was supposed to sail. We also heard that Hsin Pao had a sailing for December 26, but I do not suppose he would start out under the new conditions in the Pacific.

I have not written or cabled you direct since things broke in the Pacific because until very recently I have been in a "financial fog". At first I thought Mr. McClure might be able to effect a transfer from you through some of the national banks in Foochow, but he could not. We had only enough funds to last to the end of December. The November remittance you sent to Mr. Berckman, A.M.T., is still in Shanghai. I was in the process of having it transferred to Shaowu when things broke, not because I was expecting anything to happen but just as a matter of routine. I was, however, too late by a day or two. I have not been able to communicate with Mr. Berckman at all, nor has Mr. McClure from Foochow.

Also, we never did receive the US\$3,000 which you sent through the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China in September. As I wrote you in my letter of November 17, I first received notice of it under date of October 17, by ordinary mail. I immediately telegraphed the bank to send the money to Berckman, Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, and wrote them by air mail more in detail. I did not hear anything further from them until December 19, when I received the following letter dated October 28, by ordinary mail:

"Re: New York T.T. of 2-10-41 in your favour p. US\$3,000,-
With reference to our letter No. 997 of 3rd instant and your unauthenticated telegram dated 21st idem, as your signature is unknown to us, we enclose herewith a receipt in duplicate which please sign and return to us through the medium of your bankers together with your instructions regarding the disposal of the above T.T. remittance."

By the time I received this letter on December 19 Hongkong was already under siege and nothing could be done. I did, however, send the receipt referred to above,

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No. 997
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No. 997
Chartered Bank

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signed, to Mr. McClure thinking that he might be able to communicate with the Chartered Bank in Hongkong through the British Consulate in Foochow, but he could not. There is no chance at all of getting anything out of Hongkong now, of course, so will you please try to get this amount back through the channel you sent it, and let me know the results. With this \$3000 tied up in Hongkong and the \$2500 for November tied up in Shanghai, we have been very short of funds. Actually the \$3,750 you sent to the Associated Mission Treasurers in October is all that we have had from you since our funds in America were frozen, until January 15 when I received NC\$51,027.59 from Dr. C. B. Rappe, Chungking. This is the proceeds of the first \$3000 he asked you for.

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12/26/42

Bishop Carleton Lacy of Foochow received a telegram from Dr. Rappe around the middle of December saying that he had been appointed by the Board (Methodist I presume) to act for the Associated Mission Treasurers and supply mission work in Fukien with funds. Mr. McClure immediately asked Bishop Lacy to request him to get US\$3000 from you for the university. I telegraphed him from here on January 5 telling him that we were in urgent need of funds. In the meantime, we had to borrow \$25,000 from friends in Yenping and the merchant here, so half of the \$51,000 plus is already spent and the remaining half will be needed for salaries and allowances at the end of the month. Therefore, I telegraphed Dr. Rappe on January 12 asking him to get another \$3000 from you.

Jan 19 - 3,000

We have just recently learned from the Central Bank of China, Chungking, that they will transmit money to us free of charge from Chungking on U.S. deposits made to the Chase National Bank, N. Y., to their credit. They request that at the time the deposit is made that the Chase Bank notify them of the same with instructions that the money is to be forwarded to the Central Bank of China, Yungan, Fukien, for the university. I do not know what rate Dr. Rappe has to pay for transmitting funds from Chungking here, but I know the open market rate is \$200 per thousand. So upon the receipt of this letter we are asking you to send us US\$5000 through this channel, that is, through the Chase National Bank. At the same time, please cable us that we will know it is on the way and will not ask for more through Dr. Rappe. You may have to send your cable to us via Rappe. Mr. McClure cabled his Boston office around the middle of December and had had no reply the last I heard a week or so ago.

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I have no idea, of course, how long it will take for this letter to reach you. We hear through friends in Chungking that air mail letters could be sent to America and Canada via Rangoon to Durban, Africa, thence by surface transport. Also we hear that air mail can be sent via Calcutta. I am sending a copy of this letter by each route. Until I hear from you that you are sending funds through the Chase National Bank to the Central Bank of China, Chungking, I shall keep on working through Dr. Rappe unless I try to cable you direct.

Our expenditures are very heavy at this time of the year, and it is a real handicap to be so short of funds. But this thing came upon us so suddenly that most of us were not prepared for it financially. One day we could communicate with Shanghai and the next morning we could not. Prices of everything are rapidly increasing, and all of our faculty, staff members, and workmen are having a difficult time to meet the high cost of living. Besides rice being so high, around \$100 per load, it is not easy to get - a new situation in Shaowu. We want to buy up a supply for at least a year, which is a goodly amount for the thousand or more people for whom we have to plan. Not only rice, but other essentials, such as fuel, oil used in Chinese cooking, and salt. We are sure that prices will continue to soar, and the university cannot increase emergency allowance and

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salaries sufficiently to keep pace with the increase in prices. If we can buy in larger quantity for at least a year ahead, we will sell to the university community at cost price plus a small percentage to cover handling, regardless of market prices later. We consider that this is the more economical method of meeting the problem of the high cost of living. We are also making some adjustment in basic salaries beginning with this month. You will get more information about this in the Board of Managers minutes with covering letter from President Lin which will be sent to you soon, together with the preliminary budget estimates for 1942-43.

I feel sure that some of your letters to me about funds have not been received. (1) I have had no word from you direct about sending the US\$3,000 through the Chartered Bank of India, Hongkong, except as it is shown on your September statement. (2) In your letter of October 20 you state that on October 11 you deposited \$885 to the Bookstore Account and say, "Of the above amount \$2 was received from Mrs. Francis S. Browne for yourself, of which we have previously written to you about." But I have heard nothing about it except in this letter. (3) A paragraph in your letter of October 29 sounds as though you had previously written me something about funds which I have not received: You say: "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 continue to use the Associated Mission Treasurers, unless you desire to switch to the use of your account at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company." All the other universities are doing this." This was the first intimation that I had had that I could draw on any account in America. Nor did I know just what account you referred to. You stated in your letter of October 6 that I could draw on the Bookstore account, but there is always such a small balance in that account, unless you have been replenishing it regularly. Including the \$885 mentioned above, the Bookstore Account now has a credit balance of only \$1200, approximately, so far as I know. The last statement we received, that for August, showed a credit balance of \$365.06.

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These are
deposits on
our checking
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Another puzzling thing about bank accounts in America is that from time to time I receive deposit slips from the Central Hanover addressed to Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, Fukien Province, China. To be exact, I have received three such: one dated August 26 for \$435.25, one dated September 9 for \$735, and one dated October 1 for \$25. Also we have received bank statements addressed in the same way, marked DUPLICATE, for August and September. That made me wonder if I were supposed to be able to draw on that account, but as nearly as I could figure it out this is the Fukien account with the Central Hanover Bank for your office use and not the field.

If there is any account in New York with enough funds in it which we can draw on, I think the Central Bank would accept our checks. You might let me know definitely about this, so I would know in case of an emergency like the one we have been facing. Also I should like to know whether or not I can draw on my personal account in the Central Hanover Bank so far as "freezing and thawing" of funds is concerned. I am going to draw a check of \$1000 against the Bookstore account and send it to the Central Bank of China, Yungan, and one of \$200 against my personal account.

The October statement is the last statement we have received from your office. I am enclosing herewith a reconciliation sheet showing that our books were in agreement with yours at that date. At the time you made the October statement you had not been able to set up a budget analysis for 1941-42, pending information on the exact amount you could count on from Sustaining Funds. I hope you can get the extra you asked for for Fukien because I am more sure than ever that we are going to be in sore need of it before the year is over. I hope we will be hearing from you soon. You are probably using the same refrain about us: We were just beginning to have something like normal communication with your

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office by using Clipper service almost entirely, when BANG! and it was all over.

I notice from the October statement that Dr. Sutton went off of the university payroll at that time. We should be glad to have some word of him if you can furnish us with any information. We have heard nothing from him direct since he landed on the West coast in March and sent us a "mail bag" message via the Treasure Island Station, KGEI, San Francisco. Of course, there may be a number of letters from him at the bottom of any number of stacks of mail somewhere between here and China coast, or Shanghai, or some other place.

So far, we here in Shaowu have not been affected by the new war in any way other than being short of funds. One radio on the campus is still going, so for the present we are getting about the same news as you are I think.

Final examinations are just over. The spring term begins with classes on February 9. We shall probably not have so many students the coming term as we have had in the fall. Thirteen seniors completed their work with the fall term, and some always drop out of their own accord. In addition to all of this, some will have to drop out on account of the lack of funds. We shall try to make it possible for students to stay in school who need money only for themselves, but when they have to support families, or a relative, we cannot undertake that, naturally. Students whose funds came from the South Seas, and Kulañgsu, South Fukien, are now entirely cut off from all support. If you can find any extra money for student relief we could make excellent use of it, say \$1000 - \$2000.

You may have heard ere this (through Dr. Fairfield) that one of the original mission residences here was completely destroyed by fire on December 7, which apparently was caused by a defective flue. The house was occupied by Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Storrs of the Shaowu Mission and Miss Eunice Thomas (F.C.U.). We reported the same to the American Board, Boston, by cable, but have had no reply yet. Insurance was carried on the house through the Boston office at university expense (we pay insurance on all the property here). The plan is to build again on the same site to accommodate the Storrs and Miss Thomas, but in separate apartments this time. The fire occurred on a Sunday morning when the Storrs and Miss Thomas, as well as a number of other faculty members and students, were attending the local church service off the campus. But students on the campus saw smoke pouring from the chimney, or roof, and ran to the scene and sent for help. In a short time more than 40 people were there taking things out from the first floor. We marvel that they got out so much, for they had only ten or fifteen minutes in which to work. Miss Thomas lived on the top floor and thus lost everything except what she wore to church that morning. We here made what contributions we could immediately and people from Foochow and surroundings have sent things so that she is fairly well clothed for the present. The Storrs are temporarily occupying four small rooms in our new administrative building, and Miss Thomas is living with the Scotts by night and with me by day. The Scotts house is too small to accommodate three streams of students coming and going daily. I am away at the office practically all day, but have no extra place for another bed - so this makeshift combination accommodation for her. She and the Storrs have shown a wonderful spirit through it all. Whatever difficulties we have here we are daily conscious that as compared with a greater part of the world we are fortunate indeed to have this quiet place in which to work and life.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

* Your letter of Sept. 24 re
\$2.00 from Mrs. Browne for me
just received.

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Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SHAOWU, CHINA.

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February 17, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

(*air mail*) I wrote you last, air mail via Calcutta, on January 20. President Lin wrote you on Feb. 11 and 12, enclosing minutes of the Board of Managers meeting on December 3, 1941, summary of revised 1941-42 budget, budget estimates for 1942-43, and a copy of his report for 1941-42. We have not received anything from your office later than the letters acknowledging in my letter of January 20 to you. The October statement is the last one we have received.

Under date of January 24 President Lin sent you the following cable:

"Have not received 3000 Charter Bank Hongkong September nor 2500 sent Berkman November. Received via Rappe, Chungking, 3000. Requested him send 3000. Expenditures heavy. Please immediately deposit 5000 Chase National Bank to be cabled to Central Bank, Chungking, hereafter 3000 monthly, for university."

To date we have had no reply. We telegraphed the Central Bank of China, Chungking, last week to see if they had been notified of any deposit to their credit with the Chase Bank, and they replied two days ago that they had not. So yesterday, we telegraphed Mr. Rappe, Chungking, asking him to cable you for \$5000 immediately and \$3000 monthly thereafter. As I explained in my letter of January 20, this is the time of the year that we should be making large purchases, and everything costs a mint of money. We have almost no supplies ahead at the present time, and things move so slowly that it is difficult to get essential things fast enough to supply the daily needs on the campus. A number of times during the last month we have barely had enough rice for the students next meal, and if rice, not enough wood to cook it. These difficulties are, of course, partly tied up with the laxness of the workmen during the China New Year season and the unusual weather - snow - Shaowu has been experiencing. The point is though that we should not be running so close on supplies. But the financial situation has been so uncertain since the war in the Pacific started early in December we have had nothing ahead with which to make purchases in quantity. As I explained in my letter of January 20, and again in the above mentioned cable, we have not received the \$3000 you sent through the Charter Bank of India, China, and Australia last September, nor the \$2500 you sent to Mr. Berkman in November, and there is no chance of receiving either amount under present conditions. So we are asking for \$5000 immediately so as to have a little leeway in purchasing supplies and then we hope \$3000 monthly will keep us going. All of this is for current expenses. President Lin asked you to send along funds as fast as you could so that in case we should be cut off from Chungking, our life-line at the present time, we would have enough funds stored up to last us a few months at least until new routes could be established.

to Surban
Air Mail via Calcutta, thence
by steamer

Copy by ordinary mail

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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SHAOWU, CHINA.

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February 20, 1942

Treasurer's Office
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Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I do not believe we have yet acknowledged your letter of March 27 to President Lin, which arrived on July 19, and June 9 to me which arrived on July 13. We have received no mail from America with a later date than November. We have learned that we can send mail by Air to Furban, via Calcutta, and from Furban on by steamer. At best I suppose that would require two months. We have sent several letters to the New York office by that route.

Under date of December 3 I sent you a letter and a copy of some material we wanted printed and sent out to our friends in America. I sent this by China Clipper. But of course it has hardly got out of Shaowu before December 7 when the liner in the Pacific blew off and China Clipper service brought to an end. I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter and the material. If it does not sound too much out of date upon arrival in New York, we should still like to have the job done. I do not have extra copies of the pictures mentioned in my letter or of the map. I am enclosing a few other pictures which may fit in somewhere sometime.

We here in Shaowu feel the war in the Pacific chiefly in the matter of being completely cut off from getting any school or personal supplies from the outside. And for the first month, or more, we were short of funds before we learned about funds coming through Mr. Rappe of Chungking.

Foochow has the "jitters" a while back over the idea of the possibility of the Japanese occupying Foochow again. Of course every one knew that if that did happen, it would be quite different from what it was last spring, especially so far as the foreigners and foreign property were concerned. The Consul advised people several times to leave, and some have scattered to mission stations up river. The Brewsters and Miss Gish to Kutien, Mrs. Billing and the Skinners to Tsiangloh where Union High is, your Mother in Hangkew, etc. Other people are somewhat prepared in case they need to leave in a hurry, but in general people feel now that they will not be molested. The hospitals are still carrying on in Foochow. The American Consulate has closed. There is now only one Consulate for all of "Free China" and that is located in Kueiyang.

X Lin Kuan Te, formerly with A.C.C., joined our staff last fall as a teacher of Geography and Geology. He has recently been made Head of Personnel (what in America we call Dean of Students). He is doing very well indeed in this new office. He has a deep interest in youth and has been successful in that kind of work in A.C.C. He is taking positive measures to improve student life on the campus.

We had snow here for several days last week, probably a total of four inches, but not more than two at any one time. The Shaowu people say it is the most snow, and the coldest weather, the city has had for sixty years. The students had a grand time snowballing and making a snow ball. It was the first time the Foochow students and those from further south had ever seen snow.

Am enclosing a copy of our Christmas celebration, 1941.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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February 20, 1942

Treasurer's Office
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Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letters of October 7 and November 12, Via Clipper Mail, were received here around the middle of December. We were glad to know that the Harvard-Yenching Institute report and the blanks for Albany reached your office in due time. We heard from Mr. Evans later that the Rockefeller Foundation report had also been received.

In your letter of November 12 you acknowledge the receipt of President Lin's letter of October 7 giving the names of applicants for scholarship help beginning in 1943. You had not received his letter of October 6 which contained the names of applicants for 1942, which we mailed you by Clipper on October 11, and which you probably received soon after writing us. This information in that letter would make clear to you the letter you received from the Dean of the Graduate School at the University of Michigan about Mr. T. H. Cheng for work in America, 1942. Of course, all of these plans have to be held in abeyance for the present.

Other letters from you which have not been acknowledged are those of June 30 to President Lin, arrived on August 28; April 15 to the Presidents of the China Colleges, arrived October 3; and September 18 to all college presidents about the United China Relief, etc., arrived on January 10, 1942. We are glad that we were not "guilty" of writing to the United China Relief directly. I wonder if Mr. Garside is back with the Associate Board now. I understand that he was to come back to the office in January of this year. We have not received any letters from the New York office later than November, 1941, none from America in fact.

We have plenty of problems in Shaowu, but are ploughing through them as in the past. One of the chief problems is personnel, and this applies all the way through the workman. It seems almost impossible to get anybody in addition to what we have for any unit of work, and it is not easy to hold those we have. Every institution and organization, mission and government and private, is wanting more workers, and those who can make the best financial offer in these hard times get the people. The cost of living continues to increase which creates a problem for all, and especially heads of institutions. In spite of the difficulties, the spring term has opened and things are moving forward quite well.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

February 26, 1942

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, China

Dear Miss Asher:

We were very happy indeed to receive your letter, with the attached manuscript.

I have devoted considerable attention to Mr. Stowe's document, and it is now ready for the printer. It is my intention to make it the twin of the small pamphlet we published last year. I refer to the one with the picture of the University, with Kushan in the background, on the cover.

We have waited for some time for publicity material, and when none arrived, we reprinted an article by Dr. Scott which appeared in SCHOOL AND SOCIETY, together with some original material. I am sending you separately, by regular first-class mail, copies of this pamphlet. We shall use the new pamphlet, which should be much better than our most recent effort, in a follow-up mailing to our Fukien constituency.

I suppose you realize that we have on hand \$34,280 in cash for the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund. A considerable additional amount has been pledged, and therefore I am not at the present making any serious effort to secure additional money for this purpose. There seem to be good reasons for us to let this Fund take care of itself for the present.

You ask me for my candid opinion about the weekly bulletin you are sending to certain friends in America. Frankly, I believe this is an excellent idea. Although the Fukien list is small, it is one of the most active of any we have in this office. One reason for this is the personal touch which has been maintained for years with friends of the University in this country. I would add only one qualification, which is that our own money raising efforts are complicated when we find that a donor on whom we have been working has been solicited by you, and has sent his money to the field. It makes no difference how the money reaches the field, but sometimes such cases are embarrassing both to this office and to our friends who are supporting the University.

I wonder if you are seeing my family these days, now that they are more-or-less neighbors. Give them my best regards if you happen to encounter them.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, Fukien
March 20, 1942

(Air Mail)

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of an order ^{on you} for US\$9.15 in favor of the Asia Life Insurance Company, to cover my premium on Policy #0600 which is due March 29. This Company has headquarters in Shanghai, but has an agent in America. I had no means to send U. S. Currency to Shanghai. I thought they could enforce this order of mine to their agent in America. I think you need not do anything until you get the original order from Asia Life or their agent, unless you think it is better to take the matter up with their agent as soon as this letter arrives in case it arrives before the original order. The only thing to watch out for is not to make two payments. I do not remember the name of the Asia Life Insurance agent in New York, but I know you have paid my premiums there several times in the past.

Money is coming through from Chungking quite regularly now. We have received the proceeds on the US\$3000 Mr. Rappo cable for in February and just today received word from him that he was telegraphing the proceeds on US\$2000, one fourth of which is for refugee students. I take that to be the \$1000 Mr. Cressy cable you for in connection with refugee students Shanghai.

We have received no communication from your office dated later than November 10, 1941, though we hear that Chungking has received Air Mail letters from New York. It takes about three weeks for air mail letters between here and Chungking. I sent you Air Mail letters on January 20, February 17, and March 2. President Lin wrote you, by Air Mail, on February 11 and 12, enclosing the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting of December 2, the revised budget for 1941-42, and the preliminary estimates for the 1942-43 budget. I hope all of this reach you in time for the spring meetings.

We are well into the spring term, and things are going quite well. Our student enrollment for this term is 318 (220 men and 98 women).

We had a visit from Dr. Frank Price, Chengtu, representing the China Christian Educational Association, and Professor Ku, representing the Shanghai Universities, early in March, to see what could be done here in Shaowu about accommodating the Christian colleges of Shanghai. I think Mr. Cressy has communicated with you re the results of their visit long ere this. We are now going through the routine channels re the plan, and President Lin will communicate with you as soon as the matter has been passed on by our Board of Managers. No refugee students from Shanghai got here for the spring term.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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March 23, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fulden Christian University
Shaowu, China

Dear Miss Asher:

I am enclosing a copy of our latest publicity pamphlet, in which we used the material prepared by Dr. Stowe. There are a number of minor changes, and a few additions, but you will recognize most of this material. I hope what I have done meets with your approval.

It is extremely important for our publicity program that we receive a constant supply of photographs, and of accounts of our work. Naturally, the present war situation must inevitably handicap us for the time being. Even so, I believe you will find money spent on postage, and on expensive photographs, will be well spent indeed. We are immeasurably strengthened in our efforts to secure money for the University if we are able to use up-to-date publicity material.

I understand from a late report that my family are now stationed in Yangkow. This puts them in the same neighborhood as Shaowu, and I suppose it is possible that you might see them. If so, please give them my warmest regards. Tell them that I will occasionally send airmail letters in the hope that they can be reached in this way.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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March 23, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find the February Fukien trial balance sheet, budget analysis, cash statement and copies of Journal Vouchers #412 and #413.

From the budget analysis, you will note that \$9,739.00 has been received on Sustaining Funds; whereas, \$5,007.00 has been charged against the budget.

You will note from Journal Voucher #413 that we cleared an overdraft in Directors Current Budget by charging \$5,499.54 against Accounts Payable which cleared the Harvard-Yenching Institute balance for 1940-41. We trust you will find this in order.

Yang, Hsin-Pao has written us that letters which he sent to his wife, after December 7th, have been returned. Apparently, these were regular mail letters as we have had none of ours treated in this manner. He wished his wife to know that, due to the war, it will be impossible for him to return immediately. We have been in constant touch with the State Department and find that there are three very important people anxious to get to Chungku, but there are neither boat nor air sailings available. You will thus see it will be very difficult for us to get reservations for him very soon. Please get this information to Mrs. Yang if possible.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper
c.c. via next Clipper

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April 7, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find the Fukien March trial balance sheets, cash statement, budget analysis and copy of Journal Voucher #414. You will also note that a list of designated and allocated gifts received is attached to the letter of March 20th. This letter indicates that 50% of the askings for the current year have been received. Against this we have disbursed \$10,514.00. We are hoping before another week is over, it will be possible to make another distribution to the various Colleges.

You will note also that the entire amount of the general field budget has been disbursed, but none of the Harvard-Yenching Institute Funds have been paid out. Presumably we should charge some of the monthly payments against this account.

We are still taking chances on this mail getting through, although nothing has been received from your part of the country since December 7th. Quite naturally, we would appreciate information and meanwhile are living in suspense.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
EMCS.

Via China Clipper
c.s. via next Clipper

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May 11, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Enclosed find the Fukien April trial balance sheets, cash statement, budget analysis and copy of Journal Voucher No. 415.

Your general budget is over drawn but there are balances available in the Harvard-Yenching Institute account and in Sustaining Funds.

I am wondering if the request for \$4,000.00 per month will be adequate to carry on during the balance of this year. If so, we have that in sight at the present time, even in the prospects from Sustaining Funds.

If there are other developments within the next few days, I shall write you in the next Clipper mail.

There is to be a meeting of the Harvard-Yenching Institute on May 25th and meanwhile I have an appointment with Dr. Eric North to study the presentation for additional askings from the Institute. A more complete discussion will then be given to requests from Fukien.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 18, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

You list an imposing number of letters not acknowledged, but somehow or other we seem to have gotten along in spite of the lapse. Naturally, it has been forced and the time which would have been devoted to send correspondence has been utilized in an endeavor to open up avenues of remittance and communication. There have been frequent calls upon the U. S. Treasury Department down town; meetings to be attended of the Committee on East Asia and the Executive Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference; special meetings for United China Relief -- all aside from our regular routine work. The Annual Meetings have come and gone, and you will hear more of them shortly when the minutes are in readiness for mailing.

Yang Hsin-Pao naturally could not sail December 26th as no sailings are being permitted by the U. S. Government. He has asked us, however, to keep in touch with the State Department with the hope of getting through at a no distant date. However, there are no early prospects.

I am afraid that funds held in Shanghai have gone down the drain. We have been in touch with insurance organizations and commercial houses and they all look upon the situation in the same light. In general, it is believed that property there has been confiscated.

We responded to your first request for \$3,000.00 by cabling same on December 26th through Bertram Rappe. On January 19th, we cabled another \$3,000.00. We complied with your request to send \$5,000.00 through the Chase National Bank only to find that they charged US\$95.00 for accommodation. If your rate of \$200.00 per thousand is in local currency you were gipped on the \$5,000.00 through the Chase National Bank. Please let us know how this works out.

I have written to Dr. Lin regarding the cable which has been sent to you which indicates that \$4,000.00 has been sent through Glenn Fuller. The Methodist Board informs us that he has taken over the responsibility of the Associated Mission Treasurers unit established at Chungking and that he would take over the responsibilities of Dr. Rappe.

Your letter reached us on April 14th and we are hoping that more prompt communication will be forthcoming.

I have also written to Dr. Lin regarding the budget, intimating that a meeting will be held on Wednesday of the Allocation Committee to give careful consideration of adjustments for the coming year.

The \$2.00 from Mrs. Francis Brown was included with the \$883.00 paid us by Brewster Bingham for the salary of K. S. Wong and Miss Huang Sin Chi. These were deposited in the Bookstore Account at the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company -- the balance of which on March 30 was \$1,250.06. If you can sell checks through the Bank of China on this account, the Central Hanover Bank will accept.

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The deposits listed in the third paragraph of your letter on page 3 were on our own account and this was a mistake on the part of the bank.

I am suggesting that you draw a check against your personal account as there is a general order which we believe will operate in your case. When the check drawn on the Bookstore Account and your own come through, we will be able to give a more intelligent answer regarding this method of procedure.

I hope by this time you have received the budget analyses which have been set up and this last month's papers will give you further knowledge of this situation.

Dr. Sutton secured a position at Alfred University and was removed from our payroll as of the first of September. I believe there was an adjustment on the September payment. I know he has written you, but that does not mean that you have received his letters.

The impressive work you are doing at Shaowu, shut off from the rest of the world barring radio communication, is thrilling. The efforts being made to establish other units of Universities in Shanghai which have been closed only adds to the significance of the Fukien spirit and the location at Shaowu. A special meeting of our Allocation Committee on Wednesday will give consideration to special requests for \$20,000.00 to implement this work.

Requests for money for student relief comes to us from all sides in China. A truly large sum could be utilized in this respect and we hope some way will be opened for us to grant an additional amount to you from some hitherto untapped source.

We had not heard of the fire on the campus on December 7th which must have been something of a minute harbinger of the world conditions -- the flame of which was touched off on that day.

I am considering the use of this incident as a news approach to the Board of Trustees and friends, with the possibility of someone finding a few extra dollars to help out in the emergency. It may not work, but I am still thinking of it.

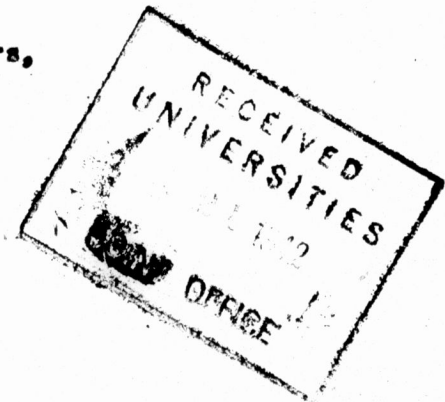
Even if you have not received frequent letters from us, bear in mind that we are thinking of you even more deeply.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
cc: Accounting Office

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Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, Fukien, China
May 20, 1942

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

Eva M. Clarke

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have during the last two weeks received from your office four air mail covers bringing letters dated December 23, January 1, 30, February 2, 4, 16, 26, together with the monthly statements for December and January. We have not yet received the November statement. These are the first letters we have received from you since the Pacific war started, and we are indeed glad to have all the information they bring.

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You mention in your letter of January 12 that there would be a distribution of Sustaining Funds within a day or two and that you would cable us the amount available as soon as the transfer was made. We have received no word from you by cable or otherwise about this, so we take for granted that at least the full amount we asked for, US\$23,980, has been granted. With mounting prices generally it would be difficult indeed to get along with less. We are glad to see from the note on the budget analysis that Fukien was voted US\$2,500 from the balance available after July 1, 1941, which has no bearings on the askings for 1941-42.

Fukien

You call our attention to the fact that you have disbursed more from the general budget than is appropriated (letter of Feb. 26). Whatever is overdrawn in the general budget appropriation at the end of the year can be adjusted from Sustaining Funds or any other Fukien account having a credit balance. Under present conditions it is impossible for us to tell you how to charge each amount of money as it is sent. Please go on the general basis of charging any fund which can "take it" and we shall charge it on our books accordingly when your monthly statement comes.

Teddy

Your cable of April 21 telling us that you were sending \$4,095 through the Chase National Bank arrived in Shaowu on April 23, and the money arrived May 6 for an almost empty exchequer! Funds from Chungking have been quite slow in coming, sometimes much to our embarrassment. We have paid Mrs. Li Lai Yung the equivalent of US\$50, but do not know for whom the \$45 is intended. We have no one here by the name of Miss Chang Pih Yu. I am wondering, however, if it might be for Miss Teng Pi Yu from Teddy Chen. Unless I get some light on the subject in the meantime, I shall hold it until your follow up letter arrives. Will you please notify Teddy for me that I succeeded in selling his check for US\$35 which he mailed last July and which I received the latter part of December. I have notified his Mother of the amount realized, NC\$647.79.

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Under date of April 23 President Lin sent you the following cable: "Airmailed 1942-43 budget February total \$1,111,600. Need Sustaining Fund forty thousand American. Send \$4000 monthly beginning May. Please request Harvard-Yenching special grant American Ten thousand purchase Farley collections. Reply." With the mails so uncertain we were doubtful about our 1942-43 budget estimates mailed early in February having reached you, and we wanted you to have the information for the annual spring meetings in New York. In the cable we asked for US\$40,000 from Sustaining Funds instead of \$23,980 as is stated in the budget because of our increased needs due to the continuous rise in prices. I should like to point out here that our askings for 1942-43 has nothing to do with the plan for a Federated Christian University here in Shaowu, as our budget estimates were made up last December before we knew about such a possibility.

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In the second part of the cable we asked you to send us US\$4000 monthly beginning with May. We had previously asked you to send \$3000, but find that that is not sufficient to meet our needs. We have had to hold up payments on supplies and general expenses at the end of almost every month in order to have enough to pay salaries, or else borrow from the merchant, or sometimes both. The strain of running on such a small margin is too great. We also would request that you please send the money at the first of each month, so that it will reach Shaowu by the end of the month. At best it takes funds about three weeks to come from Chungking to Shaowu.

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The third and last part of the cable means to ask our Trustees to make a request to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for a special grant of US\$10,000 for the purchase of the Farley collections. Mr. Paul P. Wiant, Administrator of the Farley estate, reported to us that he had received word from Mrs. Farley by cable that she would sell the entire estate for that price, with the exception of a few things of a personal nature, such as wedding silver, rugs, dishes, etc. With the uncertainty of the political situation we, as well as Mr. Wiant, feel that something should be done as soon as possible for the further protection of the property, especially the museum collection and the library. But until the estate is settled both F.C.U. and Mr. Wiant are equally helpless in the matter. We learned through Dr. Charles Steltz of the Harvard-Yenching Institute when he was here last fall that it was the thought of the Institute that Mr. Farley's collections should be preserved for Fukien. So we very much hope that they will make a special grant for that purpose.

Mullen

On May 8 five representatives of the Shanghai Universities arrived in Shaowu: President Lee and Prof. Ku of Hangchow and Vice-president T. L. Shen, Dean J. M. Pan, and Dean Robert Sheng of Soochow. These two institutions are definitely planning to come here. Very briefly the general plan is to have a federation of two units, F. C. U. being one and the Associated Christian Colleges in Shanghai as one. The two units will operate six colleges: F.C.U., Arts, Science, and Agriculture, and the Shanghai unit, Law, Commerce, Engineering and Science. One of our cardinal principles from the beginning has been to avoid duplication of work. You will receive the detailed plan through Mr. Cressy in due time.

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The Soochow representatives are staying on in Shaowu. The two from Hangchow left on May 15 for Kinhua, Chekiang, where a Shanghai headquarters has been established. President Shen's family and Dean Pan's family have also arrived in Shaowu, having left Kinhua after the men did on account of the tenseness of the situation which developed soon after the men left. People from Shanghai, via Kinhua, will probably be arriving almost daily now if they are not hindered by conditions on the East coast of Chekiang. Under anything like normal conditions, the Federated Christian Universities in Shaowu expect to have as many, or more, students as we can possibly accommodate. We are ready to start the construction of buildings as soon as we receive funds for that purpose. We are using the US\$1000 received through Dr. Cressy from the Associated Boards in March for the extension and repairing of certain existing buildings. We shall have to push the building program with all our energy in order to be ready for the opening of a school the first part of September. Labor and materials are scarce and very expensive.

The work of our spring term is going very well. We shall have our baccalaureate service and commencement exercises on June 14 and 15, respectively. Bishop Carleton Lacy will preach the baccalaureate sermon. We are expecting a visit from Bishop W. Y. Chen from Chungking early in June, and we hope he can stay through commencement. I understand that Mr. Glenn V. Fuller is coming with him.

We get radio news from San Francisco regularly. It is rather interesting that one can sit here in Shaowu and hear from San Francisco the first news of the bombing of a place 150 from here. The daily paper published outside of Shaowu does not arrive daily.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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May 21, Your cable dated May 18 came yesterday:
"Cabling Fuller Chungking 4155 American. Pay Doctor Cheng \$144 David Lin eleven. Airmail budget received. Framing request Farley collection." All of that is good news and we thank you. I think Doctor Cheng means Cheng Tien Hsi who wrote you about getting his money from the bank and sending it, etc. We have another Dr. Cheng who has the same initials "T.H.", but he has not written you about any money so it is safe to count on Tien Hsi.

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Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, Fukien, China
May 21, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

We are glad to have your letter of February 26 which arrived on May 1 among the first letters received from America since the Pacific war started in December. Only a few people have received personal letters. No letters by ordinary mail have as yet arrived. So I hardly expect to see the pamphlets you spoke of sending any time soon.

Naturally we are pleased that you liked Dr. Stowe's account of the new students at F.C.U. last fall. I shared your letter with him and Dr. Scott. Dr. Scott cannot remember what article of his appeared in SCHOOL AND SOCIETY. We shall try to send you something else before too long.

Your letter gives a more encouraging report of the Trustees Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund than we had because letters have been slow and irregular, and perhaps some entirely missing. We are glad that the quota for that fund is fairly well assured, thanks to your good work for Fukien. We are rather proud, you know, of having a "Son of Fukien" representing F.C.U. in America.

In the material that we send from the field directly to friends of the university in America we do not actually "solicit" funds. If in any publication we mention money at all, we give the name and address of the New York office. Scattering friends occasionally send small checks direct to the field, but really not exceeding US\$100 a year even at the very best, and most of that is from relatives of the western staff members who send the money directly to them, not to the university. We want to keep in direct touch with the friends in America because we believe it will help them to give more freely, not that we want them to send the money directly to us. Perhaps you ran into such cases more frequently during the last year and a half, because some of the Chinese returned students and Western faculty members gave their personal friends in America a chance to contribute to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Scholarship Fund for which each faculty member was responsible for a definite quota, and many of these university-f personal friends are on the university list.

Dr. Stowe left Shaowu on May 1 for a trip down river and up from Nanping by bus, detouring to Chunggan where Trinity College is, visiting mission schools along the way. He saw your Mother and the Pilley's in Yangkow and gave a good report of them generally. He had a most interesting trip. We are expecting Shaowu to be all but over-run with students in the coming fall. If as many Shanghai students come out as the Shanghai group estimates we may have around 1200 - 1400. But much depends on the development of the situation in Chekiang Province, the open gate to this part of "Free China" at the present time. Anyhow we are planning for a big student body.

Things in Shaowu are going quite well considering everything. Prices are high, labor is scarce and slow, but by plodding along we get things done eventually. Everybody is busy with the end of the semester in sight - June 14 and 15 for baccalaureate and commencement, respectively. After that we shall have to throw all of our energy into getting ready for an avalanche of students in the fall. The Chinese have been able to leave Shanghai quite freely, but not as educators of course. Most of them are "merchants" until they get well into "Free China".

The story is told that some Chinese villagers recently came upon a foreigner with a mustache, in uniform, and they telephoned to the Magistrate that they had captured "Hitler"!

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, Fukien
July 17, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wrote you last on May 20, via air. Since then I have received your letters of December 5, March 23, April 7, and May 11, bringing the November, February, March, and April monthly statements, respectively. The December 5 letter is the second copy by ordinary mail; the original copy by air mail has not yet shown up. Now we have monthly statements for 1941-42 up through April. All that you have done in the matter of transferring funds from one account to another to balance the current budget, etc., is entirely in order. We have to depend on you to do this under the present system of getting money from America, and we shall make entry on our books according to your monthly statements.

We have received cables from your office as follows: (1) dated June 5 re the Harvard-Yenching Institute disapproving our request for a special grant of \$10,000 for the purchase of the Farley Collection, (2) dated June 8 re the May closing, funds available at that time, etc, and (3) dated June 15 telling us that you cabled Fuller \$4,000 and \$2000 in response to our request of June 11 by cable for \$6000.

On June 25 I replied to your cables of June 8 and 15 as follows:

"Cables eighth and fifteenth received. Transfer Harvard balance Accounts Payable. Balance current budget, cable Fuller remaining 1941-2 funds. Situation uncertain."

This means that at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, we wished to have the balance of the Harvard-Yenching fund transferred to Accounts Payable, the budget overdraft paid out of Sustaining Fund, though we did not say what funds in the cable thinking that you would automatically turn to Sustaining funds for that, and to have all remaining 1941-42 balances cabled to Fuller.

Beginning with July, please send monthly at the first of the month 1/12 of the total amount of funds available for 1942-43. Our recent experience of being faced with a possible evacuation has impressed upon me anew that we must keep a fair amount of reserve on hand for emergency purposes. If it is necessary for us to evacuate we would need a minimum of \$100,000. We had only \$35,000 on hand when we thought we might have to scatter hither and yon. With the \$6,000 cabled Fuller in June, the balance of the 1941-42 budget which I asked you to cable Fuller (no word about it yet), and the regular current monthly remittances, I hope to be able to keep an adequate reserve for emergencies. It has been proved over and over again that it is too late to expect help from the outside after any kind of rumors, or facts, of an emergency are afloat. Even if funds are in Chungking the transfer cannot be made quickly. The reason we were so short of funds was because we had not received the \$4,155 you cabled Fuller about the middle of May. That money arrived in Shaowu on June 25. If the threatened emergency had materialized we would have been cut off from Chungking and funds for some time. This is the thing we need to guard against.

We are sorry that the Harvard-Yenching Institute has temporarily at least turned down our request for a special grant of \$10,000 for the Farley Collection. Until the red tape of legal procedure is cleared up we cannot touch the things, the collection or other personal household goods. With conditions in this area of China so uncertain the chance of complete loss of the entire estate to Mrs. Farley is quite large. Even if we could gain possession of them, there is no certainty of safety, but we would do our best as we have done with other university property.

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We discovered from your November statement which came only a few weeks ago that you sent us \$5000 through the Chase National Bank sometime in November. Up to date we have heard nothing of this from any source other than the November statement. This statement gives no information as to where or to whom the money was sent. We have a statement from Mr. Berckman through November but no mention is made of having received \$5000 from you for us. He mentions only the \$2500 which you sent him in November and which got caught in Shanghai due to the sudden outbreak of the war in the Pacific. Will you please take the necessary steps to trace and get back this \$5,000. This \$5000, the \$3000 you sent to the Chartered Bank in Hongkong last fall, and the \$2500 held up in Shanghai makes a total of \$10,500 which you have sent us for 1941-42 which we have not received, which in turn helps to account for the fact that we have been running on such a narrow margin all year. I think when you send us money through any channel it is a good idea to notify us by cable. We learned about the \$3000 sent to Hongkong a long time after it had been sent when the bank notified us - never any mention of it by letter from your office, only in the monthly statement. Likewise, there has been no mention of the \$5000 referred to above by letter from your office, only in the monthly statement which was so late in coming. Of course letters mentioning these things may have gone astray, but I acknowledge all letters I get from you.

The Farmers Bank of China with headquarters in Chungking has recently established a branch here in Shaowu. I am negotiating with the branch to try to make arrangements with headquarters whereby they will be willing to take our drafts on your office and give us credit immediately. If that can be worked out I shall cable you to stop sending money to Chungking and that we are drawing on you. If we could draw on you as in former times as we need money it would be much the better method. There are so many delays in sending money through Chungking.

You will remember that in the spring of 1940 your office paid \$200 to the University of Pennsylvania for printing the thesis of Dr. Tan Jen Mei which was charged against the field budget. I note in the Fukien Executive Committee minutes, May 22, 1940, that this amount would be eventually returnable to the university when refunded by the U. of Pa. upon completion of the printing of the thesis. I wonder what is the status of the publishing of the thesis, whether or not it has been completed and the money is now returnable. Will you please find out for us.

Also will you please notify Charles A. Russell, President, the Edward W. Hazen Foundation, Haddam, Connecticut, that we have received the boxed set of Hazen Books on Religion which he sent us last August. We acknowledged his August 7 letter on Dec. 9 telling him that the books had not been received. They came about two months ago.

We have received almost none of the books we ordered through you last summer and fall. I hope they will show up some day, but I have my doubts. We shall not send further orders until things are better generally. We have received no magazines from America since last December. For the most part only air mail letters come through. I did receive two ordinary mail letters, one from your office and one from a friend a short time ago.

The spring term ended on June 17 in good order in spite of the prevailing rumors of invasion during the entire examination period, baccalaureate, and commencement. Bishop Carleton Lacy came for the baccalaureate service as planned. President Baen Lee of Hangchow University gave the commencement address.

The immediate task following commencement was to plan for the many students who cannot return home for the summer and who are entirely cut off from their families, which means they have no financial support. Fortunately, Mr. Kiang Wen Han, Executive Secretary of the National Student Relief Committee, visited us just at the time we needed him, that is, while we were in the midst of planning for the summer. He left \$10,000 for summer relief work. The government is continuing through the summer the summer part loan and part gift aid that it gave through the spring term for students

Letter to W. J. Pa. attached

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from occupied areas and from overseas. Practically all students receiving aid are working. We have more students working this summer than at any time in the past. Quite a few of them are doing manual labor, not very popular in the past, such as digging trenches for air raid protection, cutting grass, gardening, washing dishes, etc. We allow \$70 per month, \$50 of which is for board, \$10 for school fees for the summer and \$10 for pocket money.

In my letter of May 20 I told you that President Lee and Prof. Ku of Hangchow University left here on May 15 for Kihwa, Chekiang. Well, they got there just in time to be in the thick of things. They evacuated in a day or two, and lost everything. We did not hear from them for several weeks and were quite worried about them. Finally after about three weeks they returned safely to Shaowu after having experienced many difficulties and real dangers. They got to Shaowu early in June when this city was on the eve of evacuation because of military operations over the Kiangsi-Chekiang, -Fukien border, as no doubt you have heard reference to many times over the radio. Both the Hangchow group and the Soochow group evacuated to Nanping around the middle of June. They had no roots here so it was easy for them to pull up and go. Not so with us. A few of our faculty families left and some students who could go home, but our main forces are here carrying on as usual. We urged, however, all of those who felt that they could not walk to leave while transportation was still available, but people are loath to move unless it is absolutely necessary, and then it is usually too late. Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Storrs left on June 23 for Sunchang, a days trip down the river by boat, and they are still there. We sent some of our most valuable scientific equipment and books to a place down river. We had, and still have, plans for those remaining here to walk out if necessary, and for some to stay on to do what might be possible towards protecting the property. It is out of the question to think of moving the whole university to any place as we did in the spring of 1938 when we moved to Shaowu. If Shaowu is invaded no center large enough to accommodate the university can be found in Fukien Province. Transportation problems and other factors make long-distance moving impossible on short notice, or even long notice. Conditions in general are quite different from what they were when other institutions moved to West China.

The situation generally is somewhat eased so far as Shaowu is concerned, but far from settled. But our present plan is to stay here and carry on as usual as long as we can. That is our plan for the moment. We may have to change it with changing conditions.

Twelve C.I.M. missionary refugees (nine adults and three children) arrived in Shaowu on July 11 from Kiangsi Province, some of them having walked 900 li, or 300 American miles. They had had a week's rest in a town near here before they came to us, so seemed in fair condition when they reached here. We have given them the best accommodations and help we can under the circumstances. A recent letter from Mr. McClure states that a number of refugees from Burma are coming into Foochow. What a changing population brought about by war!

Military operations in Chekiang Province, beginning early in May, have disrupted our original plan for a Federated University in Shaowu, as it is impossible for the teachers and students in Shanghai to come out now. Only a few of their teachers are here. Just what will be worked out still remains to be seen. Both the Hangchow and Soochow folks are still in Nanping. President Lee went down and returned, and then went to Nanping again after our commencement exercises. The US\$20,000 sent via Mr. Cressy and Mr. Fuller arrived in June. It is all held in Nanping awaiting some plan to be effected. President Lee is Treasurer of the fund, and it is to be drawn against only with his signature and that of either Vice-President T. L. Shen of Soochow University or President Lin.

We shall get the various reports to you as soon as possible. We have been considerably delayed in such work due to the extremely unsettled conditions.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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July 23, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

I find that your letter of February 17th has not been acknowledged. This deals largely with the remitting of funds and as the situation seems to have been adjusted, the method of forwarding need not be further discussed.

There is one qualifying question in my mind and that is if there is not another bank nearer to you than having the funds shipped through to Chungking. It is our understanding that even funds may be sent directly to Shaowu. If this is possible, why should we not use this method instead of Chungking?

The \$2,500.00 sent to Mr. Berelman is apparently lost. There is little consolation in citing the fact that Yenching University lost \$10,000 in the same manner.

If any other method suggests itself as being more advantageous, please let us know and we will adjust things to meet your desires.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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July 23, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

We are sending you herewith the trial balance sheets for Fukien Christian University covering the closing for 1941-42. You will also find enclosed copies of Journal Vouchers #417, #418, #419, #420 and #422 together with an invoice.

The budget analysis shows that the year closed with a considerable deficit -- the total amount reflected in the closing sheet as being \$2,066.44. This, in reality, is a hold-over from previous years whereby no adjustment was ever made in the Home Administration costs of the Associated Boards. It has been carried forward and is not recognized as a deficit and it is time some recognition should be made of it. What the Finance Committee can do is a serious question as there are no funds in sight from any source to take care of overdrafts on the books of the Board of Trustees. You will note that we closed with Accounts Payable amounting to \$13,088.55.

According to instructions received June 25th, we cabled to Fuller \$6,556.00 representing the following:

Pierce Dormitory.....	\$ 350.00
Special Scholarships.....	36.00
Date Library Fund.....	41.88
R. W. Jones Scholarship.....	21.12
E. C. Jones Scholarship.....	182.00
Sustaining Fund.....	5,925.00

We notified you of this action by cable and indicated still further that you had available the Harvard-Yenching balance of \$3,947.00 and a balance in Sustaining Funds of \$2,500. There is still a small balance of \$79.68 remaining in Accounts Payable -- it representing balances carried forward of 1940-41. The Bank of China charged us \$5.54 for cabling the money to Fuller.

You will notice that your Directors Income account has increased to \$1321.55 representing income on securities -- the balance as of July 1st being \$739.58. We would welcome instructions regarding the use of this fund. The Accounts Receivable under #38 has been balanced -- so, our closing is correct.

I trust this will clarify everything for you and that these papers will get through without undue delay.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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c.c. via mail Clipper

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Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, August 3, 1942

Dear F. C. U.ites Abroad:

I have long intended writing you, but a heavy inertia, procrastination, etc., settled down on me with the beginning of the Pacific war. For a month or more we had no idea how to send letters. Then we learned they could go from Chungking to S. Africa by air and on by surface transport. Now I understand they can go all the way by air. But at a price, - \$10.50 for 5 grams. So one letter will have to serve all of you this time. I'll send it to the Suttons and they can route it to the various stops across the continent until it reaches Teddy and he can send it to the Kelloggs. Beeman's letter postmarked Sept. 15/41 arrived on Nov. 20. Nothing from Teddy since I wrote him on Feb. 11 and acknowledged all of his letters received to that date. Teddy I sold the \$35 check, notified your Mother through McClure and she said give it to your brother here. I notified him but he has not called for it yet; amounts to \$647.79. No word from Sutton direct since his mail bag message, March, 1941. Nothing from Neva except a short letter to C.J., April, 1941. Nothing from Kelloggs. July 1-41 seems to be the last general letter I sent you. Air mail letters come through fairly well, but almost no ordinary mail letters. No second class mail. Our most recent (?) magazines bear dates in Nov./41. So we know next to nothing ~~to~~ about how the war is affecting American life, thought, reaction, response or what have you. Radio news is our only source of information from the outside. We get San Francisco, London, Moscow, etc.

We were dumbfounded with the sudden^{ness} of the Pacific war. We were entirely cut off from funds until we could make connections through Chungking. But the mercant we deal with here came to our rescue several times. Sending, receiving rather, funds through Chungking is routine now, but rather slow. Our daily life is not greatly affected by the Pacific war, except in ways already mentioned, such as the lack of outside contacts, etc. We were already receiving almost nothing in the way of supplies of any kind from the outside. When the remaining few sheets of carbon, \$3.50 per sheet, and two ribbons, around \$100, give out I do not know what I shall do. I am like Scarlet in "Gone With the Wind", I'll think of that tomorrow. We have long since been using native paper entirely. The price of everything continues to soar, but that of cloth, soap, matches, etc., more than food. Common blue cloth which everybody uses now sells for \$9 - \$10 per ft. I paid .30¢ in the fall of 1940 and had the feeling that I was being robbed! Soap \$3+ per small cake, toilet soap \$10 up, matches 70¢ a small box. Lard, sugar, meat, fowl all over \$4, flour \$3+, eggs 50¢ - 60¢ each, rice \$95 per load in Shaowu and from \$160 - \$300 in Foochow according to quality. We usually manage to get the barest necessities, but not without struggle.

The Storrs' residence was destroyed by fire on Dec. 7, defective flue apparently. Fire started while all the family was at church. Students on the campus saw the smoke and ^{was} there in a giffy. They saved a lot of stuff on the first floor but nothing on the second where Eunice T. lived. Little by little she has acquired a wardrobe from hither and yon, a minimum one of course. The house is being rebuilt and Storrs-Thomas hope to move in early in Sept. Another building, a small one in the administrative group, Willard, was destroyed by fire in Feb., defective wiring seemingly. We are rebuilding that as a class room building. All other building is at a standstill except for remodeling and repairing, as the situation is so uncertain.

The Chekiang-Kiangsi campaign looked for a time as if it would spill over into North Fukien. The first three weeks in June were rather tense ones for us. But we went right on thru final exams, baccalaureate, and commencement (June 14) in spite of the near panic all around us. I marvelled that the students took it so calmly especially in the midst of exams when it would have been a good time for some flunkers to want to close school without exams, but not a word to that effect. On top of the heavy duties which usually accompany the close of the school term, we were planning for a possible emergency. All departments packed and sent away down river to Sun Chuan some of their most valuable equipment where it still is, but will be brought back the middle of this month. Then the old-time question of whether to evacuate Shaowu or not to evacuate. The administration advised those who felt they could not walk out at the last moment to take a "vacation" outside of Shaowu, and a few did, but the usual summer force is on the job as of yore. Most of us, however, sent a minimum of summer and winter clothing with the university things to Sun Chuan, for should we had to leave at the last moment we could have taken nothing with us to speak of. Transportation, including load-carriers, collapses as soon as the rumors of an emergency are afloat to say nothing of the emergency itself. The Scotts, Miss Thomas, and Mrs. Storrs went to Sun Chuan on June 23 and are now on their way back to Shaowu. Miss Thomas and Mrs. Storrs said they could not walk. Mr. Scott did not say he couldn't but everybody knew he could not. He had just had a bad case of malaria and intestinal trouble on top of not being his usual strong and well self all year. They did not want to go to Sun Chuan, but public opinion they say shoved them off! While down there Mr. Scott went on to Nanping to consult Dr. Downie who thinks his difficulty can be reached by diet - not an easy task, however, in Shaowu. He stopped losing weight during the last ten months, but could not gain anything. He looks lank and weak, though he carried a full schedule.

In general we feel that Shaowu is no longer in immediate danger. How long we shall feel that way is an open question of course, but neither an individual nor an institution can stand still and see what is going to happen - have to keep moving or just give up which we have no idea of doing--YET. We are expecting around 400 students, or more, this fall. We had 410 last fall and 318 this spring. We were expecting around 600 this fall until the Chekiang-Kiangsi campaign interferred. It may be that many students from those provinces cannot get here. Those here could not go home this summer. Very few South Fukien students went home as a one-way trip costs more than \$1000. Foochow students stayed here for the most part too on account of the high cost of travel. Most students from occupied areas and whose support had been coming from relatives from overseas found themselves completely cut off from family and support. But the Ministry of Education and the National Student Relief Committee came to the rescue. Mr. Kiang Wen-Han of the NRSC was here in June when we were discussing and planning for student relief work during the summer, and he left \$10,000 for that purpose. Students have to do some work. Some are digging trenches (air raid protection), gardening, washing dishes, etc., on the campus, and others are directing various projects in villages outside the city. Those entirely without other means have to have \$70 per month which is a close shave. Student board will be \$60 per month this fall. Most of them will spend another \$60 outside the dining room.

When Shanghai was occupied last December the Christian Colleges there continued to carry on to the end of the term. Then Shanghai U, Hangchow, and Soochow began to make plans to try to get out. It turned out that only the president of Shanghai U. was interested in trying to move the institution to Free China, so Hangchow and Soochow were the only two to make a definite move in that direction. Dean Daniel G. Koo of Hangchow came out in Jan. or Feb. and set up a Shanghai Headquarters in Kinwa, Chekiang. His duties were two-fold, first to explore the possibilities of locations, etc., and second to help students and faculty members coming through the lines. At that time it was relatively easy to get through the lines, not as educational people, but as merchants! Dean Koo, representing the Shanghai Universities, and Frank Price from Chengtu, representing the China Christian Educational Association, came here in the latter part of Feb. to see about the possibilities of the Shanghai universities tying up with us in some way. We came to some general understanding that we would welcome the Shanghai universities to Shaowu but would not approve of duplication of work. Their chief ambition was to preserve their identify. Dean Koo returned to Kinwa and was trying to get students and faculty out of Shanghai as fast as he could, but very few succeeded in getting out before the Chekiang campaign started early in May. President Lee of Hangchow, Dean Koo, and several Soochow U. representatives, including the newly appointed Vice-President T. L. Shen, came here early in May to plan more in detail. At that time the general plan was to have two units, F.C.U. as one unit responsible for the Colleges of Arts, Science, Agriculture, and the Shanghai Unit (hangchow and Soochow) responsible for the Colleges of Law, Commerce, and Engineering and Sciences. They were not to duplicate our science, but could add any departments which we did not have. This was more or less on the basis of the federation of two units which would operate as one institution. I think Hangchow was satisfied, but it did not suit Soochow so well. Then came the Chekiang-Kiangsi campaign which gave Shaowu generally the jitters. The Shanghai group having no roots here could easily pull up and refugee elsewhere. They went to Yenping, though President Lee came back twice. Some of their group much favored moving west of the Hankow-Canton railroad so as to avoid being cut off from Chungking in case Fukien Province would be invaded or surrounded. So the above plan was scrapped and each institution left free to do as it saw fit. A few days later, however, each institution wrote us expressing its desire to come back to Shaowu and start school in the fall, since Shaowu seemed fairly safe now. President Lee of Hangchow stated that Hangchow would be glad to entrust its Arts College entirely to us, and they themselves would run the Colleges of Commerce and Engineering. Vice-President T. L. Shen of Soochow only said they would like to return but gave no indication on what basis. So that is where the matter stands now. Though this morning I heard indirectly that Soochow is going to move to Chengtu. Of course our Shanghai friends have been through a great deal to have lived in occupied territory for several months and then the experience of coming through the lines, etc., etc., so it is not strange that they are not so much in love with Shaowu as we are. Our roots are here and we cannot lightly pull up and leave. They suggested that Hwa Nan and F.C.U. move with them west of the Hankow-Canton railroad, but that did not appeal to us.

You will hear before this letter reaches you probably that Paul Wiant left these parts for America more than a month ago, via India. Guy Thelin is planning to leave soon for about the same route. The ~~Caldwells~~ are leaving Yenping Aug. 16 for Chengtu where Mr. Caldwell expects to have an eye operation. He is fast losing his sight - cataracts.

This sketchy letter will probably provoke more questions than it has answered for you
Sincerely, E. Asher

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August 13, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fulcien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

I am answering your letter of May 20th in the hope that the reply may reach you quickly.

You are right in the assumption that you received the full amount of your 1941-42 Sustaining Fund askings. Our cable gave the facts and we hope they were understandable.

As suggested adjustments were made in the closing figures as you will see when, and if the closing papers reach you. I hope you will find them satisfactory.

The \$45.00 is for "Miss Chang Pih-yu" at Hwa Nan College and is from Liu Liang-mo.

We will let Teddy know that the \$35.00 received for his mother has been taken care of.

We have written elsewhere of the receipt of the Budgets for 1942-43 and the very valuable services they performed. We were indeed glad to get them and realize they do not include any expenses incidental to starting the work of other refugee institutions.

I note that \$4,000 monthly will be your requirements and we will do our best to get this going on time.

Reference is also made to the "Farley Collection" and I have also written elsewhere regarding this situation. It is, of course, impossible to do anything about it from this end now.

We are indeed glad to get the latest news about the plans for establishing the two Shanghai Universities at Shaowu. This is of great value just now in giving insight into what is going on. As opportunity offers, please send us more news.

The T. H. Cheng money should work out all right as H. C. Cheng stated that his brother had written to him. See our letter to President Lin, dated May 18, 1942.

May the good Lord be with you and protect you all.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper

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Ack 11/17/42
by CMA

Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, Fukien
September 1, 1942

Mr. Joseph I. Parker
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of November 13, ¹⁹⁴¹ by ordinary mail, answering some of my questions about the New York State Education Department report was received here in Shaowu on August 22. Your letter of June 12 to President Lin about sending you the information for the report was received on August 2.

We are following your suggestion about not waiting for the regular blanks for the report, but to send you the information to go on the blanks there in your office. I think you will have no difficulty in fitting the information in the right places in the report. This is certainly the much cheaper method, as you would have to send the blanks to us by air mail and we return them filled in by air mail in order to get them there at all this year, and air mail is very expensive.

As to the financial part of the report we made it out as we have done in the past, putting all the figures in U.S. Currency. We have always used the flat rate of 2:1. Probably it should have been changed this year to something near the current rate of \$18.71.

I am also enclosing a copy of the statistics for the Annual Report of the Associated Boards.

By sending these reports air rail I hope they will reach you without too much delay. I have had them on my mind all summer and have been working towards that end. We were much delayed in getting our work of the fiscal year ending June 30 up to date on account of the unsettled conditions prevailing here in June and July. That threat of invasion has passed for the time being, and we are going about our business as usual with the prospects of a fairly good year ahead. We still have frequent air raid alarms, and occasional planes pass over. There is no denying the fact that we are all but in the war area.

Transportation facilities are not conducive to travel except in the case of dire necessity, so I did not go to Foochow this summer. A few Americans from here have gone down. It is the trip from Nanping up to Shaowu on the return trip that is so difficult, either by boat or bus.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

The Howard-Yenching report was sent to Dr. Eliseff by air mail on Aug. 29. Am sending the financial part of the report to Mr. Evans in this cover.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Reports: We mailed Dr. Elisseeff a copy of the Harvard-Yenching ^{report} for 1941-42 under date of August 29 by air, at a cost of \$107. We sent him a copy by ordinary mail yesterday. I am enclosing herewith the financial part of the report and President Lin's covering letter for your reference, and am sending the rest of it to you by ordinary mail. You will note in the income section that we showed the 1941-42 grant of \$8,947.36 as being reserved in New York. It does not show on your books that the total amount is reserved, but we have more than enough field funds of one kind or another there to cover this. Under present war conditions it is impossible for us to spend all of the Harvard-Yenching Fund in ways that are satisfactory to Dr. Elisseeff, and we feel that from now on it is better to leave what we do not use in America for use after the war. You will see from the report that we had on hand at the close of the fiscal year LC\$79,693.45 (or US\$4,462.44 @ 17.853703) from previous accumulations. This will probably take care of the bulk of the expenditures for 1942-43. So please hold the 1942-43 grant until sometime next spring when we shall know better how much of it we will need to draw. We should like to have this show clearly in the records that the 1941-42 grant is being reserved in America. To do this would it be better to transfer that amount back to the Harvard-Yenching account on your books? Your cable of July 23 shows that you held for us at the end of the fiscal year, June 30, \$3,947 of the Harvard-Yenching Fund and \$2,500 Sustaining Funds. Both of these items can go towards restoring the 1941-42 grant, leaving a balance of \$2,500.36 to be transferred from account 31, or Sustaining Funds as you may wish (\$3,947 + 2,500 + \$2,500.36 = \$8,947.36). As I mentioned in my letter of July 17 to you we have never heard anything about the \$5,000 charged against the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund and sent to the field through the Chase National Bank. That reference to it in the November statement is all we know about it.

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I am sending Mr. Parker along with this letter the information for the report to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York for 1941-42, and the statistics for the Associated Boards Annual Report. We shall have a copy of our field treasurer's annual report ready to send you in a few days. We managed to close even by using LC\$126,589.93 from gain on exchange over and above the fixed budget rate of 10:1.

Our announcement of student enrollment will be a little later than usual this fall, as we are opening school a little later, September 22 for regular classes. Three weeks after that we shall be ready to cable you the number of students.

So far as I know there is no call for a report to the Rockefeller Foundation this year, as I have heard of no contribution from them.

Your cable of July 23 arrived in Shaowu on August 23. We received the money first this time. The cable came through in good form this time: "Cabled Fuller July first \$6,556 balances 1941-42 stop Available Harvard balance \$3,947 also Sustaining Funds \$2500." I have suggested above how to use these balances. In cabling funds to Mr. Fuller for us it would save delay at this end if you definitely stated that the money is for Fukien. He did not know for whom the \$6,556 was intended until he received a telegram from me asking about funds.

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We have received nothing from you since the \$6,556. I wrote Mr. Fuller on August 22 asking him to cable you for \$4,000 for us in case he had received nothing further from you by the time he received my letter. Telegrams are so slow these days that letters arrive ahead of them inside the province and to Chungking, so I thought it would be better to have Fuller cable you from Chungking. If we knew definitely that you were sending funds to us via Fuller the first of each month we would not need to cable each time, but with communications so slow we have no

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assurance that anything is on the way, and if we wait until we need it to do anything about it it is already too late. I can't urge you too strongly the importance of keeping funds steadily flowing in this direction. Local conditions are much better now than they were a month or so ago, and at the present time we feel that Shaowu is quite safe. But so long as the Japanese are in China the danger of Fukien being cut off from Chungking exists. Should that happen we would need to be fairly well fortified financially.

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this check letter
called
Shang. Fuller
Sept 9, 42*

I note on the May statement from your office that you paid the Asia Life Insurance Company \$73.50 instead of \$69.15 as was indicated in my order on you, (\$73.50 - \$4.35 refund due me by the company. Probably the Agent there had not heard from the company in Shanghai about the refund and therefore could not take my word for it.

I wonder if you ever heard anything from the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Riverside, Riverside, California, about the balance in the account of Dr. Cheng Tien Hsi which he asked them early in March to send to you. I wrote you about it under date of March 2 asking you to please lend a helping hand in the matter if necessary and to send the money along with our remittance when it came. The \$144 you included for him in your cable of May 18 was from another source. The amount now in question is \$95.

Since I wrote you on July 17 I have received letters from your office dated May 18 and 20, and June 8. Also a number of second copies of letters ranging in date from October to May have been received, the original copies in all cases having been received previously and acknowledged. Letters by ordinary mail dated as recently as March and April have been coming during the last week or two.

All of the equipment and books which we sent to Sun Chuan for safety in the summer are now back in Shaowu for use this fall. Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Miss Eunice Thomas, and Mrs. C. L. Storrs who "refugeed" to Sun Chuan the latter part of June returned to Shaowu on August 3. Faculty members generally who went hither and you during the summer are either here or on the way back. I have stayed put. If I could get places by magic carpet I should be interested in having a change of scenery. I have remained in the Shaowu bowl since I arrived in September, 1940.

President Baen Lee of Hangchow University returned to Shaowu on August 26 from Nanping with his son. The son was taken ill with dysentery on the boat and he died yesterday morning. Our hearts go out to Dr. Lee in this hour of bereavement. He has gone through so much already. This is the only son in the family. His wife and two daughters are in Shanghai. Naturally it is hard on him to have to go through this without his family.

Hangchow University plans to build a few buildings here as soon as possible. They have very little faculty. I do not know how much help we can give them in the general courses of their specialized colleges. We have not gone into the details of the matter since President Lee's return because he has been fully occupied with the illness and death of his son. Miss Ruth Mather of the Baptist Mission, Kinhwa, Chekiang, who refugeed to Nanping in the early summer, came with President Lee last week. She will help with the work in Hangchow University. While the Chinese forces have recaptured much of the lost territory in Southwest Chekiang and Eastern Kiangsi, Kinhwa is still occupied.

The last I heard the Soochow University group was trying to get to Northern Kwangtung where Lingnan University is located, but they were having transportation difficulties. The Dean of the Law School has gone on to Chungking where he plans to open that school.

Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Six of our faculty members carry life insurance with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, the headquarters of which is in Montreal. These men took out their policy with the branch office in Shanghai in Chinese Currency, and thus the premium is payable in Chinese Currency. None of them has received any notice from the company this year. Furthermore, we have no means of sending funds to Shanghai as neither the Post Office nor the banks will accept money for transfer to occupied territory and our bank accounts in Shanghai are no good. The Foochow Agent (Dodwell & Company) has written to the Shanghai office for instructions, but has received no reply. He recently suggested that we make payment direct to the Montreal office. Will you please take the matter up with them for us, or with their agent in New York, and see if you can arrange to make payment in U. S. Currency, charging the same to our account 31. The amount of the premium given below is the amount that each made last year. In the case of all except Lin Ching Jun this is the amount after the dividend was deducted. The dividend varies a little each year and these people do not know the exact amount for this year as they have not received the notice from the company, so just pay the same amount as last year. Will you also please call the attention of the company to the fact, late payment this year is due to conditions here which has made it impossible to make payment sooner, and not to neglect on the part of the policy-holders. Detailed information for each is given below.

- Lin Ching Jun, Policy #3063804, Premium \$228 Chinese Currency, due July 28.
- Tso-Hsin Cheng, Policy #3138564, Premium \$77.20 Chinese Currency, due May 15
- Also Policy #3139300, premium \$116.28 Chinese Currency, due June 14.
- Yu-Chi Lin, Policy #3139305, Premium ~~\$348~~ ^{\$121.71} Chinese Currency, due June 17.
- Tiao-Hsin Wang, Policy #3152729, Premium \$240.00 Chinese Currency, due November 9.
- Li Hok Si, Policy #3146540, Premium \$83.18 Chinese Currency, due September 24.
- Chin Yun Min, Policy #3194322, Premium in \$119.61, Chinese Currency, due June 11.

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Sincerely yours,
Eva M. Asher

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President's Office
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September 15, 1942



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letters to me dated July 21 and 23 (3) and one to President Lin dated July 23 came on September 9. I wrote you last under date of September 1.

One of your July 23 letters was a covering letter for the June statement and closing for 1941-42. This gives us the information we needed to reconcile our 1941-42 accounts with yours which we have done.

You asked for instructions re the balance of \$739.58 in the Directors Current Account as of July 1. We should be glad to have this transferred to Accounts Payable. We shall surely need it before the year is over. Every indication is that the current year will be the most difficult year financially, if not otherwise, that we have experienced since the beginning of the war in China. More about this in a separate letter.

In your letter of July 21 you stated that you had \$200 for Mrs. Yang Hsin Pao and would include it in your next cable to the field. The last cable we received from you is dated July 21 23, in which you reported that you had cabled Fuller 1941-42 balances amounting to \$6,556, but there was no mention of any money for Mrs. Yang. Nor have we received any money from you since the \$6,556, and we are now running on a very close margin. There are many demands for funds at this time of the year just preceding the opening of school. I hope some money is on the way for us.

I wish there were some quicker way of getting funds from you, but so far as I know all funds have to come through Chungking whether they are sent through Mr. Fuller or through the bank direct. Chungking is the headquarters for the four national banks and the government decides which of the banks shall handle foreign exchange, etc. The Farmers Bank of China is the only national bank that has a branch in Shaowu. Even if it is permitted to handle foreign exchange I am not sure that that bank would transmit the funds from Chungking here free of charge. There have been different policies about transmitting funds free of charge. For a while only the Bank of China granted this privilege and therefore Mr. Fuller used that bank, but since there is no branch here the funds could come only as far as Nanping through the Bank of China, which causes some delay, and then be transferred either to the Fukien Provincial Bank or the Farmers Bank to be sent on to Shaowu. Until you hear from me further, please continue to send funds through Mr. Fuller. Even though I find something more satisfactory today, it may not be true by the time you are send funds. Such is a world at war!

Sincerely yours,
Wm. M. Asher

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Treasurer's Office
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September 15, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

President Lin has today sent you a cable as follows:

"Request additional twenty thousand Sustaining.
Impossible faculty meet minimum necessities. Send
\$6000 monthly. Lin Ging Jun."

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This brings our total askings from Sustaining Funds for 1942-43 to \$60,000. Conditions here have undergone drastic changes during the last few months. Prices of the most essential daily needs, particularly foodstuffs, have doubled since July and continue to soar. It will be absolutely necessary for us to make a substantial increase in faculty and staff emergency allowances very soon in order that they may be able to maintain themselves on even the minimum living standard. People have long since ceased to buy clothes until what they have are positively in shreds. It takes all of their salary and emergency allowance for food and medicines. The latter is no small item here in this malaria infested area. Truly all of our faculty and staff members have shown a most sacrificial spirit during these difficult years, but there is a limit beyond which they cannot go and at the same time be able physically to carry on the work required of them. The problem has really become very serious. Please let us have a reply by cable as soon as possible.

What I have said above concerning faculty salaries and allowances also applies to departmental and operating expenses of the university for the current year. The cost of labor and materials of all kinds follow quite closely the increase in the cost of living. We are practicing the strictest economy at all points, but again there is a limit beyond which we can go and continue to carry on.

You will note that the last part of the cable asks you to send \$6,000 monthly. We hope that you will send this regularly at the first of each month without waiting for a request each time from the field. If you send the money at the first of the month we will barely get it by the end. Our payments are heaviest then because of paying salaries, etc.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Treasurer's Office
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September 25, 1942

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith the Treasurer's Annual Report, July 1, 1941 - June 30, 1942. You will note that we were able to balance our accounts for this period by using NC\$126,589.93 from gain on exchange from Sustaining Funds, the difference between the budget rate and the current rate. We are surely running on a close margin in these difficult times.

The summary of the Increase in Assets during the year is shown on the first page, the details of which are given on pages 11 - 14, inclusive. I think you will find the items in the various sections of the report self-explanatory. If not, throw some questions at me and see if I can answer them!

The accounts of the period covered by this report have not been audited. The auditors are usually appointed by the Board of Managers at their fall meeting, which will not be held for a month or two yet. It is easy to appoint but most difficult to get any one to come to Shaowu for the job; we have not succeeded in that in the four years we have been here. Mr. Storrs of the American Board Mission, Shaowu, has been very generous and painstaking in auditing the accounts alone for several years. But he is getting along in years and has his hands full in looking after his own work. The results of all of the problems are that even last year's accounts have not been audited, that is, 1940-41). We shall keep at the problem though and do our best to get audited up-to-date before too long.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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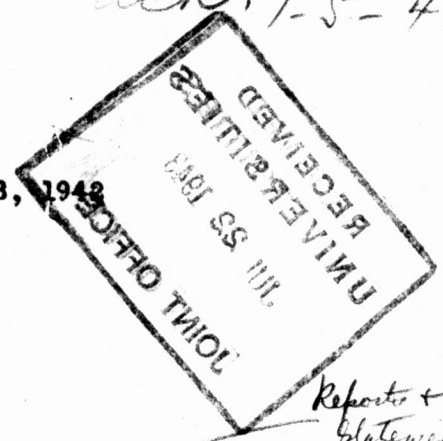
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October 3, 1942



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am enclosing herewith a summary of the Treasurer's Annual report for 1941-42, by air mail, in case you may have need of this information before the full report consisting of fourteen pages sent by ordinary mail on September 25 reaches you. As is stated in my covering letter of that date, we balanced our 1941-42 accounts by using \$126,589.93 from gain on exchange over and above the fixed budget rate.

\$C\$1,349,471.99 as the total cost of the College Campus, Buildings, and Equipment looks very small these days when currency is cheap and prices are so high. That is because we still carry all assets^{at} cost most of which are recorded at the pre-war exchange rate when the bulk of our property was acquired. I wonder if other institutions are following this policy.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SHAOWU, CHINA.

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Treasurer's Office
處計會

October 3, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have received from you within the last two weeks letters dated August 8, 4, 10, 12, 13, 14. Also we have your cable of September 22 asking us to cable you the student enrollment of the universities at Shaowu, applicants, staff members, etc. We shall reply to the first part of this cable by cable as soon as the registration period is over. The period allowing students to come in has been extended on account of the poor communications generally. F.C.U. alone expects to have around 400 when they are all here and Hsiangchow 70 - 80. Then we shall send you by air mail what pictures we can secure with detailed information as soon as possible. We simply cannot get any films at the present time. Dr. Stowe has a few left and is trying to make the best possible use of them.

Your cable of September 26 came on the 28 stating "Fukien 1942-43 appropriation \$60,024: general \$5727, Pierce \$250, Harvard \$8,947, scholarship as received, Sustaining \$45,000, Accounts Payable old balance general \$2,580, Harvard \$3947." I think this is in reply to our cable of September 15 requesting \$20,000 additional from the Sustaining Fund. We are grateful for the \$5,000 increase from Sustaining Fund at this time, and hope that there may yet be a further grant before the year is over. On the basis of this we have made a slight increase in faculty and staff and workmen's emergency allowance, effective with September payments, but with prices skyrocketing as they are we shall soon have to make another increase in order to make it possible for them to keep going. There is probably no chance of improvement along this line so long as the war lasts. Our experience is that once prices are up they never go down appreciably.

In your letter of August 14 you report that you have also paid the premium on my Sun Life Policy amounting to \$132.25, and that you are carrying both this and the \$73.50 to the Asia Life Insurance Company in Account #31. You ask for instructions about this. You do not need to do anything more about it, just leave the amounts charged to the field and we will credit you when the monthly statement comes through charging the proper accounts here.

In your letter of August 12 you report that you have received the \$95.00 from the Citizens National Trust & Savings Bank of Riverside, California, for Dr. Cheng Tien Hsi and that you will forward the same with other remittances. I have received \$91,000 from Mr. Fuller within the last two weeks, but do not know just what it represents over and above the \$4000 we asked him to cable you for us. Maybe you added more after receiving our cable of September 15, and it probably includes Dr. Cheng's \$95 and Mrs. H. P. Yang's \$200, but I shall await the details before making payment.

I wonder if the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Company honors my personal checks when they are presented for payment. I sent Mr. Fuller a check for \$130 along with miscellaneous checks from America for various people here in May. He has recently reported to me that he has heard from America that \$130 of the checks were not acceptable, but he does not know whether it is my check for this amount or several of the others totaling this amount. It sounds mighty suspicious that it is my check for that exact amount. Will

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you please check up and see what is the state of affairs. I sent Mr. Fuller another personal check on the Central Hanover Bank for \$200 on September 8. Fuller has been good enough to say that he would advance money on my personal checks without waiting until he heard from the Bank in America, etc. If they all come back I shall surely lose my Oriental "face": One I sent through the Central Bank in January was taken care of all right upon arrival, so I thought it could still be done. Will you please let me know about this.

Our office is in desperate need of typewriter ribbons which are impossible to get in this part of the country, and pin nibs for bookkeeping work. I wonder if it would be possible to send a typewriter ribbon in a letter, by winding the ribbon off onto a flat cardboard and wrapping it in cellophane to keep it dry. If that works, then we might try another one. I need a black ribbon for a Remington standard machine. For pin nibs we want the 048 Falcon pins (fine). They come 144 in a box from the R. Esterbrook Company. I suppose they would have to be wrapped flat and put in letters a few at the time, if it can be accomplished at all. We are completely cut off from all foreign supplies, or native supplies for that matter outside of this area.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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October 26, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

This will acknowledge your cable of the 9th of October or September I am not quite sure which. The telegraph office only puts the day without the month, and we ordinarily think it is the month in which the cable is received, but in these days of slow and delayed communications that might be proving too much. The cable reads as follows:

"Cabling Fuller Chungking \$4,626. Pay David Lin fourteen, wife Yang Hsin-pao \$200, brother Chen Tze Tsun \$100, scholarship fund \$10, Doctor Cheng \$95 Riverside check and \$207 Cousin Cheng, budget \$4,000."

The money has been received from Chungking and all payments have been made to individuals concerned or else in the process of doing so. Both Mrs. Yang and Dr. Cheng are in Foochow. I have written them about the money being here and am waiting for their instructions. Mrs. Yang did not come to Shaowu, though she thought of doing so, but about that time the Chongking war started and changed her plans. Dr. Cheng left here early in September and will very likely not return. I told him about sending the pass book to the bank if he had it, but I doubt very much that he has it, as he left most of his things in Hongkong with the idea of returning.

We note on the monthly statement from your office for September 1941, you paid the American President Lines \$287.69, and on the November 1941 statement an additional \$21.29 for Yang Hsin Pao's steamship ticket. There is no record on later statements of these amounts being refunded. The money paid out for Miss Julia Chen's ticket was refunded, so I am wondering if the amount paid for Hsin Pao can't be too. This was charged on your statements against Account #31.

I wrote you under date of September 15 about taking up the matter of paying insurance premiums for approval of our faculty members who have policies with the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, taken out under the Shanghai Branch Office. Since I wrote you one of the men received a notice from the Haiji Life Insurance Co., stating that the "Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada has been entrusted to the Haiji Life Insurance Co., Ltd. as from April 11, 1942." If the head office in Canada will accept the premium payments for the members about whom I wrote you in September, it would be well for you to remind Hsin Pao of this if he has not already taken the matter up with you. He has usually paid his premium through us. He has a policy in the same company.

For a while mail was coming through quite regularly, but I have not seen any from America for several weeks or a month. I wrote you last on October 3.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

November 7, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

The October Fukien trial balance sheets are enclosed herewith, together with budget analysis, cash statement and copy of Journal Voucher #427.

You will note that the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund totals \$34,335.00. We are wondering if this should not be invested in some sort of security where the principal will be as intact as possible. We might invest it in U. S. Treasury issues yielding about one-half of one per cent, which is better than nothing, or if we could be sure of not using it over a period of years, we could put it in Defense Bonds — the average yield of which is from one-half of one per cent up to two and one-half per cent at the end of 12 years.

We will be guided by your judgment in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper
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November 14, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

~~On my personal checking account~~ in the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co., I wrote you under date of October 3, saying that I was afraid my check for \$130, dated May 6, handled by Mr. Fuller, had been refused payment. I have just heard from Mr. Fuller that this was the case. Unless my letter of October 3 to you reaches you before my check for \$200 dated September 8, also handled by Mr. Fuller, gets to the bank that will, no doubt, be turned down too. Naturally, I do not know the state of such affairs in America. I went on the general basis that because the bank accepted one of my checks in January of this year it would accept others. There are several matters in connection with the account I should appreciate having cleared up. First, is it possible for me to draw on the account, and if so what is the procedure. Second, I should like to know what is the balance of the account, just to see if it agrees with my check stub balance.

If I cannot draw on the account, please do not make further deposits to it as I have no other means for living expenses. The Max. part of my salary does not amount to anything under present conditions. I will wait until I hear from you about drawing on the account before planning what to do in case I cannot. In the meantime, I am drawing on the university here, but I do not like to let it run too long.

Fuller telegraphed me on October 15 asking me if US\$5,000 from you was seen for F.C.U. I could not tell him definitely, could only tell him that we were expecting a monthly remittance from you of \$6,000. So the last money we received from you is the \$4,626 per your cable which we received on October 11. I hope something is on the way. It would save time and confusion if funds meant for us were so plainly stated in your cable to Mr. Fuller. Even at best we rarely get a remittance from you under a month from the date you send it, as things between here and Chungking move slowly.

Letters

We have received nothing from your office dated later than August. The July statement is the last we have received. I wrote you last on October 26.

We hope in a week's time to mail you a copy of our budget estimates for 1943-44, as Mr. Crenay has informed us that your request has to be in to the United China Relief Committee by the end of January. We can do little more than add a 50% increase to the current year's budget. No one can predict what conditions here will be in July, 1943. On the basis of past experience we feel pretty sure prices will continue to increase.

Things here are moving along quite well, but it requires a good deal of time and energy to keep the wheels turning. President Lin plans to leave here the end of November for Foochow for a Board of Managers meeting on December 5. Hangchow University has not yet started any building work.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

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November 19, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

It just cannot be that a letter you mailed on July 17th has not been answered! However, I find that this letter was long delayed in transit, which gives me ample excuse. Practically everything regarding finances has been taken care of, or has been so adjusted that it will be perfectly clear in our closing entries of June 30.

From other correspondence, we have learned that the money which was sent to Glenn Fuller has been transmitted to Fukien and we shall be careful to have proper notification forwarded with each subsequent remittance.

While I am also regretting the action of the Harvard-Yenching Institute regarding the Farley Collection insofar as the value is concerned, yet at the time of the meeting there was no assurance that anything was left of the collection, or that the cataloging was still intact.

The \$5,000 paid to the National City Bank on November 21st last was sent out through the Chase Bank. Apparently this went the same way of all other remittances to China about that time. There is absolutely no excuse for not notifying you when the remittances were sent out, if that is true. I am advised that this is the case but have not had opportunity to do any re-checking myself. We have received no word from the Chase Bank as to the final knowledge received regarding this remittance, but will continue to press them until some sort of a reply is in hand.

As we have received no word regarding the possible use of the Farmers Bank of China, we are continuing to use Glenn Fuller at Chungking.

The case of Dr. Tan Jen Mei is still in abeyance and we hope to have some news to report at an early date.

We are notifying The Hazen Foundation regarding the books on Religion sent out in August of 1941 and are gratified to know that they arrived safely.

It is our opinion that the magazines for Fukien should be reserved and sent out after the war is over. That is, such magazines as are of real value in teaching.

The gift from Mr. Kiang Wen Han came at a most opportune time and only emphasizes how ways and means are provided far beyond our expectation.

A letter from President Lin gives us further data regarding the developments in relation to coordination of Shanghai Colleges with Fukien. It is our understanding that the Fukien staff is now back at Shaowu and that conditions are back to normal.

We greatly appreciate the information which this good letter contains, some parts of which are of great value to us in our educational program.

Very sincerely yours,

CAE/B
Via China Clipper

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November 26, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Since I wrote you last on November 14 we have received from your offices your letters of September 11 and 28 to President Lin, letters of September 14 and 24 to me, and Mr. Corbett's general letter to college presidents dated September 24, which gave us some interesting information about relief plans generally and about the repatriated missionaries from some of the Christian colleges in China.

I have today sold a personal check through the Central Bank of China: check No. 180, dated November 25, for the amount of \$250.00. Will you please make whatever arrangement is necessary with the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company to honor it or refer it to you when it comes in. It was through the Central Bank that one got through all right last January, and here's hoping this one will for I am "broke". and prices are sky high.

In your letter of September 28 to President Lin you suggest that we might use some of the Directors' current funds which we transferred to America soon after the war started to help meet our present needs. We have to keep in mind that those current funds represent field endowments, most of which are special funds, ^{the principle of} which cannot be used, but only the income as we are doing. You also refer to some Harvard-Yenching balances being in Accounts Payable. You know how "touchy" Harvard-Yenching is about using their funds for anything other than what Mr. Elisseoff considers proper. As I have written you before it is impossible for us to use all of the Harvard-Yenching Institute funds in ways that are satisfactory to him so long as we are so cut off and conditions all around us are as they are at present. Actually the balance left over from last year will cover the greater part of the work coming under H-Y-I for the year 1942-43. If we could use some of the H-Y-I funds for other things it would help us considerably, but up to the present moment we have no permission to do so. Can you secure such permission for us?

You also mention the possibility of us being able to use some of the \$10,000 being held by the H-Y-I as Reserve Funds, for special purposes. What would special purposes include in this case? Items of expense outside of Chinese Cultural Studies? We should be glad to have more information about this. Certainly we have got to do something more to relieve the economic pressure on our faculty and staff members.

I am enclosing second copies of letters to Mr. John G. Talcott and Mr. Brewster Bingham asking that you will please have them mailed out from your office. We sent the first copies to them direct by air.

I am also enclosing a statement of our estimated expenditures from July 1, 1942 - March 31, 1943, per request of Mr. Cressy. His request came just after President Lin's letter of November 20 was mailed to you.

P.S. Re your letter of Sept. 24 re US\$35
from T.T. Chen for his brothers, we have
long since paid the brothers the equivalent
in Local Currency. Please credit this
amount to Account 31 and send out with *regular Funds*

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Fisher

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(Crossed reference to ...)
Establishment

December 9, 1942

Miss Eva M. Asher
Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Miss Asher:

Your letter of September 1st refers to the Harvard-Yenching Report for 1941-42. A copy of this report has been received in our office.

I note what you say regarding holding the Institute Funds for 1941-42 in New York and presume that we will see some reference to this in a letter which Dr. Elisseoff will be writing to you. He simply alludes to the holding of this money in New York and in one other place in his report to the Board he notes a general improvement in the Chinese Cultural Program. As requested, we have made the adjustment on our books so that we now have a balance of \$8,947.36 of Harvard-Yenching Funds from last year held in abeyance.

The report for the Regents of the State of New York was received which was sent to Mr. Parker. Mr. Parker is no longer with us—being now interested in a cooperative real estate enterprise in Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. Charles Corbett of the Church Committee for China Relief is giving us two-thirds of his time. He was formerly located at Yenching University and is a valuable addition to our staff.

It is apparent that some cables are not getting through to you, as we cabled you on July 22nd indicating that the \$6,556.00 represented the balance for 1941-42. We also wrote on July 23, 1942 and it is quite probable that this letter has reached you by this time. That gave you a complete listing of the \$6,556.00. It was as follows:

Pierce Dormitory.....	\$ 350.00
Special Scholarships.....	36.00
Date Library Fund.....	41.88
R. W. Jones Scholarship.....	21.12
E. C. Jones Scholarship.....	182.00
Sustaining Fund.....	5,925.00
	<u>\$6,556.00</u>

May I inject at this point the general feeling here in America regarding conditions in China. There is a most emphatic disposition on the part of those who know something of the meaning of inflation to withhold further gifts. The actual effect of inflation on American remittances is to discount the value of the dollar by between eighty and ninety per cent. One man the other day was willing to give \$10,000 if he could be assured that it would be of some value when it arrived in China. With the present rate of exchange prevailing, we could not take the money.

The second quarter from United China Relief has been received, but as we are continuing to make remittances on the basis of your request, this has no very important place in your thinking at the present time. Our present plan is to send you monthly remittances insofar as funds are available.

We paid \$73.50 to the Asia Life Insurance Company before your letter reached us. As a matter of fact it took considerable time before we could arrive at an understanding with the Company and it was necessary for us to submit your policy to be photographed as a part of the records here in America.

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Miss Asher

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December 9, 1942

On September 9, 1942 we cabled \$95.00 through Glenn Fuller for Dr. Chung
The amount of the cable was immediately in your hand when this letter was written.

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Miss Asher

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On September 9, 1942 we cabled \$95.00 through Glenn Fuller for Dr. Cheng Tien-Hsi. The cable, apparently had not reached your hand when your letter was written. It was to the effect that \$4,626.00 was included, divided as follows:

David Lim.....	\$ 14.00
Wife of Yang Hsin-Pao.....	200.00
Brother of Chen Tse-tsun.....	100.00
Scholarship Fund.....	10.00
Dr. T. H. Cheng.....	95.00
(Riverside Check)	
\$207.00 from a cousin of Mr. Cheng, plus \$4,000 for the budget.	

We were greatly distressed to learn of the death of Baen Lee's son. I am writing him separately.

We are greatly pleased to know that Ruth Mather is with you and will look after the interests of some of the refugees from Shanghai.

Later telegraphic dispatches indicate a confirmation of your statement regarding other universities.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
cc: Accounting Office

Via China Clipper
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THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE
SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

MONTREAL

December 10, 1942.

Mr. C.A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 - 5th Avenue,
NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge and thank you for your letter of November 25th enclosing a copy of a letter written to you by the Fukien Christian University of Shaowu, China. In reply we give you below the amount due under the policies mentioned.

Policy No.	Name	Premium due date	Gross amount of premium	Amount of dividend to be applied in reduction of prem.
3,068,804	Lin	July 28, 1942	Ch.\$228.00	nil.
3,138,564	Cheng	May 15, 1942	Ch.\$ 87.60	Ch.\$ 9.66
3,139,300	Cheng	June 14, 1942	Ch.\$132.00	Ch.\$14.61
3,139,305	Lin	June 17, 1942	Ch.\$137.85	Ch.\$15.00
3,152,729	Tiao	Nov. 9, 1941	Ch.\$240.00	nil.
		Nov. 9, 1942	Ch.\$240.00	nil.
3,146,540	Li	Sept. 24 1942	Ch.\$ 94.50	Ch.\$10.50
3,194,322	Chin	June 12, 1942	Ch.\$135.00	Ch.\$14.28

Those cases where no dividends are shown are policies where the assured has elected not to use the dividends in reduction of premiums. The dividends quoted above may be deducted from the premium amount indicated. Your attention is called to the fact that our records show two premiums to be payable under policy No. 3,152,729, each in the amount of Ch.\$240.00 All the premiums are payable on an annual basis.

Payment to the Company may be made in United States Dollars at the rate of Ch.\$1.00 equals U.S.\$0.0525. Ordinarily interest would be charged on all premiums beginning at the end of thirty days of grace from the premium due date. However, it has been decided that this interest charge will be waived for premiums now outstanding in these individual cases because while the delay in payment was no fault of the Company it was, on the other hand, probably no fault of the policyholders either.

The records of all these policies are in the care of our office in Shanghai. The information given you above is based on the most recent reports we have had from Shanghai, but we have not heard from there since November 17, 1941, and have no idea what may have happened there since then to affect the policy standings. We are writing on this understanding and also on the understanding that all the policy-holders are in unoccupied China.

It is difficult to know just what action is necessary in connection with the cases but it seems to us that we would be materially helped if each assured

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would complete a form such as that enclosed in connection with each policy. We would thus possibly be enabled to establish a new set of records of the policies here in Montreal. Perhaps you would be so kind as to forward the forms on to the Fukien Christian University in China.

Your interest in paying premiums on behalf of these policyholders is greatly appreciated. Subject to developments to the contrary we intend to send future notices to you.

Yours faithfully,

/s/ C. L. Buadie

Chief Clerk,
Special Section
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December 15, 1942

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have not received any letters from your office since I wrote you on November 26, but have received three cables as follows:

Cable dated 25, received here on November 27:

"Cabling Fuller Chungking 5000 presenting letter September fifteenth ABCC"

When I received this cable I took for granted that the date 25 was November 25. I am inclined now to think that it was sent on October 25 and had reference to \$5000 which you sent Fuller on that date, for Fuller has not mentioned receiving any money from you in November. He received \$5000 on October 25 and did not know whom it was for and has been holding it all of this time. When I telegraphed him on the receipt of the above cable on November 27 he started the money on its way to Shaowu but it has not yet reached here - a delay of almost two months from the time you sent it!

Cable dated 25 (November 25 I presume) received here on November 27:

"William Fenn now special China representative Associated Boards purpose increasing our effectiveness toward supporting you and facilitating publicity hereby consulting colleges in China regarding programs budgets personnel reporting in full stop Exacting requirements American fund raising necessitates fullest information and cooperation. We solicit your sympathetic assistance stop. Also notify Hwanan."

We notified both Hwanan and Hangchow when we received the cable on November 27. We sent you information re personnel, student body, etc., by cable under date of October 17, and sent information re budget for 1943/44 by air mail under date of November 20. There has been no change to speak of in our program during the last few years, the chief struggle being to keep alive these days. But we shall send you information from time to time. I notified Dr. E. M. Stowe, Chairman of our English Publicity Committee, of the request for information in the above cable and also the request from Mr. Corbett in his letter to College Presidents dated September 24. Dr. Stowe says he has been sending Mr. Caldwell some kind of a report each month. He is now working on a report showing what our alumni are doing to send to Mr. Caldwell. I am enclosing herewith a copy of President Lin's report for 1941-42, which will give some general information.

Cable dated 8 (December 8 I presume) received here on December 11.

"Under general license 75 cabling Fuller 5062.stop. Pay David Lin twelve mother Laiyungli fifty."

There has hardly been time to hear from Mr. Fuller about this yet, as telegraphy service is often quite delayed. I telegraphed him about it though as soon as I received your cable so that there would be no question about his knowing where it belongs!

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Last week we received £2000 (LC\$159,170.98) from the British Relief Fund through the courtesy of Madame Chiang. Hangchow received the same amount and Hwa Nan half the amount I heard. This money came after President Lin left Shaowu for Foochow so we have not yet decided the exact use of it, but I think it is safe to say that it will go towards faculty and staff relief. The increase we made in faculty-staff allowances beginning with September 1 amounted to approximately \$150,000 for the remaining ten months of the current fiscal year. I am sure we shall have to make another increase beginning with January 1, as everyone is feeling more and more the effects of high prices. Everything points towards a considerable increase in prices after China New Year, around the middle of February. We are trying to buy up a considerable amount of essential supplies, such as rice, fuel, oil for cooking, before that time. So we hope the monthly remittances from you will come regularly without too much delay on the way.

Being taken care of - Mrs. White

Magazine subscriptions for 1943. So far as we know we have already lost out completely on 1942 magazines. We sent our order before the Pacific war started and have not, naturally, received a single magazine. I do not know what the publishers did about them, whether they are reserving them for us or what. We are very eager to have a complete file of the scientific and departmental magazines. We are, therefore, suggesting that you order the magazines for us and have them sent to your office to be held there until they can be sent to us. Or if it is not convenient to do that, could you arrange with the publishers to hold the magazines until such time they can be sent. I am enclosing herewith a list of the magazines, with name of publishers and yearly subscription rate the last we knew. When you send in the 1943 subscriptions I wonder if you could ask about what happened to the 1942 order. Payment for 1943 subscriptions may be charged against account 31.

General conditions here are about the same as when President Lin wrote you in October and November, except the health situation is some better. With the colder weather and less crowded conditions in the city there is not so much malaria and dysentery. So far Shaowu has not had any bubonic plague this year, though we hear of some in Kiangsi and in the Northern tip of Fukien.

Dr. Edwin Ding, Dean of our Agricultural College, has received a call from Chungking to go there for a six month period of special training. He was one among 6,500 there for special training at the call of General Chiang in 1940. Now 100 have been selected from that group for further training. Dr. Ding is one of the eight from Fukien most of whom are commissioners at the head of various Provincial Government bureaus. Dr. Ding will leave for Chungking in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Eva M. Asher

*The 1942 order was sent through Mr. Harvey L. Meekin of the American Board Mission, Boston.

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