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FOOCHOW, CHINA. January 21, 1938

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

處事辦長校

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

We have your note of November 1 introducing to us Mr. Daniel L. Lee. We also heard from him in a letter dated November 11. We have not yet received the questionnaire blanks. Meanwhile we closed our school on January 4 and our students will not be back until the first part of May. It will, therefore, be impossible for us to do anything to help him as he requests. When it is convenient, please inform him about this difficulty and express our regrets.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Kim

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

We appreciate your cable which arrived on December 27. It gave us more encouragement in strengthening our efforts, although we have not been in despair or in lack of hope. We know that our Trustees have been paying close attention to the work here and that they will do their very best to help us in a time of great emergency. Please convey to the Trustees that both our faculty and students are in the best of spirit. We have the faith that our cause will not be lost and that we shall come out triumphantly in the end no matter what may be happening at the present time. With your prayers and with the Grace of God we are going forward without thinking of retreating.

As I reported to you in my last letter, due to the special call of service of the students to work among the people for the next three months, we are planning to open our spring semester in the last part of April. Applications for admission to a new Freshmen Class in the spring have already been received in large numbers. The faculty is still busily working for a more effective curriculum and teaching plans.

Fukien still remains quiet. It does not seem to be likely that the Japanese would try to invade this province in the near future. Fukien does not have much strategic importance from the military point of view, although we are nearest to Formosa. The people in Foochow are quite different from the people in North China. They are by nature more adventurous and independent. They are, as a rule, more patriotic and ready to make sacrifices. The Japanese would have a much harder time in facing them than anything they have met in the North where they seem to be able to maintain fairly good order after they occupy a place. It would not be so in the South. Both the authorities and the people in China are prepared to put up a strong resistance wherever the Japanese may come, and there is no question but that the Japanese will lose out in the long run, for they could not possibly maintain enough forces in many places to subdue the resistance.

The military movements in general are still in favor of the Japanese, but they are a long way yet from being decisive. There will be more suffering on the part of the Chinese people, but they are prepared for it. There is a remarkable sense of unity and loyalty to the Central Government everywhere that is most surprising

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even to us. The more the Japanese militarists try to injure us the stronger we become. It is quite apparent that the larger the territory the Japanese are able to invade the greater will be their peril. Undoubtedly, many Japanese know this, and that explains why it took more than a week for Tokio to make such a common statement as that of not recognizing the authorities of the government under Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. It is quite definite that no good will come out of the war either for Japan or for China, and it is certainly a great stupidity on the part of Japan to force the war on China. There seems to be no way out except for China to resist. We certainly appreciate the sympathy and support of our friends abroad.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin.

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Dr. B. A. Garside:

We have received a letter from Dr. Edward L. Bliss, 73 S. Cedar Avenue, Oberlin, Ohio, stating that he would ~~try to~~ return to China in the fall of 1938 to help in our Animal Husbandry work. You will remember that he offered to come to F.C.U. at his own expense to finish his research work on a vaccine for the prevention of rinderpest. Our obligation would be to provide a place for him and Mrs. Bliss to live, Mrs. Bliss' travel expenses, and the necessary assistants and expenses in connection with the experiments for a period of two years. We accepted his terms and asked him to come when it was possible for them to do so. If the war conditions do not change to be much worse for China we shall stick to our last promise and ask them to come. If the Fukien Government can still function at that time, it will probably grant us enough money for the necessary expenses in connection with this project.

We are also expecting a favorable reply from the American Board to send Mr. and Mrs. Overholt. We need to strengthen our agricultural staff, and Mr. Overholt will fill the place very well. We hope that they will come in the fall. Will you kindly take the matter up with the American Board and ask them to let us know about this as early as possible.

We are expecting the return of the Suttons and Farleys early this fall. We are writing them to this effect. Will you please report this plan to our Trustees if it is necessary and be prepared to help them on their return trip according to our general regulations. We shall send you detailed items of payment a little later. We expect them to come as early as possible arriving here not later than the first week of September, for our spring semester will last until the end of August and we shall have to plan for our fall semester's work immediately following, and any delay on the part of our staff members will make it difficult for us to carry on the work as we should.

I have written to Dr. W. J. Sutton to be on the lookout for fellowships for two of our professors, T. H. Wang, Head of the Chemistry Department, and T. H. Cheng, Head of the Biology Department. Professor Wang will complete his eighth year of service this summer, and Professor Cheng will begin his eighth year this fall. Professor Wang was on a Rockefeller Fellowship studying in the University of Chicago and Cornell University from which he got his M.A. degree. Due to our special need we called him back before he could complete his doctor's work, although the Rockefeller Foundation was ready to extend the fellowship grant. So we feel under obligation to secure further opportunity for his study, especially after he has finished a long period of service. Professor Cheng got his Doctor of Science degree from the University of Michigan, and since his return to China in 1930 he has been doing wonderful work in our Department of Biology.

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He has written a couple of standard textbooks and manuals for college use in China. He is a young man of great promise. This year he has been elected Chairman of our Academic Relations Committee of the Faculty. Both Wang and Cheng are our own alumni. If you could help in securing fellowships for them it would be greatly appreciated. It is the most sure way of building up our faculty, and I know you will do everything possible to help us.

Bishop Gowdy told me about the Professor Johnson Chair in our Department of Mathematics and Physics. We have never given any credit to him either in our catalogue or other publications. We should like to know the details of his life, the amount of the contribution, and the exact terms that might have been agreed upon when he made his gift to us, so that we may give due recognition to it in our next catalogue.

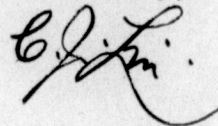
I have just received your letter dated November 17, acknowledging the receipt of my letter of October 1 which you have so kindly sent around to our Trustees and other friends of the university. We are still holding on and are ready to push our work forward as soon as conditions are better. We are sending people to Shaowu to investigate the possibility of opening an Agricultural Extension Center there, as well as preparing a place for an emergency retreat should Foochow get into military difficulties.

I have also received your circular letter of November 29 enclosing a copy of the minutes of the joint meeting of the Associated Boards Executive and Promotional Committees held on November 22. We appreciate the great efforts which our friends are making for the interest of Christian higher education in China.

We shall send you soon a preliminary estimate for our 1938-39 budget. The expenses in connection with the spring term will have to carry over until the end of August, but our regular fiscal year will begin with July 1 as usual. On account of unsettled conditions our budget will be very approximate. The chief additions to our expenses will be the increase of a few teachers in the College of Rural Reconstruction, and possibly in the Departments of Education and Chinese.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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January 31, 1938

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear President Lin:

Thank you for your letter of December 21st, together with the following appended documents: Letter to Dr. Goodsell, December 22nd; Summary of Revised 1937-38 budget; Minutes of December 11th meeting of Board of Managers; President's Report for year 1936-37; and Report for the Fall Term, 1937.

All this material is being distributed to the members of the Fukien Board of Trustees for their information. Within the next few weeks we must have a meeting of at least the Executive Committee to go over this material and to take any actions which may be called for.

We are glad to note that the first term of the academic year 1937-38 was closing under fairly normal conditions. We do hope that despite the constant threats of military disturbances in Fukien province, you will be able to carry through the second semester under relatively peaceful conditions.

Budget for 1937-38. The Executive Committee will give this very sympathetic consideration. There will be at least a modest amount of emergency funds available for F.C.U. as a result of our joint emergency campaign, though I will not attempt to give exact figures until the Committee has had an opportunity to take action.

Possible Visit of Bishop Gowdy. It would be delightful indeed to have Bishop Gowdy visit America in the near future to assist in promotional work on behalf of F.C.U. along the lines indicated. Our original plans were to push ahead vigorously this year on the securing of increased endowment funds for the various China Colleges, but the war conditions in China have made it necessary for us to defer most of those plans. We have gotten a little over \$50,000 in endowment funds this year, but most of that was for the completion of objectives already being sought when the crisis developed last summer. Of course, we are hoping that just as soon as conditions become comparatively normal again there may be new opportunities for securing capital funds of every type.

Successor for Professor Beach. I have talked briefly and informally with Mr. Cartwright and Dr. Fairfield concerning the possibilities for the appointment of Mr. Overholt. We hope that the matter can be worked out along the lines you suggest.

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President Lin

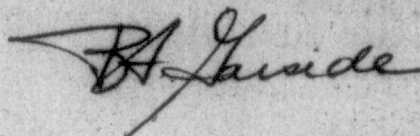
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Emergency Measures. We recognize the wisdom of your plans to transfer some or all of the work to Shaowu if an emergency should make that absolutely necessary. We do hope, however, that it will be possible to continue the work of F.C.U. on its own campus, not only for the protection of the physical property of the University, but also for the moral effect which this continuation would have upon the people of Foochow and of the province in general.

With warmest of personal good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,



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

Dear Dr. Garside:

Emergency Measures. During the last few weeks we have been going on with our preparations for emergency. This is chiefly for precaution for the property of our university. We have packed up and sent to the Foochow Methodist Mission go-down fifteen cases of our most valuable science instruments. Several boxes of hand-written manuscripts and the more rare editions from the Chen Library are also ready to be sent to the Methodist go-down when space can be arranged. We have also finished packing about twenty cases of books and science instruments for shipment to Shaowu in case we cannot carry on work in Foochow. This latter group of things are considered by the various departments concerned as the minimum essentials which would be needed for the continuation of education if we have to do it outside of our own campus. Practically all of our library has now been moved to the basement floor of the Arts Hall and the science equipment in one of the basement rooms in the Science Hall. All of the windows of these rooms have been bricked up, leaving only small spaces for ventilation purposes. The doors have been reinforced so that in case we have to leave the campus suddenly, it would not be easy for the looters to get in.

In case of Japanese military occupation of Foochow, it is our plan that all the Chinese members with their families would have to leave the city. We have arranged that if it is possible, and not dangerous to life, the foreign members of the staff, with the exception of the ladies, will stay on the campus to look after the property of the university. The foreign ladies would go to Foochow where they could get the protection of the Consul. From the experiences of the missionaries in other occupied areas, we have learned that few Chinese men or women are spared when the Japanese soldiers first come to occupy a place, but that they have not done serious harm to the foreigners in those places. They have also respected to a certain extent the property claimed by the foreigners. It was passed by the Board of Managers at the meeting of December 11 that the property would be turned over to our Board of Trustees, whose representative is now Bishop John Gowdy, if the Chinese should have to leave the place.

All of the above is for precaution. We do not really expect these things to definitely happen in the immediate future. With all the military advantages they have in the North, the Japanese will need a long time yet to establish themselves there. They have also found it hard to maintain their fighting forces along the long lines of attack. Besides, Fukien is not a strategic point for military purposes. It would be quite stupid for Japan to spare a part of her much needed troops for fighting in Fukien and then using a considerable number of them to keep

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it. It is also possible that before Japan could drive the Chinese troops beyond Hankow she herself might collapse, so it is quite possible that Fukien might be entirely saved from getting into the actual war zone. Of course, no prediction is safe at this time, particularly with the Japanese who seem to do many stupid things that other persons would not think of doing. So we still take all the necessary precautions for an emergency.

Shaowu. We are going on with our Shaowu plans. I was in Shaowu with four other members of our staff for about ten days during the first part of February. Two of our staff members are still there directing the work of about forty of our men students in the villages near there. We found the American Board property in and around the Shaowu walled city is quite large. The property within the North Gate will be quite sufficient to accommodate our whole university, and the property outside of the East Gate will be enough for a middle school. There are sufficient land and hills which can be utilized for agricultural purposes. Enclosed herewith I am sending you two copies each of the plans. Most of the buildings are in quite good condition, except for the window panes, and in some cases the window frames and the doors. A few small buildings need to have new floors laid. Our rather careful estimate of the cost of repairs for about twelve of the school buildings and the larger residences would be about LC\$3,500, or approximate US\$1000. We will need about LC\$1500 in addition for furniture. The wood for furniture is very cheap up there. Complete furniture to accommodate one student, including bed, frames for mosquito net, a desk and chair for his room, and a combined desk and chair for the class room, can be made for LC\$6.00.

We proposed to the Fukien Government that they grant us sufficient money for repair of the buildings, and if possible an additional sum for the running expenses for conducting an agricultural experiment station with a school for farmers and an agricultural vocational school of Senior High School grade in the mission property outside the East Gate section. The Governor has considered it favorably, and we are waiting for his official approval of the grant, if he can find enough money for it. This project has the hearty support of the Magistrate in that Hsien, who when I was there said, and later wrote me here in Foochow, that he would furnish all the needed farm land and hills for the use of the school and the experiment station, and later he might also gather together enough money to help in the running expenses. We have authorized our staff members there to start making repairs on some of the buildings, so that as soon as the plan is definitely approved by the Governor the place will be ready for use. We shall send one or two more members of our staff up there next week, including Dean Everett Stowe. It is our thought that the project itself is most worthwhile, even in ordinary times, and it has more value to the people and the country during war time, for there is an enormous possibility of agricultural development which will furnish a large part of the food supply for the people. There is no institution of High School grade in the whole of North Fukien beyond Yenping. The Shaowu project now has an additional value to the F.C.U. staff as a place of retreat in case of emergency. It can be fixed up at a small cost and it will provide a fine place for the continuation of our educational service should we not be able to function in Foochow.

Mr. Overholt. We received a letter from Mr. Overholt dated January 11, reporting that he had been notified by Rev. F. T. Cartwright

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that he will be sent back to Foochow by the Methodist Mission Board to participate in the agricultural work at Fukien Christian University after his furlough period, namely, this fall. Bishop Gowdy of the Methodist Mission here has not received official notice to that effect from the Mission Board in New York, but he thought it might be due to the family difficulties of Mr. Cartwright. We hope there is no misunderstanding here. We need very much additional personnel in our agricultural work, and Mr. Overholt is particularly fitted for this service because of his specialization in Animal Husbandry. Very few people in China are trained in that subject and we have already started work in domestic animals, such as goats and pigs, and a successful enterprise in improving chicken stock, so I hope you will find out more specifically from the Methodist Mission Board about Mr. Overholt, urging them to make the appointment definite in case they have not already done so.

This will also, as you remember, change our request to the American Board for the appointment of Mr. Overholt under their auspices. We are still in urgent need of additional agricultural staff, and there will be no change in our recommendation to the American Board for the appointment of an agricultural missionary to Fukien Christian University to replace the late Professor Frederick P. Beach. The time for the appointment of staff is now due, and we hope that you will help us in urging the American Board to make the appointment as quickly as possible and let us know whom they have appointed, so that we can plan the work for next fall.

C.M.S. Personnel at F.C.U. When Mr. Barclay of the Church Missionary Society was here last spring, he was quite convinced that there is need of appointment of a person under the Church Missionary Society to our university staff. The C.M.S. people here are also in favor of this. From various information, we have heard recently that the C.M.S. is really trying to secure a qualified person to be appointed to us. The C.M.S. has appointed quite a few new persons to Foochow during the last month or so, besides returning those who have been on furlough. I am writing to Mr. Barclay to remind him of his promise, suggesting that the appointment be made as soon as possible for next fall. A letter from our Trustees' office may serve as an additional reinforcement of this request.

Letters to Dr. Eliseeff. Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of my two letters to Dr. Eliseeff of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, one regarding the work of the Department of Chinese Studies in general and the other about Mr. Farley's museum, for your reference. It is our hope that when Mr. Farley is willing, the Harvard-Yenching Institute might supply the necessary funds for the purchase of the museum to be donated to the university.

Yours sincerely,

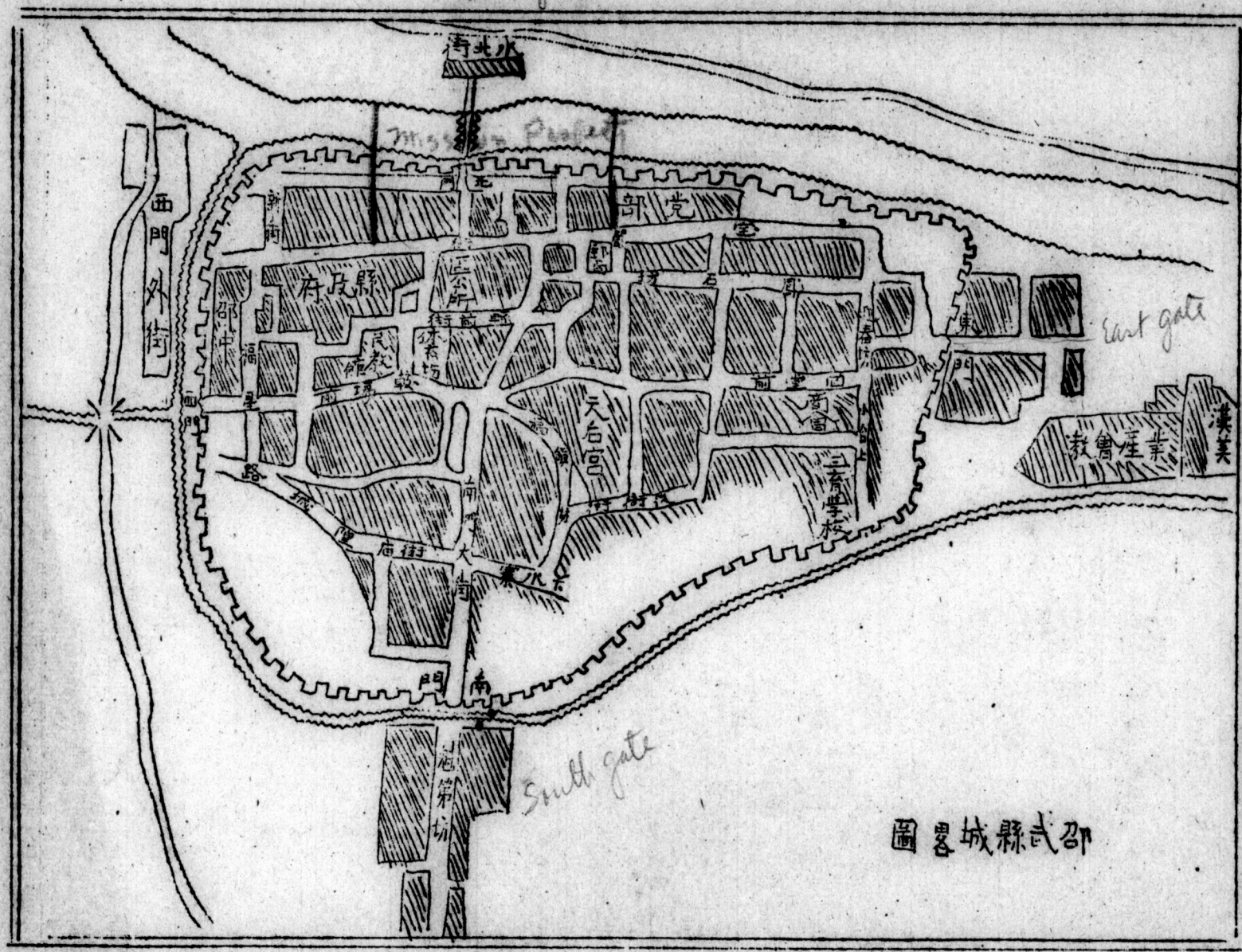
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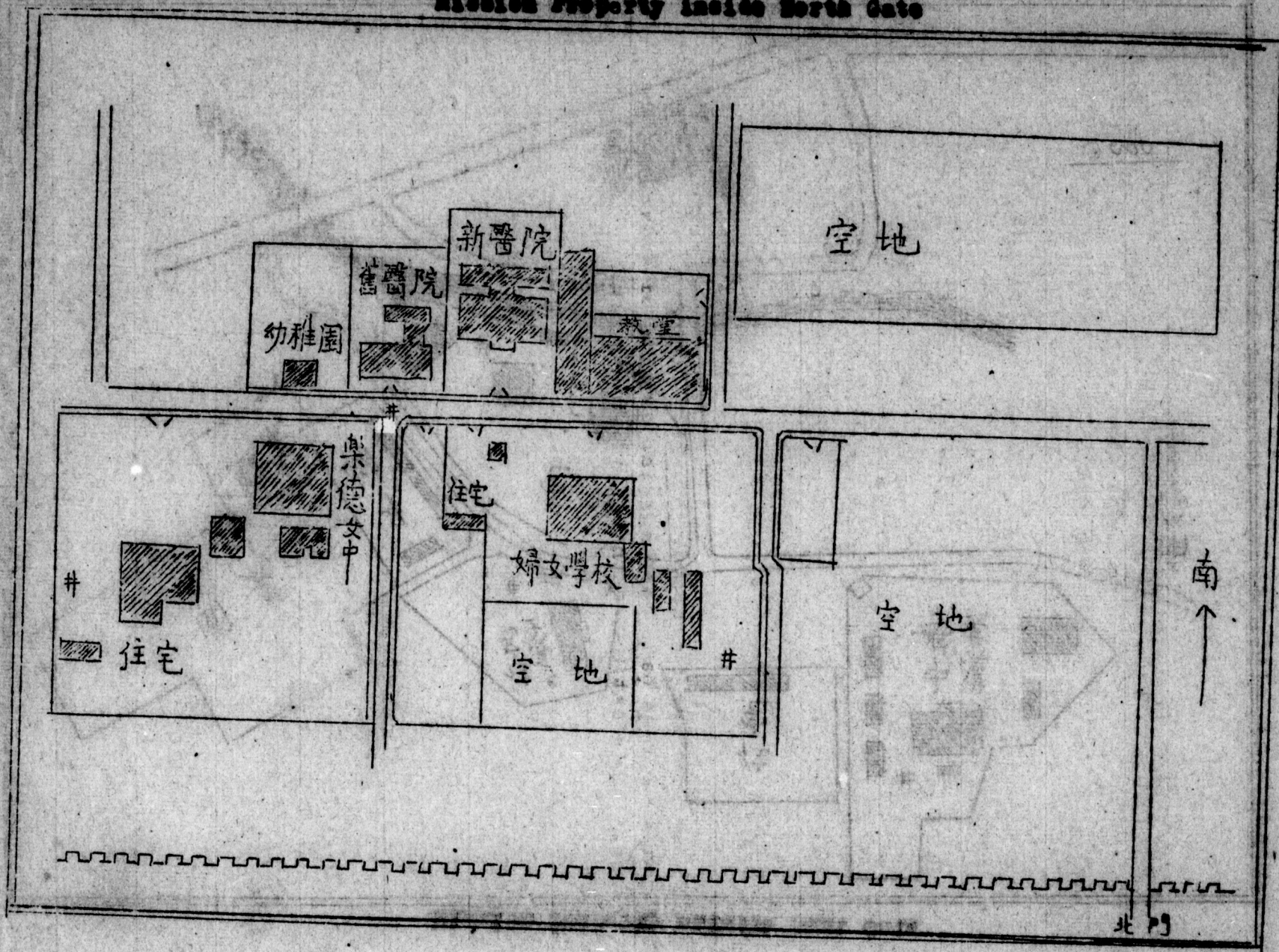
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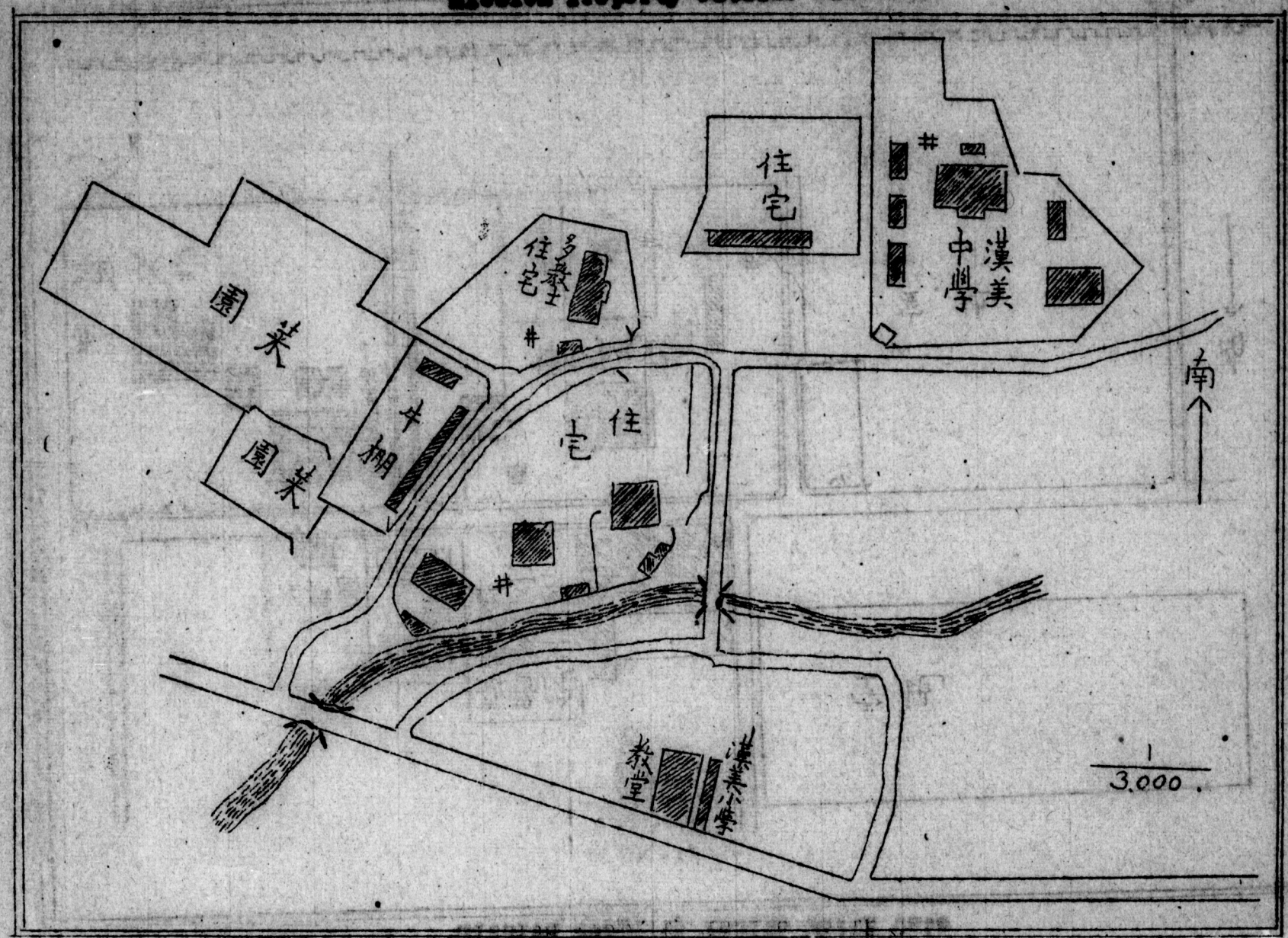


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Mission Property outside East Gate



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February 24, 1938

Dr. S. Elisseeff, Director
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Elisseeff:

Many thanks for your letter of December 2 in which you stated that you had presented the report of Fukien Christian University to the Trustees and told them that it was prepared entirely in accordance with their wishes and contained the information they desired. We also thank you for the special grant of \$400.00 U.S. Currency which the Trustees made on your recommendation to Professor Farley to help him in his research work in France.

About the personnel in our Department of Chinese Studies, you point out that the work of Professor Farley is mostly that of teaching English. Prof. Farley teaches besides the one or two courses in English Literature, a course in World Literature which is a comparative study of the literature of the world with that in China, and a course in Chinese Art. He also teaches a course in French. These courses are given in alternate years so that in some years they may not appear in our report and thus gives the impression that he does not give any courses strictly relating to Chinese Studies. On your suggestion, we are planning to have Prof. Farley on his return this fall to give courses each year which will bear specifically on the subject of Chinese culture, amounting to more than half of the courses he will give, the other half being a comparative study of English and French Literature in relation to Chinese subjects.

With regard to the publications, this work has not been carried out as we first expected, on account of the international developments. We did, however, send you a month or so ago a copy of Professor Chen I Yuen's "Kuo Wen Hsueh" in two volumes, which is a historical study of Chinese Literature, classified according to the different types of writing. We also sent you at the same time a pamphlet on "Cheng Ho's Missions" by Mr. Chin Yun Min. We are now mailing you under separate cover copies of Fukien Culture, Vol. IV, No. 25, and Vol. V, No. 26. The former contains a picture of you and Mrs. Elisseeff with some of the members of the Fukien Culture Society, and the latter is a special number on Cheng Ho, which in addition to Mr. Chin's article, contains articles on other related subjects. Some other books are still in the process of being completed, but of course due to the present unsettled conditions, we do not know when they can be finished.

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The books that are being prepared are; first, under the general title of "Ming-Chu Wen Hsueh", or "The Patriotic Writings in Chinese Literature; second, "Fukien Wen Hsiung", or the "Bibliography of Fukien Writers". Other books on Western history in its relation to China will not be included in this series, although we report the same because they are part of the research work done by our staff.

We shall enclose the detailed accounts of the staff members in the Department of Chinese Studies. We shall do the same when we secure any new teachers for this department.

We appreciate your thought in letting us have a set of the Sinological Index Series, published at Yenching. We have not received them yet. I shall write to Professor Hung for them and will mention that you have probably already given instructions to that effect.

We also thank you for "Two Lamaistic Pantheons" by Walter Eugene Clark, in two volumes, and "A Grammar of Chinese Lattice" by Daniel Sheets Dye, in two volumes. They came from the Harvard University Press, addressed to Fukien Christian University, and since we have received no bill for them, nor any letter to the contrary, we think they must be a gift from your Institute. We are very glad indeed to have these Monographs in our library, and thank you for your thoughtfulness in having them sent to us.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Staff in the Department of Chinese Studies

Chen I Yuen 陳易園——連統

Graduate, B.A., Waseda University, Japan, 1904
Professor of Chinese Literature, Peking University, 1904-1909
President of the College of Chinese Studies, Foochow
Professor in various colleges in Fukien
Appointment to Fukien Christian University as Lecturer, 1930
Professor and Head of the Department of Chinese History and Literature, 1936
Author of a number of books on Chinese Literature, Poetry, etc.

Lin Hsi Chien 林希謙

Graduate of Fukien Law College, 1914
Bach. Pol Sc., Waseda University, Japan, 1920
Professor of History, Amoy University, 1921-30
Head of Department of Social Science in the National Labor University, Shanghai, 1931-32
Head of the Department and Prof. of History, Greater China University, Shanghai, 1933-35
Joined F.C.U. September 1935
Now Acting Chairman of the Arts College and Chairman of the Committee on Chinese Studies.

Li Chao Ming 李兆民

Holds second degree of the Ching Dynasty, Government University, 1908
B.D. from the Shen Yi University Theological School, Hupeh
Editor for Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, 1919-30
Professor of Chinese, National Customs College, Shanghai, 1931
Professor of Chinese Philosophy, Nanking Theological Seminary, 1932
Professor of Chinese Literature, Soochow University, 1932-34
Joined F.C.U. fall of 1934 as Lecturer in Chinese
Now Associate Professor of Chinese in the Chinese Department.

Yen Shu Hsia 嚴叔夏
Lecturer in Chinese

Born in Foochow; graduate of Chinese Department of Hsin Yung University, Kiangsi
Dean of Foochow Middle School
Professor of Chinese in Fukien College, Foochow
A noted scholar in Buddhist Literature, and a famous poet.
Second son of the famous scholar, Yen Fu, the translator of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations"; Herbert Spencer's Sociology; and Montesquieu "Spirit of Laws".

Chin Yun Min 金雲銘

B.A., Fukien Christian University, 1928
Joined the library staff in 1928 as Assistant Librarian
Librarian since 1934
Author of a number of dissertations on Chinese Literature, etc.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Staff in the Department of Chinese Studies

Malcolm Fisk Farley, Professor

沙善德

B.A., Hamline University, 1921

M.A., University of Minnesota, 1922

Joined the staff in Western Languages and Literature at Fukien Christian University, fall of 1922.

On furlough, 1929-30

Studied Chinese Civilization at the Sorbonne; Institute des Hautes, Etudes Chinoises de Paris, 1929-30

On furlough, 1937-38; again studying at the Sorbonne, Paris

Has built up a good museum of Chinese Art and archaeological objects of historical importance during the fifteen years he has been connected with the university.

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February 24, 1938

Dr. S. Elisseoff, Director
Harvard-Yenching Institute
17 Boylston Hall
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Elisseoff:

We are glad to hear from you that Mr. Farley visited you at Cambridge before he went to Paris. We also had a fine report from Mr. Farley himself telling about the genial hospitality and many kindnesses you and others there extended to him. We are quite sure that his year of study in France will further prepare him in carrying on the work at this university. If conditions permit, we shall try to get him to study more written Chinese when he comes back.

You remember my discussion with you about the museum of archaeological finds which Professor Farley has built up during the last fifteen years. You were good enough to tell me that you considered the collection a very valuable one, particularly with regard to the findings relating to Fukien History, and you suggested that we take good care of it. Legally, it still belongs to Professor Farley personally. The university has only helped in in small sums of money for such things as museum cases and certain special collections. Professor Farley has no time to properly classify and catalogue the collection. He has, however, repeatedly stated that it is his intention to keep the museum here for the university, but he cannot do it, for it is quite certain that it is the only personal savings that he has for his family. It would seem that we should take the matter up with him about the legal transfer of the museum to the university before he returns to Foochow. We think the most advantageous way to do this would be to ask you to carry on negotiations with him for us, as you on the one hand would be representing the Harvard-Yenching Institute, and on the other act as our representative to take the matter up with Professor Farley. You might write to him before he returns to the United States.

Under the present state of things, the university has no direct control over the museum, and we do not ask for it because we feel that we have no legal right to it. In the meantime, it cannot be profitably used for educational purposes, and we cannot develop a program with a view to better housing and arrangement of those articles and for working out a systematic academic program which will stimulate the interest of Chinese

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students who may develop the thing further years later when Prof. Farley has gone. It is our intention that we should work out courses of Chinese Studies along archaeological lines which will train Chinese students to further the work that Professor Farley has so well started. The university is not in a position to do this when practically all of the museum is under private ownership and control. Therefore, your services as a "go-between" will be greatly appreciated. It would also be a great enrichment to the general progress of the Harvard-Yenching Institute's work. We shall be glad to hear the preliminary results of your negotiations.

At the present time, we do not know what we can offer Professor Farley for the museum. Neither do we know how we can pay for it. What we hope is that you will open the subject and see what Professor Farley has in mind, and also what you might suggest. The purpose of our writing you is to ask you to lend your good offices and to see what can be done.

Yours sincerely,

President.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

February 28, 1938

Dear Dr. Garside:

Emergency Measures. During the last few weeks we have been going on with our preparations for emergency. This is chiefly for precaution for protection of the property of our university. We have packed up and sent to the Foochow Methodist Mission go-down fifteen cases of our most valuable science instruments. Several boxes of hand-written manuscripts and the more rare editions from the Chen Library are also ready to be sent to the Methodist go-down when space can be arranged. We have also finished packing about twenty cases of books and science instruments for shipment to Shaowu in case we cannot carry on work in Foochow. This latter group of things are considered by the various departments concerned as the minimum essentials which would be needed for the continuation of education if we have to do it outside of our own campus. Practically all of our library has now been moved to the basement floor of the Arts Hall and the science equipment in one of the basement rooms in the Science Hall. All of the windows in those rooms have been bricked up, leaving only small spaces for ventilation purposes. The doors have been reinforced so that in case we have to leave the campus suddenly, it would not be easy for the looters to get in.

In case of Japanese military occupation of Foochow, it is our plan that all the Chinese members with their families would have to leave the city. We have arranged if it is possible, and not dangerous to life, the foreign members of the staff with the exception of the ladies, will stay on the campus to look after the property of the university. The foreign ladies would go to Foochow where they could get the protection of the Consul. From the experiences of the missionaries in other occupied areas, we have learned that few Chinese men or women are spared when the Japanese soldiers first come to occupy a place, but that they have not done serious harm to the foreigners in those places. They have also respected to a certain extent the property claimed by the foreigners. It was passed by the Board of Managers at the meeting of December 11 that the property would be turned over to our Board of Trustees, whose representative is now Bishop John Gowdy, if the Chinese should have to leave the place.

All of the above is for precaution. We do not really expect these things to definitely happen in the immediate future. With all the military advantages they have in the North, the Japanese will need a long time yet to establish themselves there. They have also found it hard to maintain their fighting forces along the long lines of attack. Besides, Fukien is not a strategic point for military purposes. It would be quite stupid for Japan to spare a part of her much needed troops for fighting in Fukien and then using a considerable number of them to keep it. It is also possible that before Japan could drive the Chinese troops beyond Hankow she herself might collapse, so it is quite possible that Fukien might be entirely saved from getting into the actual war zone. Of course, no prediction is safe at this time, particularly with the Japanese who seem to do many stupid things that other persons would not think of doing. So we still take all the necessary precautions for an emergency.

Shaowu We are going on with our Shaowu plans. I was in Shaowu with four other members of our staff for about ten days during the first part of February. Two of our staff members are still there directing the work of about forty of our men students in the villages near there. We found the American Board property in

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and around the Shaowu walled city is quite large. The property within the North Gate will be quite sufficient to accommodate our whole university, and the property outside the East Gate will be enough for a middle school. There are sufficient land and hills which can be utilized for agricultural purposes. Enclosed herewith I am sending you two copies each of the plans. Most of the buildings are in quite good condition, except for the window panes, and in some cases the window frames and doors. A few small buildings need to have new floors laid. Our rather careful estimate of the cost of repairs for about twelve of the school buildings and the larger residences would be about LC\$3,500, or approximately US\$1000. We will need about LC\$1500 in addition for furniture. The wood for furniture is very cheap up there. Complete furniture to accommodate one student, including bed, frames for mosquito net, a desk and chair for his room, and a combined desk and chair for the class room, can be made for LC\$6.00.

We proposed to the Fukien Government that they grant us sufficient money for repair of the buildings, and if possible an additional sum for the running expenses for conducting an agricultural experiment station with a school for farmers and an agricultural vocational school of Senior High School grade in the mission property outside the East Gate. The Governor has considered it favorably, and we are waiting for his official approval of the grant, if he can find enough money for it. This project has the hearty support of the Magistrate in that Hsien, who when I was there said, and later wrote me here in Foochow, that he would furnish all the needed farm land and hills for the use of the school and the experiment stations, and later he might also gather together enough money to help in the running expenses. We have authorized our staff members there to start making repairs on some of the buildings, so that as soon as the plan is definitely approved by the Governor the place will be ready for use. We shall send one or two more members of our staff up there next week, including Dean Everett Stowe. It is our thought that the project itself is most worthwhile, even in ordinary times, and it has more value to the people and the country during war time, for there is an enormous possibility of agricultural development which will furnish a large part of the food supply for the people. There is no institution of High School grade in the whole of North Fukien beyond Yenping. The Shaowu project now has an additional value to the F.C.U. staff as a place of retreat in case of emergency. It can be fixed up at small cost, and will provide a fine place for the continuation of our educational service should we not be able to function in Foochow.

Mr. Overholt. We received a letter from Mr. Overholt dated January 11, reporting that he had been notified by the Rev. F.T. Cartwright that he will be sent back to Foochow by the Methodist Mission Board to participate in the agricultural work in Fukien Christian University after his furlough period, namely, this fall. Bishop Gowdy of the Methodist Mission here has not received official notice to that effect from the Mission Board in New York, but he thought it might be due to the family difficulties of Mr. Cartwright. We hope there is no misunderstanding here. We need very much additional personnel in our agricultural work, and Mr. Overholt is particularly fitted for this service because of his specialization in Animal Husbandry. Very few people in China are trained in that subject and we have already started work in domestic animals, such as goats and pigs, and a successful enterprise in improving chicken stock, so I hope you will find out more specifically from the Methodist Mission Board about Mr. Overholt, urging them to make the appointment definite in case they have not already done so.

This will also, as you remember, change our request to the American Board for the appointment of Mr. Overholt under their auspices. We are still in urgent need of additional agricultural staff, and there will be no change in our recommendation

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to the American Board for the appointment of an agricultural missionary to Fukien Christian University to replace the late Professor Frederick P. Beach. The time for the appointment of staff is now due, and we hope that you will help us in urging the American Board to make the appointment as quickly as possible and let us know whom they have appointed, so that we can plan the work for next fall.

C.M.S. Personnel at F.C.U. When Mr. Barclay of the Church Missionary Society was here last spring, he was quite convinced that there is need of appointment of a person under the Church Missionary Society to our university staff. The C.M.S. people here are also in favor of this. From various information, we have heard recently that the C.M.S. is really trying to secure a qualified person to be appointed to us. The C.M.S. has appointed quite a few new persons to Foochow during the last month or so, besides returning those who have been on furlough. I am writing to Mr. Barclay to remind him of his promise, suggesting that the appointment be made as soon as possible for next fall.. A letter from our Trustees' office may serve as an additional reinforcement of this request.

Yours sincerely

C. J. LIN

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

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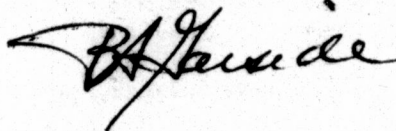
Fellowships for Professor Wang and Professor Chang. I am writing Dr. Sutton that if our office can be of assistance in connection with his efforts to secure these fellowships we will be happy to serve.

Johnson Professorship. The contact between our Fukien Trustees and Dr. George H. Johnson was established almost entirely through Bishop Gowdy, so he himself can give you more information about Dr. Johnson, his personal history, and his interests, than can anyone here in the United States. Dr. Johnson's gift of \$20,000 to establish the Dr. George H. Johnson Professorship of Mathematics was made about two years before I came to New York, so I can not give any personal information concerning the matter. Attached to this letter is a brief summary of the facts as they appear on our office records. I am sure that Bishop Gowdy could submit this material with additional details if they are needed.

Budget for 1938-39. We note that you are planning to send us in the near future preliminary estimates for the 1938-39 budget. As soon as this material arrives we will give the matter very careful consideration. Even though we have not yet completed securing the emergency funds we are seeking for the fiscal year 1937-38, we are already giving some serious thought to the financial problems which will confront the Colleges during 1938-39, and to the ways in which our Boards of Trustees individually and unitedly can assist in meeting these needs.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,



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MEMORANDUM CONCERNING THE DR. GEORGE H. JOHNSON PROFESSORSHIP IN MATHEMATICS

In the spring of 1925, after consulting with President John Gowdy, Dr. George H. Johnson agreed to make a contribution of \$20,000 to the Board of Trustees of Fukien Christian University for the establishment of a professorship. The conditions under which Dr. Johnson made the gift and under which the Fukien Trustees received it, are set forth in detail in a letter written to Dr. Johnson by Dr. Eric M. North under date of May 16th, 1925:-

"Dr. George H. Johnson
113 Columbia Hts.
Brooklyn, N. Y.
My dear Dr. Johnson:

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University yesterday afternoon, Dr. William I. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trustees, presented your letter of May 11th. After careful consideration of the matter, the Executive Committee took the following action, which, you will note, incorporates your letter in the records of the Board, in lieu of a deed of trust, and this letter to you is the record of acceptance of the Trustees.

"VOTED that the Executive Committee of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University have received with much satisfaction the letter of Dr. George H. Johnson to the President of the Board, under date of May 11, 1925, and desire to express to Dr. Johnson, in behalf of the Board, the hearty appreciation of the Trustees for his generous gift for the endowment of a professorship in the University; and

"That the terms and conditions of the gift as stated in Dr. Johnson's letter herewith spread upon this minute in lieu of a deed of trust, are accepted in behalf of the Board of Trustees, it being understood that the Trustees have power to invest, reinvest, and keep invested, the principal thereof in securities (either legal investments for trust funds or other good securities at the discretion of the Trustees) subject to the conditions stated with reference to the present investment.

"Dr. Wm. I. Chamberlain
President, Board of Trustees of
Fukien Christian University, Inc.

Dear Dr. Chamberlain:

It is my wish to endow a professorship in Fukien Christian University. Although my own interest is chiefly in mathematics, psychology and evangelical religion I will not designate the chair to be endowed. The trustees know best the needs of the institution,

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and the title may be changed from time to time as they see proper.
It will be known as the Johnson Professorship of _____
(Specifically as the Dr. George H. Johnson Professorship of _____).

" Only the income of the fund I am now beginning may be spent,
and the principal may not be pledged or hypothecated.

" Until the income is sufficient to support a professor it may be
allowed to accumulate, or the deficiency may be supplied from other
sources at the discretion of the trustees.

" I have confidence in the reliability of the Hudson & Manhattan
R.R. Co. Adj. 5 per cent bonds which I am donating herewith (in the
amount of \$20,000 par value) and am assured of their suitability for an
endowment fund; therefore I direct that they be not sold below 90 per
cent of par.

" This letter is in lieu of a deed of trust, and is to be preserved
and observed accordingly. Please send me a carbon copy with notation of
acceptance. The bonds may be delivered this week, but with the nominal
date of the endowment at October 1. The coupons for \$500 then collec-
tible, are to be credited on my building subscription for that amount.

" May Fukien Christian University always be worthy of its name, and
its graduates living epistles proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christian
love and service. It is in this faith and hope that I make this endowment.

Yours faithfully,

(signed) Geo. H. Johnson.'

"It was further

"VOTED that the designation of the subject of the Professorship be referred
to the next meeting of the whole Board of Trustees, after conference with
President Gowdy on his return."

"The Trustees noted with much satisfaction your readiness to leave
the designation of the Chair to them, and the provision, that if necessary, the
designation may be changed. In the administration of any institution, and of a
missionary college in particular, it is desirable that the Trustees be free to
make just such adjustments.

"We also noted with satisfaction the provision that the income may
be accumulated or that other income may be added to it, in order to provide the
total amount necessary for the support of the professor.

"The provision that only the income of the fund may be spent, and
that the principal may not be pledged or hypothecated has been duly noted and
will be strictly observed, as is our practice in the case of all our permanent
endowments.

"We note that the first collection of \$500. from the income is to
apply to your building subscription for that amount, and we will so handle it.

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"I should be glad to take delivery of the bonds at your convenience, or they may be delivered to the United States Trust Company of New York, 45 Wall Street, New York City, for the custodian account of Fukien Christian University. The United States Trust Company is the custodian of our securities and we would be glad to have the delivery made directly to them. They would issue to you and to us a receipt for them.

"The Executive Committee would desire me to express their appreciation of the hope expressed in the last paragraph of your letter that the University may successfully fulfill its Christian purpose. To have a share, either in building up endowment or in teaching or in administering its work, cannot be but a satisfaction to anyone who shares its ideals.

"President Gowdy is now on the Pacific coast. We expect him back here in about ten days, and he will be greatly enheartened by your generous gift.

Cordially yours,

/s/ Eric M. North

Assistant Secretary
Fukien Christian University"

On May 26th, 1925 Dr. Johnson turned over to the United States Trust Company of New York \$20,000 in Hudson and Manhattan Railway 5% Adjustment Income Bonds, due 1957.

On August 4th, 1925 Dr. North wrote Dr. Johnson as follows:-

"My dear Dr. Johnson:

"I have the honor to report that at a recent meeting of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University, consideration was given to the department to which the endowment of the Dr. George H. Johnson professorship should be applied, and the following action was taken:-

"T-684 VOTED that the income of the endowment be applied to the Chair of Mathematics, and that the fund known as the Dr. George H. Johnson Professorship of Mathematics."

"The Trustees expressed their hearty gratification at the generous arrangements which you have so thoughtfully made."

In February 1928 Dr. Johnson also turned over to the Trustees of Fukien Christian University the following securities:-

\$5,000 Iowa Central Railway First and refund, 4% bonds due 1951
\$3,000 National Railway of Mexico, 4% bonds due 1951
\$3,000 National Railway of Mexico, 4 1/2% bonds due 1957
\$1,020 Unpaid coupons of the United States of Mexico, Class A & B

While the par value of these securities was \$12,020, their market value was quite nominal, and they were received by the Trustees only in the hope

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that at some future time they might become valuable. These securities have never yielded anything either in principal or interest, and their market value today is practically nil. So while they have remained on our books as a part of the George H. Johnson endowment fund, they have never been of any real value. The Trustees have continued to hold the \$20,000 in Hudson and Manhattan Railway bonds given by Dr. Johnson. The income on these bonds at the present time is \$700 per year.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO. FOOCHOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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April 16, 1938

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of December 28 and March 11. We appreciate your sympathetic understanding of our problems here and your words of encouragement.

We have recently received correspondence from the Secretaries of the Mid Fukien Synod of the Church of Christ in China (American Board Mission), stating that the American Board has referred back to the field the decision of the appointment of a substitute missionary to Mr. Beach's place at the university. The Executive Committee of the Synod has appointed a special committee for this purpose, and after a long discussion the Executive Committee of the Synod sent the following recommendations to the Boston office.

"That because of the increasing diminution in the number of American Board missionaries, we regard it of a matter of great importance, that any addition to the foreign staff of the Foochow Mission, be young men or women, who will be able to carry on, as the older missionaries retire; and that we ask the Board to try to find such a missionary to fill the vacancy at the university, trusting that Messrs. McClure and Thelin who are leaving for America in the summer will be able to assist the Board in this search."

"And that, in case such a person cannot be found to come to the field by the fall of 1938, we urge the Board to release an amount of money equal to the salary of Mr. Beach, for the use of the university, to pay a local substitute on the staff for the academic year 1938-39."

The letter further states, "This committee was appointed with power to act, in order that this matter might not be held up longer than was necessary. In fairness to the administration of the university, and to Mr. Overholt, we should not hold over this question until next month's Executive Committee of the Synod. The above resolution from the sub-committee on personnel will go immediately to Boston as from the Synod."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my letter to Mr. Overholt. We are too far away from the scene to understand how things are moving, so we trust you will follow this matter for us and

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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We have secured a young man, Mr. C. Y. Lin, who has recently returned from America, for work in agronomy and plant breeding. We have also just engaged a man for work in Forestry, a Mr. Yang who has been working for the last five years since his graduation the School of Forestry of the University of Nanking, with the government in charge of forestry work. Both of these new men are starting work immediately as this is the season for their respective fields of activity. Mr. Lin brought back about twenty varieties of rice from Louisiana which has already been planted. He is now collecting the local types of rice. We are also sending five of our agricultural and science staff members to Shaowu tomorrow for laying out the land and hills for the agricultural experiment station, as well as to make preparations for organizing schools for training farmers, etc., in that section.

We notice in your monthly statement for February which came recently that you have credited to Fukien over \$8,000 for emergency purposes. Since the war started last July, the reduction of our income from the Ministry of Education and the Fukien Government amounts to about LC\$19,000. We have spent about LC\$1,000 for emergency measures on the campus, such as preparation against air raids and the safe-keeping of some of our more valuable equipment and library. We have also spent about LC\$3500 for our Shaowu project, so you see we are in need of additional resources to meet the present emergency. Can our Field Treasurer draw on this fund at any time?

We are holding entrance examinations for new students on April 26, and registration for old students will be on May 2 and 3, with classes beginning on May 4. Japanese planes have come to us quite often recently and have bombed the airfield in Foochow a number of times, but without much damage. Most of the Provincial Government organizations will be moved to the interior of the province within a week or so. It is the policy of the government to scatter the important government organizations in the interior so as to avoid destruction from bombing and the possible bottling up of Foochow by the Japanese forces. We still do not believe that there will be much immediate danger to Foochow, and we will carry on our work as we have planned. We are calling for the spring meeting of the Board of Managers in the middle part of May.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

C. Y. Lin

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April 25, 1938

President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Fukien, Foochow, CHINA

Dear President Lin:

You may be holding a supply of forms for this year's report to the University of the State of New York but to be sure that you have an adequate supply on hand we enclose herewith three copies of each of the two forms required - the general report and the financial report. One set is to be retained in the files of the University and two sets are to be forwarded to us here in New York. We will transmit one set to Albany and retain one set in our New York files for future reference.

Fukien has nearly always been very prompt in sending in these annual reports and we are sure that this will be the case this year. The prompt submission of annual reports helps greatly to strengthen our friendly relations with the authorities in Albany.

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. Laride

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SPRING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS
Fukien Christian University

Time: 9:00 a.m., Saturday, May 14, 1938
Place: Residence of Bishop John Gowdy

List of Members

	Church of Christ in Mid-Fukien	C.H.S.K.H. (C.M.S.)	Methodist Church	Church of Christ South Fukien (Reformed)
1938	Chen Kuang Kao		*Paul P. Wiant	
1939	*Lin Yu Shu (Chairman)		*Yang Chung Tung (Sec'y)	
1940	*W.H. Topping	*E.M. Norton	*Bishop John Gowdy	Wm. Van der Meer
1941	*Chen Yiang Cheng		*Phillip S.S. Yu	

Co-opted Members

1938 G. H. Diong
1939 Lin Chi Yung
1940 Chen Pei Kung
1941 *James L. Ding

Ex-Officio

*C.J. Lin, President, F.C.U.
*Eva M. Asher, Associate Treas., F.C.U.

Members whose names are starred above were present. The Rev. Lin Yu Shu was in the Chair. The meeting opened with prayer led by Bishop John Gowdy.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

M 838 VOTED to approve the minutes of the last meeting, December 11, 1937, as distributed.

Election of Co-opted Members

The President reported that Rev. G.H. Diong (C.H.S.K.H.) had gone to England, and that Dr. James L. Ding's term had expired.

M 839 VOTED that Bishop John Hind (C.H.S.K.H.) be asked to fill the vacancy left by Rev. G.H. Diong.

M 840 VOTED that Dr. James L. Ding be asked to continue to serve on the board as a co-opted member.

Auditors

The President reported that the accounts for 1936-37 had been audited by the auditors previously appointed by the Board, Mr. Lin Pu-yeng and Mr. Samson S. Ding, and he presented the signed report.

M 841 VOTED that the auditors report for the 1936-37 accounts be accepted.

M 842 VOTED that Mr. Lin Pu-yeng and Mr. Samson S. Ding be asked to audit the accounts for 1937-38.

The President's Report for the Spring Semester, 1938

The President reported briefly concerning the following: (1) Students work in the country for three months; (2) Spring semester opened on May 4; (3) Two new educational experiments - (a) division of courses of study into two sections, so that the courses taken in one section can be completed in half the time by taking half the number of courses and doubling the periods of meeting, to meet sudden emergencies when the school might not be able to function. (b) a new tutorial system which aims to provide personal guidance to each student by an especially appointed faculty member, both with regard to studies and the problems of personal and social adjustments. (4) the splendid spirit prevailing on the campus among both students and faculty in these difficult days.

M 843 VOTED that we accept the President's report as delivered and distributed.

New Appointments

The President reported new appointments of teachers beginning with the spring term, as follows:

1. Miss Ni-hsueh Mei (倪雪梅), Acting Dean of Women and Lecturer in Education
B.A., Ginling, 1920
M.A., Iowa State University, 1927
Dean of Studies in Bridgman Girls School, Shanghai,
Principal of the Union Girls School, Hangchow,
Dean of Women in the Institute of Political Science and Public Administration, Nanking
2. Miss Chen I-chueh (陳懿祝), Lecturer in Psychology
B.S., Syracuse University, 1922
M.A., Columbia University, 1923
Professor of Psychology in Amoy University, 1923-1936
3. Mr. Lin Cheng-yao (林成耀), Lecturer in Agronomy and Plant Breeding
B.S., College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, '33
M.A., Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1937
Additional graduate study and research work in rice and sugar cane breeding at the University of Louisiana, 1937-38
4. Mr. Yang Tsi-fuh (楊賜福), Research Assistant in Agriculture
B.S., College of Agriculture and Forestry, University of Nanking, '31
Served in Agricultural service in Northwest China, 1931-34
Head of the Forestry Division of the Bureau of Reconstruction and Director of the Foochow Forestry Station, Fukien Province, 1934-38
5. Mr. Li Yi-ying (李宜瀛), Instructor in Chemistry
B.A., Fukien Christian University, 1929
Served on the F.C.U. staff, 1929-35

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6. Miss Chen Nien-hsuan (陳念萱), Graduate Assistant in Chemistry
B.A., Fukien Christian University, 1936
Served on F.C.U. Staff, 1936-37
7. Part-time Teachers from Anglo-Chinese College, Foochow
Mr. Lin Kwan-te (林觀得), M.A., Northwestern University,
giving a course in Meteorology
Mr. George Wu (吳高梓), M.A., University of Southern California,
giving a course in Sociology

M 844 VOTED that we approve of the new appointments named above.

Leave of Absence

The President reported that Dr. W. Y. Chen of the Departments of Psychology and Religion, was formerly granted a leave of absence of two years by the Board of Managers to serve as the General Secretary of the National Christian Council, which expires this summer. The National Christian Council has requested that Dr. Chen be permitted to continue his work with the Council.

M 845 VOTED that due to the difficulties involved in changing the leadership in the National Christian Council during the national crisis, we extend Dr. W. Y. Chen's leave of absence another year.

It was further reported that Dr. Francis Chen of the Department of Rural Economics and Director of Rural Service has recently been appointed Head of the Cooperative Bureau of Fukien Province.

M 846 VOTED that Dr. Francis Chen be granted leave of absence to serve as Head of the Cooperative Bureau of Fukien Province.

Salaries and Allowances for Foreign Members of the Staff Paid
directly by the University

M 847 VOTED that the basic salary and allowances of the foreign members of the staff who are paid directly by the university be retained on the present scale, but subject to cut on a percentage basis according to the financial conditions of the university, as is done in the case of the Chinese members of the staff. (At the present time these coming under this classification are Profs. M.F. Farley and family, W.J. Sutton and family, and Miss Eva M. Asher).

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M 848 VOTED that the budget be accepted as presented.

M 849 VOTED that we ask the Trustees to underwrite up to the amount of \$6,000 U.S. Currency for the 1938-39 budget.

Approval of the Graduating Class of 1938

M 850 VOTED that the following students be allowed to graduate when their work is approved by the faculty of the university, degrees as indicated being awarded:

Completed Work in January, 1938

Chen Jen Ying
Lu Chuan Ho
Shao Tsung Chou

Bachelor of Arts	Education
Bachelor of Arts	Education
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry

Will Complete Work in August, 1938

Chang Hsien Cheng
Chang Tseng Lin
Chen Lin Tsang
Chen Mei Keng
Chen Shih Kang
Chou Kai Kun
Fang Chen Wu
Fang Chiung Chen
Jen Chi Hui
Lin Min Hsin
Lin Chen
Lin Cheng Yung
Lin Ching Hua
Lin Shih Ying
Lin Chi Kuang
Liu Ying Chih
Shao Ya Chang
Shih Yin Yu
Ting Ping Hsin
Tsao Tai Wei
Wang Jen Yu
Wu Pei Wei

Bachelor of Arts	Rural Economics
Bachelor of Arts	Education
Bachelor of Arts	Rural Economics
Bachelor of Arts	Education
Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
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Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Physics and Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts	Western Language and Philosophy
Bachelor of Arts	Western Language and Philosophy
Bachelor of Arts	Chinese and History
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Bachelor of Arts	Education
Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Biology
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry
Bachelor of Science	Physics and Mathematics
Bachelor of Science	Chemistry

Moving to Shaowu

M 851 VOTED that due to the unsettled political situation prevailing at the present time, we approve of the plan of the university to carry on class work at Shaowu beginning as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned.

Yang Chung-tung

Secretary.

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President C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

Dear Dr. Lin:

We enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Trustees held on May 3rd. Under separate cover we are mailing you 25 copies for distribution on the field. Within a few days, we will also send you copies of the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, which was held on May 2nd and 3rd.

Review of work of past year. Mr. Cressy's presence at the series of annual meetings this year was of tremendous value both from the standpoint of the information he brought and the inspiration he has given us. To the first hand news of the situation in China, we added the material contained in the recent letters you have been sending us. All members of the Board of Trustees have been watching with keen interest the developments of the year. Just at this time they are solicitous as to the outcome threatened invasion of Fukien, but we hope that it will be possible for F.C.U. to continue its work to the end of the present semester without any serious interruptions.

Financial Items. Page two of the minutes gives a brief summary of the anticipated receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year 1937-1938. Due to the emergency funds which have been coming in, we should be able not only to increase the Trustees' appropriations to the budget of the University, but also to complete the clearance of deficits from previous years which have so seriously handicapped the finances of the Trustees. So far as we can learn from the letters both from your office and that of the field treasurer, the University hopes to close this fiscal year without any serious increase in expenses because of the war, so it appears that the wisest course from the standpoint of the best interests of the college, would be for the Trustees to clear away the deficits this year. This would enable both the field and the home base to start off with a clean slate on July 1st.

The field has written us that you are working on the budget estimates for 1938-1939, but since no definite figures have been received, the Trustees referred this matter to the Executive Committee with power. You realize that we must have next year's estimates as soon as possible. The Associated Boards just now is trying to formulate the list of emergency needs for each of the colleges for next year. If F.C.U. wishes to be given proper consideration, in this list, we must have definite figures. We hope it will be possible for the Associated Boards in cooperation with the individual Boards of Trustees, to secure additional emergency funds next year, but this can only be done in con-

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nection with the actual needs of each of the participating colleges.

Matters Arising from the Field. The Board discussed at some length the complications involved in the possibility that military conditions might make it necessary at some time for F.C.U. to consider moving temporarily from its present campus. Action T-1160 is the result of its deliberations. The Trustees recognize that it is impossible for any group at this distance to give council which would be of much value. They know that if such an emergency arises, the leaders on the campus will meet the situation wisely and sanely. You can count on the Trustees' eagerness to give any assistance possible. The specific suggestion that consideration be given to Hongkong as a possible location should such a move be necessary, grew out of information contributed by a number of trustees present that Hongkong is being favorably considered by some of the other colleges faced with the same situation as is F.C.U. But we sincerely hope that no such move will be necessary, and that the University will continue to carry on its regular work on its own campus.

Observations by Professor Elisseff. We enclose a copy of the section of Professor Elisseff's report dealing with F.C.U. Under separate cover we are sending five copies of Dr. Elisseff's complete report for your study. You will note Dr. Elisseff's comments with regard to the use of Professor Farley's time in the teaching of English rather than in work more nearly related to the field of Chinese Cultural Studies. We would welcome such information as will help the Trustees to understand your local situation better, and to make any necessary explanation to our friends in Cambridge. Apparently Dr. Elisseff had forgotten, when he prepared his report, that F.C.U. has had an understanding with the Institute ever since 1929 that so long as the University had adequate work in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies, it would be permitted to use in other departments such a portion of the income from the Institute as is not required in the Cultural Studies. Dr. Fairfield has obtained from our office as full information as we could give him with regard to these matters, and will discuss them with Dr. Elisseff at the first opportunity. We will, however, welcome all information you can give us.

Matters Arising from the Associated Boards Meeting. As you will note when you receive the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, much of our time this year was given to a detailed study of the most effective means of unifying and simplifying our organization, personnel, and program for the coming year. Each year since you were here in America, the Associated Boards has made substantial progress both in the improvement of the organization and program, and in the amount of results received. But there is still room for substantial improvement in both directions.

One of our major problems has always been that of financing the operations of the Associated Boards. The charges made against the individual boards have been based upon so narrow a range of factors that they have varied widely from year to year. The boards have not been able to estimate in advance just how much the obligations of each one would be, there have been constant difficulties of equalization. It was therefore agreed that for 1938-1939, each of the boards would be asked in advance to make a definite appropriation based upon the average of what each board has given during the past four years. This figure will include all the services rendered by the Associated Boards in the fields both of administration and promotion. While these figures appear at first sight to be large, as a matter of fact they represent a reduction of more than

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20% as compared with the current year. With the increasing productivity of the Associated Boards, and the amount of funds secured for each of the colleges as a part of its united efforts, the cost is more than justified.

General Observations. As they look forward to the year just ahead, the Trustees anticipate that we will probably have to face another year of continued disturbance and unrest, together with the possibility that conditions may grow even worse before they improve. They resolved, therefore, to do everything possible to show their sympathy for the work you are doing. You can rely always upon their friendship, and their prayers for your guidance and protection.

We know that you will keep us fully informed of your activities, your wishes and your needs.

Very sincerely yours

EXTRACT FROM
OBSERVATIONS BY PROFESSOR ELISSEFF

"The Director next presented the report of Fukien Christian University for 1936-37 which he said complied in every way with the requirements of the Trustees. In addition to the preliminary report which he sent from China to the last meeting of the Trustees, the Director added that he was surprised to find out from the report of the university that the Institute is subventioning courses on European diplomatic history, on such subjects as sociology, religion and evolution, and on the history of science. He thought that it was a waste of money to have a library in Chinese studies and whose collection of Chinese art and archaeology the University uses for the courses on history and archaeology, is receiving LC\$9,899.95 this year, and yet practically all his teaching is in English with about fifteen hours of instruction a week. The Director said he did not understand why a university should use a man for the teaching of English who would be more helpful in archaeological work and who would be able to give a course on Chinese relations with foreign countries or on Chinese archaeology. He said he would write to President Lin about these courses and ask him whether it would not be possible to spend more money for purely Chinese studies.

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

Dear Dr. Garside:

We held the spring meeting of our Board of Managers on May 14. We are sending you herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting together with a copy of my report for the spring semester and a copy of the budget for 1938-39. We sent you on May 18 twenty-six copies of the minutes for distribution to the Trustees. I think most of the actions in the minutes are self-explanatory. I shall comment on the following:

1. Budget for 1938-39. (Votes M 848 and M 849).

The total amount of the budget for 1938-39 is about LC\$7,000 less than the present year's budget. We have made serious cuts in the budget, and we have come to the place that we cannot cut further. In spite of this reduction in the total budget, we find that we shall be about LC\$18,000 short. This is due chiefly to the reduction of the grants from both the National and Provincial Governments. The amount we have put in the budget as coming from government sources, Central Government LC\$3,153 and Fukien Government LC\$19,726, is what we may expect to get after some consultation with the government authorities, if the conditions of the government do not get much worse than at present. We also counted the receipts from students on the basis of having 150 students. This number may be considerably reduced if the war continues. We are, therefore, facing a very difficult situation for the coming fiscal year. The Trustees are asked to underwrite a much larger sum than last year, that is, US\$6,000, but we hope that we may be able to realize this from additional gifts.

2. Foreign Salaries and Allowances. (Vote M 847).

In our regulations for the appointment of foreign members of the staff we provide an increase of US\$100.00 at the end of each term of service for a married couple and US\$50.00 for a single person per year until a maximum of US\$1700.00 per year is reached for a married couple and US\$1150.00 for a single person. The discussion was whether or not in the present financial difficulties at the university we should continue to make this additional increase and thus increase the basic salary. The conclusion reached was that we continue the basic salary and allowances according to our present scale, but to make it subject to a percentage of discount as may be adopted by the administration for all those who are paid by the university field treasurer, foreign and Chinese.

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At the present time the foreigners who are paid direct by the university are Prof. Farley and family, Prof. Sutton and family, and Miss Asher. In the proposed arrangement they would feel that we are treating them like all the other members coming under the university budget, which is different from the other foreigners who are paid by their respective boards, and who, naturally, are subject to the changes of their own boards. Beginning with January 1, 1938, we effected a discount of from 5% - 15% on a progressive scale, those receiving the higher salary receiving the higher rate of discount. We have not applied this discount to the salaries that are paid in U.S. Currency. This vote, however, authorizes us to discount the salary of those two families who are returning in the new fiscal year, beginning July 1. It seems likely that we shall have to continue this policy of reduced salaries which will save approximately LC\$6,000.00 for the 1938-39 budget. All the salaries in the budget are sending you are the basic salaries, and not the reduced amounts.

Moving to Shaowu. (Vote M 851). This is reaffirming votes M 831 - M 834, minutes of December 11, 1937, with certain modifications. The difference is that the university is to carry on class work at Shaowu, but not yet returning the university property to the Trustees. We understand that the property would not be returned so long as Fukien is under the control of the Chinese Government. We are carrying on our agricultural work which has been started on the campus, and will have the campus kept up as at present. The students and the Chinese staff will move to Shaowu on May 25. We are asking the western members of the staff to stay on the campus together with some of the lower rank staff members and workmen. I plan to travel back and forth between Shaowu and the university. Prof. E. M. Stowe is assigned to be in general charge of the campus. Prof. R. Scott will assist him. Prof. C. R. Kellogg will carry on the agricultural projects already started on the campus. The ladies, Mrs. Scott, Miss Thomas, and Miss Asher, will join the American missionary group in Foochow should a Japanese invasion take place.

The Present Political Situation. This move was deemed to be necessary because of the recent military threat to this province by Japan. The Japanese Navy with troops from Formosa invaded Amoy Island quite suddenly on May 10 and completely occupied Amoy on May 14, after slaying a large number of Chinese civilians who were not able to leave the Island. The Japanese gunboats also patrolled and fired along various parts of the coast of Fukien on May 13. They fired on the forts near the mouth of the Min River, and also at Diong Loh which is not far from here, and made some attempts to land at other places on the coast adjacent to Foochow. Air bombing has also become more frequent throughout the province. People were afraid that they would not be able to get out of the firing line if they did not move out beforehand. The government authorities also advised the schools to move to the interior. The provincial government offices have been moving to the interior during the last month, and the process will not be completed until May 23. The government, therefore, cannot provide facilities for moving the university students and staff to Shaowu before May 25. The situation seems to be a little better now, and the government thinks Foochow will be quite safe from Japanese invasion for at least the next few weeks.

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Moving to Szechwan. (Vote 631). This is reflecting votes 631 - M 634, minutes of December 11, 1937, with certain modifications. The difference is that the university is to carry on class work at Szechwan, but not yet returning the university property to the Trustees. We understand that the property would not be returned so long as tuition is under the control of the Chinese Government. We are carrying on our agricultural work which has been started on the campus and will have the campus kept up as it is present. The students and the Chinese staff will move to Szechwan in May 25. We are asking the members of the staff to stay on the campus together with some of the lower rank staff members and workmen. I plan to travel back and forth between Szechwan and the university. Prof. A. M. Snow is assigned to be in general charge of the campus. Prof. A. Scott will assist him. Prof. G. R. Kellogg will carry on the agricultural projects already started on the campus. The Ladies, Mrs. Scott, Miss Thomas, and Miss Asher, will join the American missionary group in Foochow should a Japanese invasion take place.

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Information from the government authorities and our own estimate of the situation convince us that we would be quite safe here for sometime, although more of the important cities along the coast of Fukien will be subject to severe treatment by the Japanese navy and air forces. The Japanese are trying to pick some easy spot so as to report victory for home consumption in order to bolster up morale at home after nearly ten months of aggressive war abroad without any decisive victory. Their attempts in the South may also aim to draw some Chinese forces from Central China. I do not believe that Japan yet has enough resources in either troops or finances to seriously invade South China.

Conditions in Shaowu. We have reported about our Shaowu project in previous correspondence. The repairs on the building of the American Board property outside the East Gate have been completed, but we have not had enough furniture made for the university work there, as we did not plan for the moving of the whole university so soon. We have authorized our people who are now at Shaowu to start making more furniture immediately, and we hope that a large part of it will be ready by the time we arrive. The Fukien Government is giving us special rates for transportation on the launches from Foochow to Yenping and also making arrangement for special buses and trucks from Yenping to Shaowu so that we can make the trip between those two places in one day. We will be crowded and our academic work will be much handicapped because of the limited facilities and equipment and library, but the heads of departments are trying to take enough books and instruments to meet the minimum needs of our class work. All of our other equipment and the more valuable part of the same, as well as most of the library, will be kept on the campus here in special rooms.

Emergency Expenses. The moving will cost us about LC\$1500. An additional \$1500 will be needed for furniture and other equipment in Shaowu. The Government of Fukien has granted us LC\$8,000

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Emergency Expenses. The moving will cost us about \$1500. An additional \$1000 is needed for furniture and other equipment in Shaoan. Fukien has granted us \$1000,000.

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towards our Shaowu project, and we have received \$4000 of it. But we have spent almost all of the \$4000 for repairs and other preliminary equipment at Shaowu. We feel, however, that the additional expense is worthwhile in that it will make it possible for us to continue our work which otherwise would not be possible under the present circumstances prevailing in Foochow. If the general situation clears up in a few months we may bring the whole university back, leaving the agricultural department up there. If the situation gets worse, that is, Foochow being invaded, we shall at least have a place where we can continue our Christian higher education in a free atmosphere. If there are any troops at all left for Fukien, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for the Japanese army to get to Yenping, for the region North of Yenping is very mountainous and our army could hold its own against any superior equipped troops.

Farleys' and Suttons' Return. I shall be writing you about this a little later. The conditions here have changed considerably during the last couple months. The university class work will be carried on at Shaowu after May 25 under rather crowded conditions and with much less facilities. We also understand that the American Government will not permit families to come with missionaries to China under the present international situation. The proposed possible reduction of the salary of the foreign members of the staff may also affect the living standard of the persons concerned. If the families had to stay in America that would be additional expenses to the university, and there is the probability of families being separated for sometime. All of this will enter into the problem of the return of these two families. We have been discussing this problem, and we shall give the Trustees the benefit of our discussions in a later letter. I have also talked this over with Bishop Gowdy, and he is writing to you. We sent the Farleys a letter on January 26 and the Suttons a letter on January 21 inviting them to return, and we have not had a reply from either of them.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin.

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Copy to Bishop John Gowdy

P.S. If it is convenient for your office to send some of this information to the Farleys, Teddy Chen, Suttons, and Miss Asher's family, you may make copies beginning with paragraph Moving to Shaowu on page 2 through the paragraph Conditions in Shaowu on page 3.

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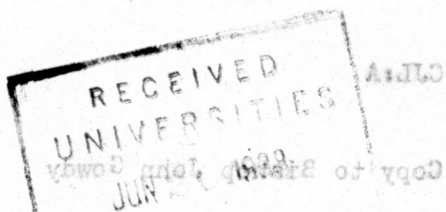
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towards our Shown project, and we have received \$4000 of it. But we have spent almost all of the \$4000 for repairs and other preliminary equipment at Shown. We feel, however, that the additional expense is worthwhile in that it will make it possible for us to continue our work which otherwise would not be possible under the present circumstances prevailing in Hoochow. If the general situation clears up in a few months we may bring the whole university back, leaving the agricultural department up there. If the situation gets worse, that is, Hoochow being invaded, we shall at least have a place where we can continue our Christian higher education in a free atmosphere. If there are any troops at all left for Lukien, it would be very difficult, if not impossible, for the Japanese army to get to Yenching, for the region North of Yenching is very mountainous and our army could hold its own against any superior equipped troops.

Faculty and Students' Return. I shall be writing you about this a little later. The conditions have changed considerably during the last couple months. The university class work will be carried on at Shown after May 25 under rather crowded conditions and with much less facilities. We also understand that the American Government will not permit families to come with missionaries to China under the present international situation. The proposed possible reduction of the salary of the foreign members of the staff may also affect the living standard of the persons concerned. If the families had to stay in America that would be additional expenses to the university, and there is a probability of being asked to contribute for housing. All of this will enter into the problem of the return of these two families. We have been discussing this problem, and we shall give the Trustees the benefit of our discussions in a later letter. I have also talked this over with Bishop Gowdy, and he is writing to you. We sent the Faculty a letter on January 26 and the Students a letter on January 21 inviting them to return, and we have not had a reply from either of them.

Yours sincerely,

L. J. King



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May 24, 1938

Dr. C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Lin:

Your cablegram of May 23rd arrived yesterday informing us that you are moving the university to Shaoan, and that the Farleys and Suttons are not to be returned to the field. We are communicating this to the Executive Committee and will notify you later what action is taken by that body.

It is quite apparent you are trying to avoid being caught behind any military line, and we trust the experiment will work out satisfactorily and justify the change you have made.

We will write you as soon as definite action has been taken.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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P. S. Incidentally, Dr. Buttrick has lost her home in Searsdale, finding it too expensive to maintain. She has an office in the newly erected apartment opposite Northeast Inn and has rented a house directly across the street from us, on Brown Road, so hereafter we will be near neighbors.

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Dr. B. A. Carside

150 Fifth Avenue

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Both of these men have rendered most valuable service to the university and to China. We sincerely want them back if we could possibly swing it financially and the conditions would permit them to come. Should our Trustees find additional support which would insure the maintenance of these two families at F.C.U., we would be only too glad to have them return to us any time. We know how hard it will be for them to make adjustments at this time when they have been fully prepared to render their service to F.C.U., which they love; we have already extended them our invitation to return, both before they left last summer and again in January of this year. It will also be very difficult for us here to adjust our work without them; and we shall greatly miss their fine Christian influence on the student body and the community. But if we have to do this eventually, it will be fair to both parties to face the difficulties now when our friends are still in the prime of life and can make adjustments more easily than when they are over fifty years old. We are not writing them directly just now, for we thought this news could reach them more quickly through you, and also you could better take the matter up with them personally in the way that seemed the most fitting at the time.

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In writing me in the future, please address it to Dean E. M. Stowe at the university in Foochow. If I am not here when it arrives he can send me a copy of it to Shaowu.

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Yours sincerely,

E. M. Stowe

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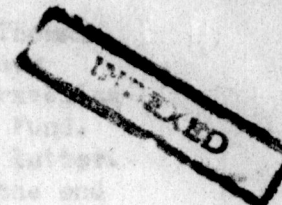
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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May 28, 1938



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

Dear Dr. Garside:

We are granting Miss Eunice T. Thomas a six months leave of absence with full pay, beginning June 20, 1938, so that she can return to California as she desires. The chief reason for her return is her physical condition. Today I received a statement from Dr. L. G. Dyer, a physician on the Medical Committee of the American Board Mission, as follows:

"The matter of Miss Eunice Thomas' physical condition has recently been brought to my attention. It seems to me that her symptoms are much aggravated, if not induced, by the conditions of strain and anxiety in Foochow and in China. Since there seems to be no place in China where she can be free from anxiety, I feel it is best to recommend that for reasons of physical and nervous health Miss Eunice Thomas be sent home to U.S.A., to sail as soon as arrangements can conveniently be made."

Dr. Gillette, another physician on the Medical Committee, thought it "highly desirable" for Miss Thomas to return to California, but he does not share with Dr. Dyer about the nervous strain. In any case, Miss Thomas has quite made up her mind that she should go back to America. We are willing to grant her a leave of absence because she is physically not in condition to go to Shaowu with the students and the rest of the staff, and she would be left with nothing much to do on the campus, so she might as well spend the time in the States which will help to relieve her of anxiety over the present situation here.

We propose to give Miss Thomas full pay for the next six months, beginning June 20. On account of the doctors strong recommendation, we shall pay her traveling expenses from Foochow to California. Should conditions permit at the end of the six months period and she can return and is able to render service to the university, she will pay her own traveling expenses back. The traveling expenses which we are now paying to her and the length of time we allow her for the present leave of absence will be counted against her regular furlough allowances, the details to be arranged later. If, however, the conditions do not permit her to return, or the university cannot make use of her services, then her relationship with the university will end without further obligations on either side. According to the doctors statement, we do not expect to pay any hospitalization expenses for her.

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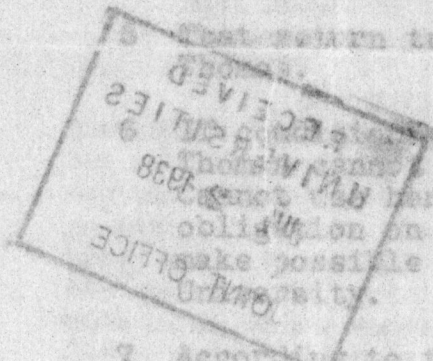
It is our thought that you pay to Miss Thomas through the American Board Mission in Boston the amount she now receives on the field, and we will arrange here to pay her traveling expenses to California, which we shall charge to the Talcott Fund. I shall also write to Mr. Talcott and send you a copy of the letter. It is our hope that should Miss Thomas remain in America at the end of the six months leave, you will secure another teacher of English from the same fund which Mr. Talcott sent in for us for that Chair.

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Fukien Christian University
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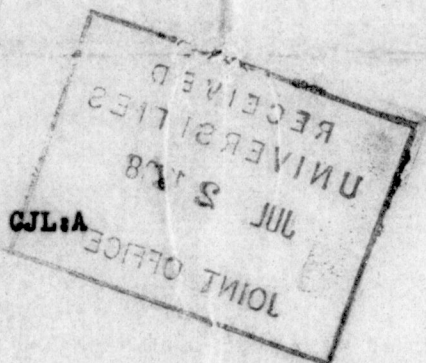
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Owing to Miss Thomas' former physical handicap she is not in a position to work in the interior part of the country, where the physical accommodations are not so good as in Foochow. She has been a very good teacher in English and has given her services most loyally to the university. She is a very devoted woman, and we very much hope to have her continue her service with us. But in case conditions do not allow us to carry on our work in Foochow, we would still need an English teacher and we shall make a new appointment to the Chair which you so kindly donated, if Miss Thomas cannot come back. We shall, of course, report to you when such a change occurs.

It has been a great help to our educational work to have an English teacher, as English is one of our required fields of work and there are many students who desire to do advanced work in English Literature. During the next few months we are making special arrangements to have another faculty member take a part of the work left by Miss Thomas. It is, of course, not very satisfactory, but we have to do the best we can under the present circumstances. We hope that you approve of our arrangement with Miss Thomas and our work in the English Department here.

Yours sincerely,

B. L. L.
President.



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