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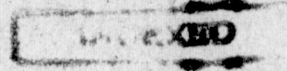
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January 12, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Thank you for your letter of December 2nd.

We were sorry to learn that you were not able to attend the Madras Conference, but we know that your presence there would have been of great value. But at the same time, we appreciate that the tenseness of the situation in Fukien Province was such that you were unwilling to absent yourself from F.C.U. for any prolonged period. We have not yet had sufficient information from Madras to know just what was accomplished by the conference there, but we are hoping that real progress was made in dealing with some of the innumerable and perplexing problems now confronting the Christian enterprise.

We have not yet had any word from Professor and Mrs. Roderick Scott since they arrived in America. I sent them a letter of greetings addressed to the steamer, and I know that our China Colleges leaders on the Pacific Coast sent radiograms to them while they were still aboard ship. We have been earnestly hoping that Dean Scott can take an active share in our publicity work on the Pacific Coast, for he is urgently needed there.

We have also been trying to make use of Teddy Chen wherever we can without interfering too seriously with his study and research. We understand that he has been used quite frequently in various parts of California.

We are making a note of the coming of Mr. Yang Hsin Pao, and will try to use him as opportunity offers.

We note the copy of your letter to Dr. Fairfield with regard to the appointment of Dr. Leger to the F.C.U. staff as an American Board member. We will try to follow this through with Dr. Fairfield and the American Board. As you know, Dr. Fairfield is devoting most of his time this year to the leadership of the Church Committee for China Relief, so Mr. Robert Chandler is taking over for the time being most of Dr. Fairfield's regular duties in the American Board.

I believe that the various other matters mentioned in your letter have already been covered in previous communications from Mr. Evans, Mr. Barker, and myself.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

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January 18, 1939

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*ack by C. J. Lin 3/11/39*

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We cabled you on the 10th of January as follows:

"FARLEY WITH OR WITHOUT FAMILY WILL RETURN FALL SEMESTER 1939"

Throughout this whole situation we have been more or less of a go-between in what has not been a very happy situation. On the one hand the field took the turn of desiring to release Messrs. Sutton and Farley until it was clearly understood that funds would be available and after the Board of Trustees had voted to carry them until June 30.

All of the matter had been transmitted to Mr. Farley in Europe who immediately laid plans to complete his work there and return more leisurely early in the Fall. When the cable came that both Farley and Sutton be returned, this information was communicated to Mr. Farley and as his sailings had been cancelled, it was practically impossible to get anything due to the excessive travel westward of people desiring to rid themselves of Europe during a very unsettled condition.

With simply the cables coming through, we were not in a position to give any other information and had to act upon the judgment of the officers of the University and interpret the situation as best we could. As Mr. Farley was so late in returning from Europe, it seemed unwise to hurry getting him there in the middle of the Winter. As he had been away from his family for practically two years and as the amount of material he has collected needs proper publication, he has felt it desirable to remain here in America until the close of the fiscal year.

We have conferred with Dr. Elisseeff regarding the proposition and while he would prefer to have Mr. Farley in Boston and would assist in the expenses, yet his offer came too late to make it desirable for him to accept same. He had already made plans for the use of the Field Museum and an apartment on the University of Chicago Seminary grounds.

The correspondence we have had with Mr. Farley has not been veiled in any soothing language. We have discussed the matter point blank and he realizes that one thing necessary is to get this material in shape and thereby provide some justification for the time he is here in America.

A recent letter stated that you had made provision for English teaching during the Spring Semester and it would seem that the outcome of the situation has been the happiest which could be evolved.

We have made it rather plain that with this added time here in America full preparations should be made whereby Mr. Farley would be on the field in

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Mr. G. J. Lin

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ample time for the fall work. To this end, I trust you will let us know quite definitely when the fall work begins, and we will see to it that arrangements are made to get Mr. Farley, with or without his family (which ever seems feasible), there at that time.

Very truly yours,

G. A. EVANS.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

January 18, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Mr. Parker's letter of October 29 covering the minutes of the Executive-Finance Committees of Fukien of October 14, 1938, was received here on January 14, 1939, and his letter of December 13 covering the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting on November 28, came on January 13. We have no explanation for the long delay in the arrival of the October 29 letter.

Will you please send Theodore Chen, 1035½ West 36th Place, Los Angeles, California, US\$100.00, as the university's part towards the expenses in connection with his investigation of new experiments in college education in America. We heard from Teddy that a large part of the expenses would be borne by the grant from the National Education Honor Society of America, but that he would have to pay \$100.00. We want to do our part in paying for this worthy project which will mean much in his work as Dean when he returns next fall. Please charge this against our current budget.

We have also recently heard from Miss Thomas. I notice that our Trustees discussed her problem at the Board meeting November 28. Since it is definitely a medical case, we should not make the conditions difficult for Miss Thomas by having her seeking her own support for the next few months of further treatment and recuperation. We, therefore, recommend that her regular salary be paid to her through June, 1939. She would not have to look for work for her support with this grant, but should she feel able to, and desires to do some work while she is waiting in America, she can turn in whatever she may earn up to the amount of her salary to the university. This arrangement, we hope will relieve her anxiety and better prepare her to return to us in the summer.

We notice that the Trustees raised the question about Miss Asher leaving the field before the McClures returned. We shall have no difficulty about this. Our Treasurers' Office has an experienced assistant in accounting who has been doing most of the routine work during the last few years, and has been doing the major part of the bookkeeping, etc., since we moved to Shaowu last June. There will be no difficulty in closing the year's books. Naturally most of the disbursements are made in Shaowu, except for the orders from Shanghai and abroad. The main need after Miss Asher leaves here will be some one to handle the general banking business, for which we hope to make some arrangement with the person who may be in charge of the Foochow campus at that time, Dr. Sutton for instance. Other matters will be handled in Shaowu by myself or some designated person until the McClures return to the field. Miss Asher plans to go to Shaowu for a visit before she leaves for furlough. She can then take up with the assistant there any matters needing her help.

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Miss Asher will write you about the details of the plan of her sailing date, etc., as soon as she has made definite arrangements for same. We are arranging for her to leave Foochow early so that she can make the best use of her furlough period. She may leave here as early as May or June. Our college work for the present academic year will close in the early part of June. It may be possible for Miss Asher to arrange to go home by way of Europe and arrive in New York in time for some work with you or to have a quarter of the summer session without feeling too pressed for time.

I have just returned from Shaowu (January 13) where the college work for the fall semester is fast drawing to a close. Mr. Sidney Davidson, whom we had engaged to teach English for the spring semester, died of pneumonia on January 9. I have not yet succeeded in finding a qualified person to teach English for us at Shaowu during the spring semester which will begin on February 3. I shall probably have to stay on here in Foochow until I can get somebody for that department, for we must give at least the required courses for the freshman and sophomore English Composition and Literature. If we succeed in securing one full-time teacher we may be able to get along for the next few months with the expected arrival of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs of the American Board Mission in Shaowu. They have promised to help us in our English work, but their sailing has been delayed until January 27 from San Francisco. They will be several weeks late for the beginning of our work, but we still have to count on them.

Dr. Samuel H. Leger of the American Board has definitely accepted the assignment of the mission to join our staff, taking the place left vacant by the death of Professor Frederick P. Beach in November, 1937. Dr. Leger and his family are still in North China, and due to previous engagements and furlough plans, Dr. Leger will not be able to reach Foochow and go on to Shaowu until March. Then he has to return to the North to take his family to America for furlough. We are glad to have a man of Dr. Leger's caliber join our staff, although we wish he could join our teaching force right away. His visit to Shaowu will acquaint him with the work of the university, as well as the nature of his service upon his return to the field, so that he can better prepare himself during his furlough year in America. He will work in our Department of Rural Economics. Dr. Leger is well trained in his line and has had wide experience. He has a thorough knowledge of Chinese, not only in reading and speaking, but also in writing. We shall look forward to his contribution to our rural reconstruction work when he returns from America in the fall of 1940.

We are now having our final examinations for the fall semester's work in Shaowu. Things have been much better adjusted by this time and everything has been going on very smoothly at Shaowu. Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Wiant, another member of our Board of Managers, who went to visit us at Shaowu after their Methodist Annual Conference in Yenping last fall, were quite well impressed by the conditions there. We have just given entrance examinations for a spring class of freshmen for which we had quite a large number of candidates. We have yet to adjust our dormitory and other accommodations to see how many to take in for the spring term.

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Foochow is still going on normally and is quite prosperous in general. Most of the Christian schools have moved into the interior, and some are going soon as they needed time to prepare places to move to. With the exception of very few schools, all have increased in enrollment and the prevailing spirit has been very good. It is really a great opportunity for Christian education, and we hope that the Christian forces will not fail to grasp it.

Yours sincerely,

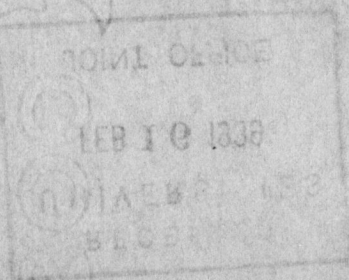
*G. M. A.*

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Jan. 21, 1939. P.S.

Your letter of November 30 re Miss Thomas' salary, sent by ordinary mail, came last night. The original sent by Air Mail has not yet been received. But as you will see from the above, we have already approved of continuing her salary to the end of June 30, 1939. The field has a very sympathetic understanding of her case, and we feel that we should do this for her.

*G. M. A.*



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Air Mail

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

Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
January 19, 1939



Dear Mr. Evans:

We have very carefully reconsidered Mr. Farley's case and have come to the conclusion that we cannot ask the Farleys to return to the university. Please make arrangement so that his connection with us will definitely terminate by June 30, 1939.

You will remember that we wrote you under date of May 24, 1938, about this. Reference should also be made to Bishop Gowdy's letter of May 20, 1938. The reasons stated in those letters still hold good for our present decision, with the exception that we are much more convinced of the necessity of this step. Mr. Farley has been loyal to Fukien Christian University in his own way, and we could make further use of his service in normal times. But the particular line of development which he is definitely going into, his family conditions in this period of uncertainty and war, and the financial situation of Fukien Christian University combine to lead us to this decision.

Mr. Farley came to China in 1922 specifically for English work, for which he was quite well prepared. It soon developed that he had a hobby in collecting things Chinese, which for the last ten or fifteen years has absorbed much of his time and energy. It interfered to a considerable extent with his work in the English Department. You can probably find some traces of that difficulty during Bishop Gowdy's administration in the files of the Trustees. But for the convenience of the Trustees, I enclose herewith a copy of the letter (November 30, 1928) which we wrote Mr. Farley more than ten years ago as the conditions of his return to the field after his first furlough, which he definitely agreed to but actually never carried out. This, you will remember, resulted in our appointment of Miss Eunice T. Thomas for work in English, definitely giving him a certain amount of time for his collection of Chinese of some archaeological significance, but as he was never entirely willing to use his time for the development of a regular university museum, even with the offer of financial support from the university, the possibility of the university going into that field became very doubtful. As our faculty and Board of Managers have discussed his case many times for long hours each, we are quite certain that with our personnel and financial resources we should never be able to develop anything of real significance along the line of Chinese archaeology and art. So long as Mr. Farley could work in the Department of Western Languages and Comparative Literature and devote part of his time to maintaining and developing what he already has as a side line, we might keep the thing going for its own sake, but in recent years that even has proved to be a thing of almost impossibility. With our constant financial crisis, we, therefore, decided last May that the Farleys should be definitely dropped.

It was with respect to the Trustees' consideration and arrangement for Farley's support until June, 1939, and if necessary further, that we did not insist on this move. And then the conditions in China got much worse and ~~were~~ were so urgently in need of additional personnel that we cabled for the return of the Suttons and Farleys, trusting that the Trustees would take care of their financial support for the years to come. With Mr. Farley unwilling to come to meet our most urgent needs during this critical period, on account of his family situation and other personal reasons, even his immediate usefulness to us is lost. We feel that it is not for the best interests of the university to delay further our decision with regard to the Farleys. Neither will it be good for Mr. Farley himself and his family not to face the question squarely. We are convinced that he would never

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be content to work for the development of our English Department, in spite of his repeated profession that he is sincerely devoted to it. Meanwhile, it is one of the fields of work which in comparison with government and other private colleges, we hope to, and should, excell in. We have no illusion that we can succeed only with a strong personnel. Mr. Farley would now more than ever use his time and energy for his amateurish effort, which in the eyes of the Chinese, does not amount to much more than curio collecting. Even if we should like to develop along genuine archaeological lines, it would take long years to develop proper personnel, for none of our present staff, Mr. Farley included, has ever had any scientific training in Chinese or modern archaeology. It would at least take Mr. Farley five years to learn to use Chinese literature profitably. Besides, one man is not enough. With Mr. Farley occupying that field, probably no one else could be trained. ~~on the other hand, there are much more important phases~~ of our Chinese cultural studies which can be more profitably developed both with our existing personnel in that department and additional members we may secure with the funds now used for Mr. Farley's salary and allowances.

We always have in mind the development of the university in a healthy way as a whole. The university depending on one or two persons working along some obscure line may bring some sort of publicity in western eyes, but eventually hinder the balanced development of a college. Mr. Farley's work is quite valuable so far as we can let him devote his time to it and over a long period of years. Yet, at best, it would have only a limited value for a very small circle of so-called sinologists in the West, and probably some publicity for F.C.U. But with our financial resources so drained the expenditure for this would not warrant the limited results achieved.

I think I understand the Trustees consideration of Mr. Farley's relation with the Harvard-Yenching Institute Fund. They must have in mind that if Mr. Farley is dropped from our staff, the Harvard-Yenching Institute may do something to our appropriation from that fund. Our judgment here is that it should not have any effect upon it. The chief interest of the Harvard-Yenching Institute is to see that our program of Chinese Studies is being carried on with the proper standard and up to the level of their expectations. It has been repeatedly officially recognized that we have done that in the past without Mr. Farley making any specific contribution towards it. We shall be able to do it even better if the money from his salary and allowances is released. The Institute has no direct control of our personnel, although we generally report each year the specific persons who have engaged in the work in our Chinese Cultural Studies. We always work on the basis that we have a free selection of our personnel, best fitted to the work. Of course, we are always ready to receive advice and criticism, but the general policy of the administration should rest on the responsible body in charge of the university as a whole, without which no administration can function effectively.

*Mr. Farley is not to be dropped by the Trustees*

This is not the place for us to discuss the fundamental policy of Chinese Cultural Studies in the colleges in China. Suffice it to mention that our cultural studies have been, and are more and more being directed to the investigations of vital cultural forces that will regenerate China and give her a new phase of national life, such as the Renaissance did for the peoples of Europe. We, therefore, try to do two things which are closely correlated. One is to have the general level of our Chinese Studies in the whole university raised higher as time goes on, and the other is to make specific investigations in fields which vitally touch Chinese life. The latter is generally approached through historical and philosophical lines. Frankly, we are not in favor of making Chinese civilization a curio store for the purely scientific enjoyment of Western sinologists. We appreciate the value of the kind of work that has been done in Egypt, the Near East, etc., but we believe that in China we should

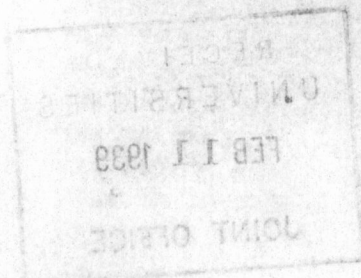
first devote our energy to the study of live cultural forces and enhance their development, and then do what we can to increase the common human knowledge about things of ancient times.

Your letters of October 15 and 18 quite adequately reflect Mr. Farley's side of the story. We have always considered our difficulties with Mr. Farley as a family affair, and hence except for some general statements of our attitude, we have never bothered our Trustees with the details of the administrative problems on the field. Mr. McClure might have shared with you some of his experiences. Professor Roderick Scott, who will be in the East sometime in the spring, can give our Trustees his experiences and relations with Mr. Farley. Professor Scott is one of our oldest members of the staff. He was Dean of the university for ten years, beginning with 1917. Bishop Gowdy will also be in New York in the spring, having left here on January 16, and will take the "Empress of Japan" from Shanghai on January 27. I am writing to these three persons asking them to take the occasion to meet our Trustees and explain our conditions here, especially with regard to Mr. Farley. Mr. Scott can be reached at 527 Berkeley Avenue, Claremont, California; Mr. R. W. McClure at 960 N. Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, California, and Bishop Gowdy at 150 Fifth Avenue. We hope very much that you will arrange in some way so that either Professor Scott or Bishop Gowdy, or both, can meet with our Trustees. Our present decision is not, as you will find out from the former correspondence referred to above, based on any temporary reaction to your cablegram of January 9, but is a result of our thorough consideration and deliberation over a period of years, and we hope that no further complication will arise in this case after our Trustees have been fairly acquainted with our situation here.

As to the financial arrangement with the Farleys, I understand it is the wish of our Trustees to keep them on our payroll until the end of June, 1939, the end of our present fiscal year, for which the appropriation is made in the emergency budget. Mr. Farley should not have any difficulty in making the adjustment in America after having made some connections with the Harvard-Yenching Institute and other institutions such as the arts museum, etc., which seems to be probably the best channels for him to work through. He may also join any one of the other China universities if there is such a chance. We should not be jealous about it. Our general attitude is that he should find the best place for his special interests, for which, unfortunately, Fukien Christian University is probably not the place. To make for pleasant future relations and to avoid possible complications for any claims Mr. Farley might make, I would suggest that the Trustees give Mr. Farley as early notice of our decision as possible. I am also writing to Mr. Farley direct, by air mail, a copy of which is enclosed for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

*C. J. Lin.*  
President.



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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

November 30, 1928

Mr. Malcolm F. Farley  
University

Dear Malcolm:

I am writing this for your careful consideration before we have a conference. As you know, we will soon have to plan for our budget for 1929-30. Your furlough and return to China have to be considered now. In view of the stringent financial conditions of the University for the next few years, and the urgent need of sufficient personnel to carry on the fundamental courses of the undergraduate college course with a limited enrolment of students, your return to the University after furlough has to be adjusted to conditions. We have considered this matter for a long time, and it seems to be fair both to you and the University to discuss the matter most frankly. When you are ready, I shall be glad to talk this matter over with you in detail. I now suggest the following for your consideration:

1. I want to assure you that we want you to return after your furlough. You have the true missionary spirit for service, and you have made known your devotion of giving your life for work in China. Your contribution to F.C.U. in teaching and in the promotion of the study of Art is immeasurable. I can say without hesitation that you would be a valuable addition to any college faculty, and I would have a hard time to get another man to take your place. Therefore, the question of your return is being raised not because of your spirit or qualifications as a teacher; it is considered now on the basis of the need of the University.
2. The most urgent need of the University for the next few years will be a sufficient personnel to carry on the essential college work in the various departments, and sufficient finances to support the same. We particularly need to maintain a strong Department of English, but our finances will not allow us to have more than one full time person in that department. So I hope that when you come back you will come to take full charge of the English Department, teaching the essential courses in both English Literature and Composition. It will be in outline as follows:

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English Literature, 2 to 3 sections, (now ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup> sections, but with an increased student body you may have to have three). I hope that an Assistant Instructor may take one section.

English Composition, 2 to 3 sections, and perhaps four when the student body increases, again assuming that an

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Assistant Instructor will take one or two sections. The Freshmen Composition should have twelve themes per term.

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English Literature, 2 hours; English Composition, 1 hour, throughout the year, and giving courses in English or Comparative Literature in alternative years, so as to provide enough courses for major or minor work in that Department.

It would mean, then, that you would assume to teach:

English Literature, 2 sections, 4 hours  
Freshmen English Composition, 2 sections, 4 hours  
Sophomore English Literature and Composition, 3 hours,  
A total of 11 hours.

From this, you will see that you can give courses in Art and other cultural subjects only in alternative years when you are not teaching advanced courses in English Literature to provide for major or minor work in that Department, and French may, for the time being, have to be dropped out. This arrangement is necessary at least for the next few years, as the University finances simply cannot afford to have an additional full time man of professorial rank to teach the required English Literature and Composition, should you devote a great part of your time, as you have been doing, to Comparative Literature, Art and French. It is by no means that we do not appreciate the value of those courses, but we have to meet our urgent needs first before we can indulge ourselves in general cultural work. Hence the above proposition.

3. With regard to your additional year of study after your furlough, I cannot see how F.C.U. can grant that arrangement. I know well that President E.C. Jones made such an arrangement with you, and Dr. Gowdy, who took over the administration after President Jones' death, did not raise any question about it. He probably felt that any arrangement made by President Jones should be respected by him. I just wonder whether the conditions under which Mr. Jones made the arrangement with you have not changed. I understand that when Mr. Jones promised you an extra year of study you were still a single man, and expenses for an extra year's support would have been considerably less than now when you have a full family. But it still would be fine for the University to give you that extra year of study, particularly in China, had the University finances available for such purposes. I am sure you realize that from now on, and for quite a few years to come, we shall be struggling hard for even a bare existence. Your prolonged absence from the university would necessitate extra personnel to carry on your work in the English Department, which the University cannot afford. I regret that I have to make this proposition to you, because I know you have been looking forward to it and you will be disappointed when it is not given, but I hope you will see that the needs of the University to carry on its work properly is much more important than certain wishes of an individual. Therefore, if you can see your way to return to F.C.U.

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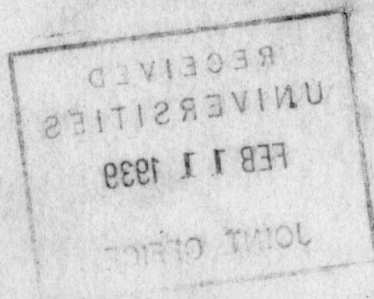
again, you will have to look forward to returning after one year of furlough.

I realize that both of the above propositions will be hard on you, but I trust that your love for the University and your devotion for service will lead you to see that they are not made to curtail your personal aspirations. I sincerely hope that you will decide to return to the University after a year's furlough in America, under the conditions as proposed above. We are in a period of readjustment, and there are hardships which we have to endure. It seems to be the only way that we can hope to make F.C.U. live, grow, and become great. I am confident that our sacrifices, whatever that may mean, will not be in vain in the long run. I have long been convinced that when a group of persons, no matter how small the number may be, can cooperate heartily in the devotion for service, even at personal expense, they will yield fruit to the proportion of the effort they may give.

Yours very sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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Professor Malcolm F. Farley  
Apartment 1  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Farley:

I am writing to inform you that it will not be possible for us to invite you back to join our work here. With the connections you have made with the various institutions that are interested in your line of work and with your reputation steadily increasing among the people who are interested in things Chinese, you will have no difficulty in finding a suitable appointment in America which will more adequately meet your own line of interests. And you can discharge your family obligations more satisfactorily. You will also relieve the university of carrying a heavy financial burden that has been hindering its further development.

You have probably realized that there is not much chance for F.C.U. to go in too deeply along the particular line of work which you have for the last ten or fifteen years been devoting much of your time and energy. We have the whole department of Chinese Studies, as well as the development of the entire university to care for. We aim to build up our college in proper balance along the various fields which are vital for the education of the Chinese youth and for our service to China. We can ill afford to pour a large part of our meager resources into a line of work that has only a limited relationship with our general educational program and without much prospect of making it a lasting scientific contribution.

You will be happier, I am sure, if you can devote the whole of your energy to the line of your main interest instead of carrying on work chiefly in the field of English and Comparative Literature. In spite of your professed loyalty to that department, you really have a distaste for the fundamental work in Freshman English and Composition. In the meanwhile, that department is one of the most important in the college work which we have tried to build up since you first joined the university, but we have not succeeded. At the present time, we cannot even offer enough courses to meet the minimum government requirements for our students majoring in that field. It is quite clear if we are to make that department strong, we need persons who will devote their entire time and energy to that work. And from the experience of the last ten years, we know we cannot expect that from you. Of course, if our finances were in better shape, we might secure additional teachers, but as you probably know, we have been in financial difficulties throughout these years, and it has become much more serious since the beginning of the Japanese war in China. We cabled and wrote to our Trustees last spring to stop both you and Sutton from returning. Then the success of the Associated Boards emergency campaign relieved our financial stringency a little. In the meantime, our need for additional staff members for the present academic year became so urgent that we cabled for the return of both of you to give us immediate relief, hoping that in some way we might be able to carry on from year to year. All of our staff here have decided to keep the university work going and maintain its standard at whatever cost to ourselves personally during this period of emergency. But you have not been able to make the adjustment.

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We can thoroughly understand your personal aspirations for more opportunities for research work, and sympathize with you in the difficult situation in making family adjustments during these abnormal times. Mrs. Farley has been most brave in shouldering the responsibility of caring for the affairs of the two older families besides her own during the last two and a half years. Your four children will need you more and more as they grow up. On the other hand, it is quite apparent that the conditions in China will be getting worse in the next few years. We cannot expect anything to be better until we succeed in driving the Japanese invaders out of the country. It is, therefore, clear that it will not be easier for you and Mrs. Farley to make more satisfactory family adjustments in the future than at the present time. It will certainly be much more difficult later for the University to make adjustment for you. Hence we have the approval of the Executive members of our Board of Managers to definitely release you now. I have also reported to our Trustees to this effect.

We shall settle our financial obligations to you according to our regulations. That is, we shall pay you the regular salary and allowances up to six months, if you have not secured any other job before that time.

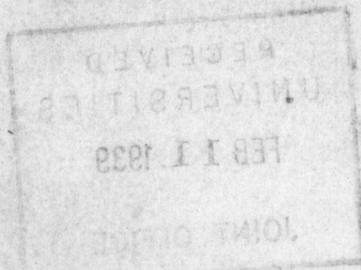
We shall miss the presence of your family among us and your share in the further development of this university in which you have a deep interest. But I trust that our present adjustment will prove to be both wise and happy for all concerned.

Yours sincerely,

*B. J. Lin*  
President.

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P.S. Your letter of November 28 was received here on January 18.



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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February 1, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

I have your letter dated December 29, together with six copies of the minutes of the meeting of the Special Committee on Western Staff, December 21.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness of our Trustees in trying to look after the interests of the western members of our faculty. I have talked with them, only two here now, namely Dr. W. J. Sutton and Miss Eva M. Asher, and they also appreciate the interest of the Trustees in their welfare. Both the administration and the two persons concerned would be glad to do either of the following:

1. We should be glad to have both of these western members assigned to a mission board for their full support on the same basis as the regular missionaries under the board. They would, of course, be subject to the same regulations that govern the regular missionaries under that board. The university would definitely welcome this move because it would relieve our financial difficulties, and both Dr. Sutton and Miss Asher would be glad to make this change if the university is so benefitted.

There would be no point in making this change, however, unless the mission board is prepared to take over the full support of these members and treat them on the same basis as their regular missionaries. Otherwise, the Trustees would still be responsible for their support just as at the present time while there would be the additional official transactions for each move in regard to those missionaries on our staff, and the missionaries would be subjected to two administrative groups which would be quite undesirable. During the fifteen or sixteen years that Dr. Sutton and Miss Asher have been here we have worked out quite a fine esprit de corps and there has not been much differentiation between our Western and Chinese staff members.

Miss Eunice Thomas is under the proposed arrangement. She is paid by our Trustees through the American Board in Boston. Unless the American Board is prepared to take her on later, in case she could not come back to F.C.U., she would have no more security under the present arrangement than if she were directly under the university administration. When she came to the university she wished to retain her relationship with the board because she had formerly been a regular missionary under the American Board for some sixteen years, during which time she formed many close ties both on the field and in America. Since she knows all of the missionary routine business of the board, she naturally has a share in all of its activities just as

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she did in the past when she was a regular member. We are glad that our missionaries have this intimate contact with the missions, although sometimes it takes a great deal of a person's time to participate in too many social activities. The university staff here has its own group life which is quite different from that of the small group of missionaries scattered in isolated country places throughout the province. That is to say, the western members of our staff coming directly under the university administration have considerable social and group life here on the campus.

2. The other plan would be to have the western members of our staff in question assigned as affiliated members of one of the missions in Foochow. This has already been done to some extent in an informal way, but such a relationship might now be formally established. For instance, the American Board Mission in Foochow might consider Miss Asher as an affiliated member of their group, and the Suttons could be affiliated with the Methodist Mission. This would give them a definite status with the mission activities. Socially and personally all of our staff members have been in close relationship with the mission groups in Foochow.

Both Dr. Sutton and Miss Asher are quite agreed to the above alternatives, and our Trustees can proceed with whichever plan they feel is most desirable. Miss Asher will be in New York before long, and she can talk with you people there in person. In the meantime, I am asking her to write you her own feelings in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

*B. J. Lin.*

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

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Dear President Lin:

I am not at all surprised at your letter of January 19th together with a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Farley informing him of the termination of his contract on June 30, 1939. Even with our first-hand knowledge and contact with the situation here, it seemed improbable that conditions would be allowed to pass without some rather drastic action.

Regardless of the way the field feels, there have been some extenuating circumstances quite beyond Mr. Farley's control, but with full allowance for all such conditions, sufficient ground remained for honest debate.

One cannot help but recognize that a person of Mr. Farley's inclination and general make-up is truly an individualist and all such to a greater or less degree magnifies his own work, whereas others not recognizing the significance of such hobbies, place less importance upon the particular interests of the individual. I hope we all have a well balanced view of both sides of the situation.

To a certain extent, one might say that the Harvard-Yenching Institute has laid greater stress upon some cultural developments which should come only after more fundamental development has been achieved in an institution. It is a situation, however, which we cannot change any more than we can change the personnel of the institute. Correspondence in our files give evidence that Fukien recognizes this condition.

Contiguous to this subject and answering the third paragraph on page two of your letter to us, the Harvard-Yenching Institute, insofar as we know, has never dictated to any of our universities regarding personnel, except where a definite appropriation was sought for an individual in which case, quite naturally, qualifications of the individual were considered at the same time as the advisability in making a specific appropriation. On the other hand, we do have in our files copy of a letter addressed to the Harvard-Yenching Institute by the field requesting that the director influence Mr. Farley to sell his collection to the University. As one might readily foresee, Dr. Elisseoff let this pass without comment, but he can hardly think otherwise than that the University has sought his assistance in an administrative manner. In other words, should the Harvard-Yenching Institute, which they probably will not (because of Mr. Farley's own refusal to go to Cambridge) take any notice of Mr. Farley's dismissal, we need not be critical after having invited an interference on previous occasions.

Your attitude toward the fundamental development of "live cultural forces" is commendable to the highest degree and has our sincerest sympathy, - but, as the bulk of your income is from western sources, it might not be out of the way to give some consideration to western interests, although we may not be entirely sympathetic with the extent to which sinological research should be

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made. You probably have felt and are aware of the very deep interest in archaeological research in China other than that cultivated by Mr. Farley, and it is a sympathetic interest and not one that is trying to exploit China. It is one which builds up the finest traditions of the Chinese people and substantiates all of civilization far out-dating western civilization. To state it more simply, the whole archaeological research in China is a compliment to its history rather than satisfying the hobby of an individual.

You may not, however, have felt the impact which we have experienced here that, because of prevailing conditions in China, more rapid progress should be made in preserving and establishing the facts about Chinese background.

I sat in a meeting of the Board of Trustees of one of our China colleges several years ago, where the whole trend of discussion centered around the idea that western civilization had been given all of the impact necessary and that the Chinese people themselves should carry on their own educational work, but that our China Colleges should devote more and more time to cultural work to the extent of withdrawing present appropriations entirely and shift emphasis by supporting specialists in anthropology, archaeology and the like. Fortunately, that discussion never crystallized into final action, but I mention it to show the trend of thought among some of our various trustees.

Which does not mean a single thing when we are considering Mr. Farley's case. All I have been writing is far beyond that, and frankly we have sufficient before us, and in our files without calling upon either Mr. McClure, with whom we have talked, or Professor Roderick Scott. Of course, both of these men are board-supported and it would hardly be just for us to ask them to pass judgment upon a university-supported staff member.

I have notified Mr. Farley that financial obligations would terminate on June 30th, but I would like to have a further expression from the field as to any responsibility for bringing back all, or any portion of Mr. Farley's household effects. This has not been covered in your letter.

We are very grateful for your direct approach to Mr. Farley - thus avoiding the necessity of our framing a letter. We are, however, awaiting his reaction with some interest.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS.

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*This was mailed to Pacific Empire of Life from Victoria*

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March 5, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Dr. Benjamin R. Andrews of Teachers College, Columbia University, Professor of Household Economics, has received a present of about thirty books in the field of education including some home economics publications and has suggested that a considerable quantity of this material can be assembled. He is willing to make an appeal to students of a number of institutions if it is felt that books of this character will be acceptable to the China Colleges or if they will be useful.

It must be borne in mind that probably books of this nature which are given away will be several years old, which factor must be considered when reaching a decision.

It is obvious that it will be an expensive proposition to ship such a collection to China, but on the mere chance that you might think it worth while to pursue the matter further, I am writing you.

The original suggestion covers household economics, but quite readily the request could be broadened to include books on general education.

We have asked Dr. Andrews to refrain from doing anything until we have secured the reaction of the various Colleges in China which might be interested in such a proposition.

I wish we could send you a list of the small collection he now has, but that is not available.

Will you not write me your reaction by return mail, and oblige.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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These books would probably be of a wide variety of titles and

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March 7, 1939

*Ack by Asher 4/17/39*

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

Dear President Lin:

I have refrained from answering your letter of January 18th, aside from the very preliminary communication which was sent out immediately upon its arrival. May I take up the items in order?

As requested, we have sent US\$100.00 to Dr. Theodore Chen, Los Angeles, California and charged same to Account 31.

As we had previously written to Miss Thomas to ascertain her progress toward helping along in her expenses and had received no reply, we withheld writing again, and only today received a letter telling us that work has been exceedingly difficult to secure. What she has been able to earn is so meager as to make a dent on her expenses. Your letter was a very welcome relief, and according to your instructions we have reinstated payments to continue until June 30, 1939.

The question regarding the time which Miss Asher leaves the field was brought up at the Board meeting by Mr. McClure and there was a general expression of concern that there should be a period when one closely in touch with the books would not be on the field. Apparently, you have taken full thought and provided for this condition.

Miss Asher has written us regarding her return travel and promises to write us more in detail later on.

*ack by C. J. Lin 5/13/39*

The death of Mr. Sidney Davidson was most lamentable indeed. It also accentuated a very strange situation in your English Department. We certainly hope that you will be able to secure help to complete this year and until others return from the States to give added assistance. We trust we are not anticipating any action of the field when we raise the question regarding a permanent English teacher. If the field insists upon the dismissal of Mr. Farley, will there not be an opening for another English teacher? Mr. Parker has been investigating this whole situation and studying candidates to provide an English teacher for Nanking and now several appear at one time. I know you well realize how difficult it is to secure the proper individual for a situation of this kind and, therefore, if you intend to secure a replacement, the application should be in as early as possible, unless you have some candidate of whom we have no information.

We note the definite acceptance of Dr. Samuel H. Leger of the American Board to join the Fukien staff and in connection with this, may we say that the American Board sent us yesterday \$650.00 to cover the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Beach. I have written Miss Asher accordingly.

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It is most encouraging indeed to know that things are running smoothly at Shao-wu, and we sincerely trust that you will be unharmed there, at least for some time to come.

We wish we could give you some word of encouragement, but the best we can do is to say that we are working constantly with the hope that additional funds will be secured to help bear the load, and we are also praying that the Lord will abundantly bless you all.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Shao-wu, Fukien.

March 11, 1939.

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

Adh  
5/15/39

Dear Dr. Garside:

It was good of you to write me on January 12, about your concern with regard to my inability to attend the Madras Conference, and your plans to use Prof. Scott, and and Dean Chen.

We have heard from the Scotts that Prof. Scott have been making speeches on China as soon as they arrived Los Angeles. He was to speak twice in and around San Francisco for the China Colleges in the early part of February. Teddy has returned from his nation-wide investigation trip with most profitable rewards. The Chens are planning to come back as early as possible during the summer.

Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao is now at Drew, N.J. With a little adjustment to American ways ~~af~~ speaking and customs he can make quite effective appeals because of ~~sincerety~~ and enthu ~~siasm~~ siasm.

Dr. Sam. H. Leger is now with us at Shaowu. He arrived here from Peiping on March 5th. He has to leave for the North again at the end of April in order to take his family to America for furlo. His present visit is to acquaint himself with our conditions and needs, so that he can know better how to use furlo more profitably. His special line is Rural Church Work, and particularly on the lay-training part of Religious Education.

We have been getting along quite beautifully at Shaowu. With the 20% increase in student body in the spring term we were for some time embarrassed by not being able to house the students. We shifted some class rooms and faculty quarters to meet that need. We are still trying to increase our class rooms and library space. Shaowu has no electric light, and students study in the library under pressure-gas lamps. The small library is very crowded in the day time, it is impossible to accommodate those who want to come in the evening.

People here credit us (as the main influence of <sup>with</sup> the present religious and education revival of the Church and the whole hsien because of the activities of our faculty and students in the various fields of social and religious as well as economic and technical services. Wonderful opportunities in the interior, and the challenges are taken to heart by our youth.

With kindest personal regards,

*E. J. Lin.*

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

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ack 4/18/39

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of January 18th, explaining your cable of January 10th, regarding Mr. Farley, reached me here at Shao-wu a few days ago. On February 22nd Mr. Farley's cable from Chicago was received in Foochow, and duly forwarded to me here. The cable reads as follows:

"Letter received. Earnestly pray you will change your mind. Most desirous return fall semester, family or alone if necessary. Letter follows." Dated Feb. 19.

Our long letter to you explaining our final decision to drop the Farleys, together with a copy of our letter to Mr. Farley to that effect must have reached by the time Mr. Farley cabled us. We have no more to add what we have already wrote there. To avoid any possible misunderstanding, we have this morning cabled you the message, "FARLEY DROPPED".

We see no reason that we could possibly change our mind and invite the Farleys back.

We have nearly finished our estimates for the year 1939-40. It will be sent you for the Trustees' spring meeting, sometime next week. We are working hard to reduce the unusual large deficit of about \$70,000. Chinese currency, and to find means and suggestions, to meet the urgent needs of next year.

We have finished the first month's work of the spring semester at Shaowu. There are 122 men and 41 women, including 3 men students who are not taking the full schedule of studies. It is an increase of a little over 20% of the enrollment of last term. A fine spirit prevails the whole college. Everybody is working hard, and is healthy and happy.

Dr. Samuel H. Leger arrived here last week from (March 5) Peiping to teach a course in the Psychology of Rural Reconstruction. This is his preliminary visit to this University in order to acquaint himself with conditions here so as to know how to prepare himself during the furlo in America, 1939-40. He is leaving here at the end of April for North-China to take his family to the States. He is the American Board's candidate to replace Prof. F.P. Beach at Fukien.

Yours very sincerely,

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March 11, 1939. *Encl*

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Parker:

This to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 6, enclosing a copy of the minute of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards concerning the banking arrangement in connection with Emergency Fund.

The date for Miss Msher's departure for America is not definitely set yet. She is still looking for some suitable passage so that she can go home through Europe. She may have to study in Boston if there is no scholarship awarded her at one of the institutions in New York City. She will in any case visit our New York office when she returns.

Yours sincerely,

*G. J. Lin.*

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March 18, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy each of the proposed budget, current, and emergency budget, for 1939-40, for the approval of the Trustees of Fukien Christian University.

The total amount in Chinese currency is \$67,964.10 more than that of the 1938-39. This is due to the increase in our New York expense item of \$23,443; the difference of the rate of exchange \$13,050 for the money needed to be spent in U.S. by our staff members there at 5:1 instead as 3:1; the return of our old faculty members and addition in the teaching staff, which have been omitted in the present year's budget (such as Dean and Mrs. T.H.E. Chen, etc., and new English and Chinese instructors) \$11,648; and some increase in salary and retirement allowances, \$4,194.

The total deficit item comes to \$72,164.20. This is due to, decrease in our general endowment income of US\$3952; omission of US\$6,000 to be underwritten by our Trustees; decrease in the Harvard-Yenching income US\$1578.96; and the omission of the entire amount counted on in the 1938 budget as gain in exchange.

The 1939-40 budget does not include the Farleys. It includes the entire Suttons' expenses and Miss Eva M. Asher's travel and furlo expenses in the United States.

The 1939-40 Emergency Budget includes US\$14,432.84 to meet the current budget, and US\$9,300.00 for the nine items as listed there. We have tried hard to cut every item to the minimum necessity without seriously impairing our highest efficiency in service. We shall always exercise strict economy.

A copy of the detailed budget items and the minutes of the spring meeting of the Board of Managers of Fukien Christian University will be sent you about three weeks from now. The limited facilities we now have delays much the preparation of mimeographed materials for use abroad.

Things continue to get on well with us. Our work is progressing most satisfactorily at Shao-wu. Our campus in Foochow, and the agriculture and rural extension service there are being kept at normal effectiveness.

Yours sincerely,

*b. J. Lin.*

*Emergency Budget 1939-40 } attached  
Current Budget 1939-40 }*

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NOTE: See cable dated March 10, 1939 and letter to Farley dated March 17, 1939.

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March 18, 1939

Dr. C. J. Lin  
Fukien Christian University  
Shao-wu, China

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am enclosing copy of a letter which we wrote to Malcolm F. Farley yesterday.

We purposely delayed informing him earlier in the week (the cable having arrived last Saturday) as we wished to confer with Bishop Gowdy. He was with us yesterday and confirmed the action of the Board of Trustees and have proceeded as outlined in the attached letter.

In conferring with the members of the Board of Trustees regarding the final action, two raised the question as to whether we have received the action of the Board of Managers on the field, to which we were compelled to say no. I presume, minutes covering such action will be forthcoming at an early date.

While taking the attitude of assuming that the field would desire the Farleys to return, yet in view of the circumstances as they developed it seemed incredible if some drastic action on the field did not develop. But, even in the face of this, there are extenuating circumstances on Mr. Farley's side and, as a Christian institution, the field has a considerable amount of responsibility to bear as well.

We have been honest in our endeavor to interpret the situation to both parties. Steps will have to be taken to clarify the thinking of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, as nothing should be done whatever to disturb the relationship which exists at the present time. We hope we can do this, and I believe that Mr. Farley created a personal breach of friendly feeling when he found it unable to go to Cambridge and be with Dr. Elisseoff. I have written you previously that an effort should be made at once to secure an English teacher and I presume you have enroute an application of this sort.

I realize only too well the difficulties involved in handling a situation of this kind and sympathize with you deeply. We are here, however, to do everything possible to render assistance and please rely upon

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us to interpret in the best possible manner the wishes of the field. Of course, we must always bear in mind what type of institution we are operating, but I have infinite faith that you are more conscious of this than we are here in New York, who are in the midst of a money-raising campaign.

Very truly yours,

G. A. EVANS

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March 24, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin and Miss Asher:

I wish to acknowledge Dr. Lin's letter of February 1, and Miss Asher's letter of February 8, on the subject of Western members of the faculty.

At the present time, a small sub-committee of the Board has this matter in charge. The reason for the appointment of this committee was that certain statements were made to the Board of Trustees, which indicated that some improvement might be made if the Western members of the staff were all related to mission boards, and the committee thought that perhaps this might help in some way. Apparently, from your letter the people on the field do not feel that this is true unless an arrangement can be made, which will mean the increasing by the mission boards of their contributions for the support of Western members of the staff, thereby relieving the University budget.

It is not possible for us to have a meeting of the sub-committee immediately, but I very seriously doubt that it will be able to get the mission boards to take this step at the present time. As soon as we can have a meeting of the sub-committee, I will let you know what results.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter of February 15 addressed to me at Shaowu raised the question of the transportation of Mr. Farley's household effects. You will find in our Schedule of Salaries and Allowances for the Foreign Staff, as revised February 22, 1930, under Item 8 the following:

"A freight allowance of one ship ton will be allowed for each adult and one half ton for each child, when traveling to or from the field. It has been found that the allowance described above is sufficient to cover the freight charge in ordinary cases, and without special permission ~~on~~ the maximum allowance described above will be expected to cover freight. An exception may be made when the candidate first comes to the field, when an allowance of three tons may be made for each adult, one half ton for each child."

For freight allowance for regular furlough the Farleys would be entitled to one ship ton for four adults (counting two children twelve years, or more, of age calling for full fares) and one half ship ton each for two children, making a total of five ship tons for the family. But since we are not asking the Farleys to return they might be classified under the exception which allows three tons per adult and one half ton for each child. For the Farley family this would amount to a total of thirteen ship tons (4 adults @ 3 tons each = 12, and two children @ one half each = 1 = 13 ship tons).

Mr. Farley's entire effects, including his archaeological collection would probably weigh much more than this allowance, but we would not be able to pay for the extra weight. When Mr. Farley left he did not pack up any of his collection, and probably not much of his own personal effects, in spite of our repeated urging in that respect for a year or two before his furlough was due. When he insisted on leaving the collection in the residence he occupied, we told him that the university could not be responsible for caring for the stuff beyond the ordinary precaution taken by our Business Management for all the residences on the campus. When the war broke out we wrote him again in Paris about the matter, telling him that we were moving to Shaowu for work. His reply was to the effect that he was not unduly concerned about his belongings here.

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We do not know what to suggest about the disposal or transportation of Mr. Farley's collection. We thought perhaps whatever institution, in China or America, he finally joins might be glad to handle the collection for him, depending entirely upon his own wish.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of my<sup>x</sup> report for the spring term to the Board of Managers. The Japanese occupation of Nanchang will not affect much our work at Shaowu. The Japanese want to control the railway line between Kiangsi and Chekiang from the East, but mainly for their further move to the West. We do not expect military operations around Foochow in the near future. We shall send you about thirty copies of the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on March 27, as soon as they are mimeographed. The Board of Managers approved both the Regular Budget and the Emergency Budget for 1939-40, which we have already sent you.

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Officers  
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I came to Foochow on March 24, and am going to Hongkong on April 9 or 10 to attend the meeting of the Presidents of Christian Colleges and the biannual meeting of the South China Regional Conference of the National Christian Council. I plan to be back to Foochow and Shaowu again before the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

*C. J. L.*

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<sup>x</sup> We are having my report for the spring term printed to send out to all of the friends abroad, per our mailing list. We shall send some extra copies to your office when they are ready.

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April 6, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am enclosing herewith the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting held on February 28, 1939, and also notes regarding a luncheon conference with Bishop Gowdy held on March 29.

You will note in vote T-1186 that the vote was made subject to further correspondence with Bishop Gowdy. We held the minutes temporarily until Bishop Gowdy arrived in New York and we were able to confer with him. After talking with him, there seemed to be no further step or change which needed to be made, and the minutes stand as recorded.

There are no other items which require comment, except perhaps that the fellowship for the librarian is being investigated, and we have hopes of finding something but as yet, have nothing definite to report.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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Enclosures

Copy to: Miss Asher

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, China  
April 8, 1939

Dear Friends:

Please find enclosed a copy of my report of the conditions of Fukien Christian University for the spring of 1939.

The war in China is taking a new turn. The Japanese invaders are further in, and they have been devastating a much larger area of Chinese territory than that reported in my last letter. The indiscriminate bombing and the atrocities by the Japanese soldiers among the civilian population within occupied territory have been on a larger scale and even more horrible than were reported from Nanking and other cities in the early part of the war. The Japanese have fostered prostitution and what amounts to forced opium smoking and heroine injections. But there is a steady increase in strength on the part of China; our people, in spite of great suffering, are solidly backing the Central Government and Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek in their policy of long resistance. We are not only trying to repulse the Japanese forces from the front, but we are also fighting them behind their own lines. We believe time is on our side and our cause cannot be defeated.

We are very grateful for the sympathy and efforts of you friends abroad. Through your incessant protests there is some decrease in the amount of war material America and Great Britain are sending to the Japanese militarists. New loans have been made available for China, and relief funds have been sent for the vast numbers of our war refugees.

We also want to thank our friends for remembering us and our work with encouraging messages during the Christmas and New Year season. Some have been able to contribute toward the Fukien Emergency Fund to keep the university work going in this period of difficulties. Through the student relief and self-help project gifts, we are able to continue to provide opportunities for Christian higher education for a large number of promising young men and women whose homes or sources of financial support have been greatly affected by the present war.

Yours faithfully,  
Ching-Jun Lin  
President.

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO. FOOCOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
FOOCOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

April 8, 1939

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of the minutes of the spring meeting of the Board of Managers held on March 27, 1939. Under separate cover, we are sending you twenty-seven additional copies.

I have written you previously about the Regular Budget for 1939-40. I have also sent you a copy of my report for the spring term. The Emergency Budget for 1939-40 has also been explained to you. The only item in the Emergency Budget which may need comment is No. 8 - Moving of things from or back to Foochow. The thought is that in case we have to stay in Shaowu longer, which is likely because the war may last for sometime yet, we would need to move up more books, science apparatus, chemicals, etc., from Foochow. On the other hand, if conditions should be settled sometime during next year we would likely move back to the Foochow campus. Because of transportation on the river coming down, it would cost us less to move down than to move up. Besides, a number of things we moved up may be left in Shaowu for the continuation of some part of the work there. Hence there is that provision in our Emergency Budget amounting to US\$1,500.00.

Votes 869-70 are about the experimental school at Shaowu. The establishment of the school is required by the government in its new regulations promulgated July 27, 1938, that "An experimental middle school and primary school should be established for a school or department of Education in a university for the observation and practice of the students." During the last five or six years, the Ministry of Education has asked us several times to provide facilities for practice teaching for our students in the Department of Education. We told them that we were arranging with some of the friendly middle schools in Foochow for such a proposition. Owing to the distance between the university and Foochow and the difficulties of the schools concerned making schedules to accommodate our students, we have not done. With our moving to Shaowu, we are further away from any of the schools. With the new regulation in force, we would jeopardize our Department of Education, should we not comply with it now. We reorganized the church lower primary school at Shaowu into a full grade primary school in February, 1939, and the plan is to establish the experimental middle school of senior High grade in the fall.

The plan was unanimously adopted by the Board of Managers. They feel that one of the university's contributions to Fukien is the training of teachers. Over 60% of our graduates are in teaching service, and students who are now registering for Educational courses amount to about 25% of the student body. No private schools are allowed by the government to establish normal course; hence, there is no way of training teachers for Christian middle schools or primary schools. Only a college

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or a university is allowed to have a school or a department of Education, and our Department of Education is the only one in this province recognized by the Ministry of Education.

It also happens that there is a great demand for a good secondary educational institution in North Fukien including twelve hsien with about one-fourth of the territory of the province and a population of over 1,000,000. There is not a single institution of senior high grade in that section. Ten years ago there were two Christian schools in Shaowu, one for boys and one for girls. And there were two government schools of senior high grade, one for the normal course and one for general. In the neighboring hsien, there were two other government senior high schools. They were having good enrollments and were doing very good work, but after 1927 they were all closed. With the movement into the interior there is an increasing demand for better educational facilities for the people there, and our work will meet that important need. The minutes give information about the necessary building accommodations and the budget for the experimental school. It was deemed wise not to use the name of the old American Board Mission school, namely, Han Mei, in order to avoid any controversy which might arise between the North Fukien Synod and the Foochow Union High School regarding the old Han Mei school fund.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*B. J. Lin.*

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# FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

## Abstracts from the President's Report for the Spring Term, 1939

### I. THE WINTER RECESS.

The fall term of 1938-39 closed on January 22, 1939, for a ten-day recess. Seven seniors finished their graduation requirements. All of them were engaged several months ahead, and are now quite happy in their respective fields of service. Most of the student body and faculty remained on the Shaowu campus during the brief vacation. The Student Self-Government Association and the Student Christian Association cooperated with the local government in organizing teams for carrying on emergency education work in the villages. Other faculty members and students cooperated with the provincial government in conducting a month's training institute for over one hundred officers of the local farmers' cooperatives for their neighboring hsien including Shaowu.

Taking advantage of the brief winter vacation, our business management's office moved six truckloads of books and science equipment from Foochow to Shaowu. More buildings were repaired in order to provide for the accommodation of additional students and staff members. Our educational equipment and physical accommodations are now better than at any time since we moved to Shaowu. The teaching and general educational work has thus been proportionately strengthened.

### II. THE SPRING TERM.

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## III. STUDENT LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

The student life on the Shaowu campus remains on the same high level as stated in my last report. Daily chapels are well attended. In the plan of the services, devotional talks are often alternated with a music and worship service. Special serial discussions are sometimes introduced, such as a series of services on the Madras Conference, another for the Easter season, etc. Students are also active in church work. The college choir sings in the city church. Sunday schools are being taught with increasing pupils, now numbering several hundred each time. A Christian youth fellowship has been formed in the government middle school. Preaching bands go to many places in and beyond the city. The Student Christian Association has a definite program to strengthen private and group devotional life.

The various departmental clubs continue to prosper. We devoted three convocations near the beginning of the term for the different organizations to present their objectives and programs for the semester. And they are realizing them. Through the leadership of the Student Self-Government Association patriotic service is effectively rendered in a wide range of activities with the hearty cooperation of the local government authorities and community leaders. The student self-support system has worked quite well, especially with the experience of last semester behind us. More opportunities of this kind are needed.

## IV. SPECIAL PROJECTS

Research Program - A number of our faculty members have been seriously engaged in studying the various problems confronting the people in North Fukien and in seeking proper solutions for them. Special studies are being made on rice insects, soil acidity and fertilizer needs, the quality of the water from numerous springs and the river, rice selection, and in experiments on double cropping. The Chinese faculty has been making intensive studies on the cultural materials found and collected in the surrounding regions. The education group is much absorbed in working out elementary and secondary educational problems for the people among whom we live and in making tests of life attitudes of the youth in school.

Primary School - The Church Primary School at Shaowu was reorganized in February under the auspices of our Department of Education. It has been raised from a lower to a full primary school, including two higher grades of work. It has been duly registered with the local government, which in turn donated for the use of the school an additional public building and a large vacant lot which was formerly occupied by the city temple. The school now has about 220 pupils with five full time teachers. The students of our Department of Education have already found it a good place for practice in teaching and in observing school management.

## V. RURAL RECONSTRUCTION

The Farmers Institute - The Farmers Institute which we started in co-operation with the local government at Shaowu opened on December 1, 1938, with about fifty students. It has proved to be a very successful piece of social educational work. The students will be graduated on March 31. They will then go to serve in the local government units in promoting and carrying out further rural improvements in two hsions besides Shaowu. Arrangements have been made to supply them with further information and assistance through the extension service of our Departments of Agriculture and Rural Economics.

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Rural Experiment Station - A Rural Experiment Station was established in February in a village about two miles east of Shaowu city. The work is chiefly carried on by the student organization for Rural Reconstruction under the joint auspices of the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Economics. The program at present includes projects to effect improvements in public health and general sanitation, the people's morale, and education for better ways of economic production. It has already made a good start. Certain types of co-operatives by and for the farmers are in the process of being organized.

Agricultural Work - The Forestry Division of our Department of Agriculture has reclaimed about 300 mow (50 acres) of general hill land, and has planted about 800,000 trees there. Our nursery has also furnished seedlings for both public and private organizations to use. The various kinds of rice seeds which were collected during the fall and winter are being planted for further experimentation. The fruit orchards and vegetable gardens have been enlarged. Our Animal Husbandry Division has been supplying better chicken stock to the people at Shaowu, and is breeding better stocks of goats and rabbits with a view to introducing same to the farmers. Weather and climatic conditions in Shaowu have been scientifically observed and systematically recorded.

#### VI. THE FOOCHOW CAMPUS

Extension Service - On the Foochow campus the agricultural experimental work in citrus fruits, chicken stock, goat raising, corn breeding and study in economic insects has been kept going on a normal level under the general supervision of Professor C.R. Kellogg. Professor Kellogg, relieved of regular class work, has also been carrying on much valued extension service in the various surrounding hsien, showing the farmers how to select the best rice seeds, make bee-keeping profitable, raise better chickens and goats, and helping in setting up plans for production by the members of the rural churches.

Ceramic Service - Professor Willard J. Sutton of our Chemistry Department returned to Foochow during the latter part of October, leaving his family in America. He assumed the duty of general supervisor of the Foochow campus, thus releasing Professor R. Scott to leave with Mrs. Scott for their much needed furlough. Dr. Sutton has been helping the Fukien Government in studying the problems of the manufacture of Tehwa porcelain and introducing improvements in that industry. He is continuing his research on Fukien clays and porcelain, which he has studied during the last ten years.

#### VII. THE OUTLOOK

The war in China is entering a new stage of development. Not only is the invading nation much more exhausted, and other nations are putting a stop to supplying Japan with war materials, but there is also increasing unity and strength in China. Plans for national reconstruction on various lines are being put into effect along with the national reconstruction scheme. Education has been increasingly considered as one of the chief objects of attention. And emphasis is definitely laid on the side of spiritual regeneration and character building. There does not seem to have been another period in the history of this country that offered more opportunities for Christian education than the present. May God grant us vision, strength, and resources to be able to help bring about a truly great age in China and throughout the Far East.

C. J. Lin  
President

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SPRING MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS  
Fukien Christian University

Time: 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 27, 1939  
Place: Y.M.C.A., Foochow

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 (Treas.)	

Co-opted Members

1938 \*Bishop John Hind  
1940 Chen Pei Kung  
1941 \*James L. Ding

Ex-Officio

\*C.J. Lin, President, F. C. U.  
\*Eva M. Asher, Associate Treasurer, 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 Rev. Phillip S. S. Yu.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

M-865 VOTED to approve the minutes of the last meeting, August 30, 1938.

President's Report for the Spring Term

Brief comments from the President's Report, which he read and distributed to the members, are given below:

"We have a 20% increase in the student body for the spring term. Several vacancies in the teaching staff were filled. With the additional equipment and books moved to Shaowu from Foochow during the winter vacation, the educational work at Shaowu has been strengthened. A general readjustment of the curriculum has been made in the light of the new requirements of the government. Student life and activities have been most satisfactory, particularly with regard to their religious activities and patriotic service both in the city and the surrounding villages. Our Farmers Institute will graduate about 50 students on March 31, after four months of training. A new rural experiment station has been established two miles from Shaowu City. The Shaowu church primary school has been reorganized by the University Department of Education, and it now has over 220 pupils. Our agricultural work on the Foochow campus has been kept up at a normal level, and Professor Kellogg has been carrying on considerable rural extension service. Dr. Willard J. Sutton is in charge of the Foochow campus, and is helping the Fukien Government in making improvements in the manufacture of Tehwa porcelain. There is a new unity and strength in China as the war goes on against Japanese aggression. Educational services have been greatly appreciated, and emphasis has been laid on

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spiritual development and character building. No other period in history has offered such great opportunities to Christian education, and F.C.U. is prepared to make due contributions."

M-866 VOTED that we accept the President's report.

#### Appointment of New Members

The President reported that the following new members were added to the teaching staff, beginning with the spring term, February, 1939:

1. Miss Ruby Sia, M.A., Ed.D., Lecturer in English
2. Mr. Li Chung-Shih, B.A., M.A., Soochow University; Ph.D., Cornell University; Lecturer in Economic Entomology.
3. Mr. Sung Chang Chi, B.A., F.C.U., 1936; Waseda University, Japan, 1936-38; Instructor in Rural Economics.
4. Mr. Samuel H. Leger, American Board Missionary, Church of Christ in China; Ph.D., Columbia University; Lecturer in Rural Reconstruction.
5. Mrs. C. L. Storrs, American Board Missionary, Church of Christ in China; Teaching English (honorary).

M-867 VOTED to approve the new appointments named above.

#### The Regular and Emergency Budgets, 1939-40

The President presented the estimates in the Regular Budget for 1939-40 amounting to LC\$250,975.80. He explained that the increase over the 1938-39 budget is due to the high rate of exchange; that is, 5:1 instead of 3:1, used for salaries paid in U.S. Currency and for all purchases abroad. To meet the deficit amounting to LC\$72,164.20 (US\$14,432.84 @ 5) we are counting on Emergency Funds. This deficit is largely due (1) to the decrease in the income from general endowment for use on the field as the larger part of it is used for the New York office expenses, (2) to the decrease in the Harvard-Yenching Institute fund, and (3) the omission of special gifts to be underwritten by the Trustees as in the past.

The Emergency Budget, amounting to US\$23,732.84 consists of US\$14,432.84 to meet the deficit of the Regular Budget, and other items of special emergency needs, such as student scholarships, student self-help, building repairs, moving, etc.

M-868 VOTED that we accept both the Regular Budget for LC\$250,975.80 and the Emergency Budget for US\$23,732.84, and recommend the same to the Trustees,

#### Experimental School

A memorandum giving the reasons for the necessity of establishing an experimental school which was distributed to the members stated: (1) a new government requirement for practice teaching and observation for the students of the Education Department; (2) the needs of the entire North Fukien region which includes ten hsien and over 1,000,000 people at the present time and in which there is no school above Junior High grade; (3) the government authorities have supplied the funds to start the school and we have sufficient funds in reserve to continue the school for the next five years, and (4) the buildings and grounds are available at Shao-wu.

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M-869 VOTED that we approve of establishing an experimental high school while the university is carrying on its work at Shaowu. In order to avoid possible complications which may arise among the North Fukien Synod, the American Board Mission, and the Foochow Union High School with regard to the former Shaowu Han Mei High School fund now assigned to the Foochow Union High School, we refrain from accepting the request of the North Fukien church people and the Han Mei alumni to use the name of Han Mei in connection with our experimental school.

Budget for the Experimental School, 1939-40

The President reported that LC\$1,500.00 would be needed for repairs on buildings and for the making of furniture, and another LC\$1,500.00 for books and apparatus which cannot be supplied from the university library and the science college. Other current expenses, including teachers salaries and general maintenance, will amount to LC\$5,000.00, making a total budget of LC\$8,000.00. Of this amount, we have on hand LC\$3000.00 from the Ministry of Education, LC\$4,000.00 from the Fukien Government, and we expect the remaining LC\$1,000.00 from student fees.

M-870 VOTED to accept the budget for the experimental school

Meeting of Presidents of the Christian Colleges at Hongkong

The President reported that the meeting of the Presidents of the Christian Colleges had been called to be held in Hongkong, beginning April 17. Further, the biannual meeting of the South China Regional Conference of the National Christian Council will be held in Hongkong on April 14. The President has been invited to attend both meetings.

M-871 VOTED to approve of the President going to Hongkong at this time to attend the above meetings.

The meeting adjourned.

Yang Chung Tung

Secretary.

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April 18, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Your letter of March 11th just came to hand and I have furnished Dr. Fairfield with a copy. This indicates that the reply to Mr. Farley's cable was sent before his clipper letter had been received. Undoubtedly, you felt there was ample justification for final action without waiting for his letter.

I note that the budget will be forthcoming shortly and must express my appreciation for the ready response which has been accorded our request for immediate action. Aside from that you have a very difficult task in adjusting budgets to meet the prevailing conditions.

From your letter and also from what Bishop Gowdy has told us, you are carrying on in a fine spirit under rather trying circumstances. It is that spirit which assures us the ultimate success of the Chinese cause.

The American Board notified us of the appointment of Dr. Leger to replace Professor Beach. We sincerely trust that the experiment will prove satisfactory to all concerned. And, our very sincere prayers are to this effect.

Now more than ever are we aware of the necessity for spiritual power and guidance in the carrying on of this work. Everyone of our colleges was born under the shadow of the Cross. Men and women have given freely of themselves that the institutions might live and bring light and life to others. Now they are given the opportunity to testify to the strength of the faith which brought them into life and to be so imbued with the spirit of the Master that they shall not fail. It is this spiritual factor which we crave here and which we know you are striving to attain on the field.

May the Lord give us all strength to recognize the power that belongs to all those who claim his promises.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 28, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

At the suggestion of Dr. McClure this office has been for some time endeavoring to secure fellowships for two of your men, Dr. Cheng and Mr. Wang.

We have not had much luck in securing the needed assistance, but there is now a distinct possibility that Cornell University would be willing to grant free tuition if Fukien Christian University could guarantee transportation and living expenses. I discussed the matter with several prominent men at Cornell last week who seem to be agreed, first, that Dr. Cheng would probably be elected a Visiting Doctor in the event that he registered at Cornell, and would be given free use of all the facilities of the University with the exception of certain minimum fees for laboratory equipment; and secondly, that it might be possible to secure a tuition fellowship for Mr. Wang.

Please understand that nothing is definite, and I do not feel that it is possible for me to undertake definite negotiations before hearing from you whether or not F.C.U. would be willing to guarantee all expenses aside from tuition. Conditions being as they are in this country, it would not be safe to rely on securing additional help here, at least for the first year.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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May 5, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 5th. This deals principally with the transportation of Mr. Farley's household effects.

We were aware of the provisions in the schedule of salaries and allowances for foreign staff, but desired to get the reaction of the field regarding this very item. There is no provision in the budget, but presume that the return travel might be considered as offsetting the freight allowance.

I am quite sure that Mr. Farley has no thought of moving the collection from the Fukien campus for the present at least, and, in view of the fact that the residence is not being used, it might seem advantageous to have it cared for - as is now being done - subject to Mr. Farley finding a position which, of course, might involve all or some part of his collection.

In order to complete our records of the transaction, we should have the action of the Board of Managers instructing Mr. Farley not to return. I do not find where this has been received.

We note that you are having your report of the spring term printed and that we will receive some extra copies for our office distribution.

Possibly you are interested in knowing that Mr. Farley was in the office about two weeks ago and we had several extended discussions with him. From each of these we emerged with increasing respect for his spirit and devotion to Fukien and his loyalty to the Chinese people. If anything this situation has had a refining effect which will be to his life-long good.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

May 13, 1939  
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Mr. C. A. Evans  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

In reply to your letter of March 7, we have been trying our best here to secure possible candidates in China for our English Department. At the present time we have the services of Dr. Ruby Sia of the Methodist Women's Foreign Missionary Society. She has proved to be a very good teacher with all of her experience as a teacher of Music and English at Hwa Nan and other places. We hope to retain her for next year. We are also looking for some other suitable person from the missionary staff in China, although we have not yet succeeded in securing the right person. If you have definite information about definite persons in your office, we should be glad to consider the same. We prefer to have persons who have had experience in China, as under present conditions a new untried person might give us difficulty instead of help, and our financial conditions will not permit us to make a trial during this period.

I also have your letter of March 18. Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter in reply to Mr. Farley's air mail letter to me dated February 22. I do hope our Trustees will be able to help him to get located in some proper place where he will be happy. We have already written you about what we can do to assist in transporting his personal effects.

The recent indiscriminate bombing, particularly in Foochow and Yenping, definitely show that the Japanese militarists are on their last resources to try to break the morale of the Chinese for their long resistance. They do not seem to understand that every action like that greatly heightens the determination of the Chinese people to continue the policy of long resistance. There have been no visits of Japanese planes to Shaowu, but we are making arrangements for the protection of our students and staff members in case of air raids here. We do not think the Japanese have enough forces to run the risk of invading Foochow or other parts of Fukien. Dr. Sutton has already cabled you about the safety of the university, and we shall always keep you informed when anything of an extraordinary nature happens here.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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Shaowu

May 13, 1939  
(Dictated May 10)

Professor Malcolm F. Farley  
5823 Maryland Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Professor Farley:

Your air mail letter dated February 22 came to my notice a few days ago after my return from Hongkong. I thoroughly sympathize with your desires, and I deeply appreciate your expression of devotion and loyalty to service in China. Our inability to invite you back is due chiefly, as you have already suggested, to circumstances created by the war. In ordinary times when our finances were more stable and other circumstances more favorable, there was little difficulty in maintaining you on our staff. We know that you would continue to make valuable contributions along the lines in which you are most interested. For the reasons stated in our last letter to you we had to take that stand, but not without pain for a person like you who have served for the last seventeen years with devotion to the task you were carrying. We do feel it a loss not to have you return, but I do hope you appreciate the difficulties of the university, and particularly at this time, and that you will not take it as a personal offense.

We are still struggling hard to carry on our work at Shaowu. The faculty and students who are here have shown a splendid spirit. Shaowu is located so that we are not thinking of any military operations nearby, even though Foochow might be taken by the Japanese. Of course the indiscriminate bombing in Foochow and other cities in Fukien have made people rather nervous, and we are making preparations for our students and staff members should air raids occur in Shaowu. There is no doubt in our minds but that the Japanese committed these atrocities as an almost last resort to stage off their final failure to hold the places which they have already occupied. So long as we continue to resist, the spirit of which increases with every bomb the Japanese drop from their planes, there is no other outcome other than collapse of the Japanese forces in this country.

Kindly give our best regards to Nawa and the children.

Yours sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*

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May 15, 1939

President C. J. Lin  
Fukien Christian University  
Shao-wu, Fukien, China

Dear President Lin:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 11th.

We are glad to know that the work is going forward so well during the spring semester. We have been troubled by the news of bombings and threats of military invasion in the Foochow area. But we hope that the F.C.U. campus has escaped damage, and that your work in Shao-wu has not been seriously hampered.

We have not yet seen Professor Scott, though we hope that he will be here in time for the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards, and for the meeting of the F.C.U. Board of Trustees during the first week in June. We will also try to see that Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao attends at least the meeting of the Fukien Trustees. The latest word from Teddy Chen is that he is considering remaining in America for another year of work. We assume that he has consulted with you directly concerning his plans, and that he will have your approval of his suggestions before any final decision is made.

The work here continues to go on much as usual. We are exerting every possible effort to complete our second emergency fund this spring, though we are finding it somewhat more difficult than last year, due to a number of factors. Just now we are waiting anxiously for the decision of the Rockefeller Foundation as to whether they can give us another grant this year, and as to the amount if a grant is made.

All good wishes

Very cordially yours,

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Fukien Christian University

June 14, 1939

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


Dear Dr. Lin:

The enclosed blanks are for the Annual Financial and Statistical Reports for the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. Owing to the fact that these reached us quite late, we have not been able to send them to you sooner. Will you please fill them out as promptly as possible, and return two sets of the blanks to us, so that we may forward one set to Albany and keep one in our office?

You will, of course, remember that these Reports are very important, and that the continued good standing of the University with the Board of Regents depends upon getting these filed as soon after the close of the year as possible.

The enclosures include three blanks for the Financial Report, three for the Statistical Report, and a covering letter from Mr. Soper of the Board of Regents. In returning two sets to us, you will thereby be able to retain one set for your own files.

Sincerely yours,

  
Assistant Secretary

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Enclosures

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June 23, 1939

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Dr. C. J. Lin  
Fukien Christain University  
Shaowu, China

Dear Dr. Lin:

We are in receipt of your cablegram as follows:-

"HWAHAN INVITED THRICE."

On this basis we take it that you have started out on the schedule of 70 x 7.

The consideration given to the matter at the Fukien Board had back of it that possibly Fukien would seem like over-doing it were the invitation to be made without backing from the Woman's Committee here in America. Strangely enough the Hwa Nan Committee sent a request to the Fukien Board that such an invitation be extended which suited the favorable attitude of the Fukien Trustees very well indeed. In other words, it released the Board from the appearances of trying to rush things.

We will be interested in how the invitation works out.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
June 27, 1939

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✓ President C. J. Lin  
Miss Eva M. Asher  
Fukien Christian University

Dear Friends:

We are enclosing a copy of the minutes of the Trustees' Annual Meeting held June 6th. A copy is going by Clipper mail to Miss Asher and one by way of air to the Pacific Coast to catch the "President Coolidge" and also one copy to Dr. C. J. Lin.

There were signed reports made by Dr. Cressy, Bishop Gowdy and Dr. Scott. The latter dealt more with the personnel of the University and various activities during the year.

*+* Budget for 1939-40. We are sorry to state that since the meeting a communication has been received from the American Board cutting their appropriation and reducing Fukien's appropriation to \$2,625.00. This is due to the greatly reduced income from invested funds. The Board has been facing this for some time, but has not reduced educational appropriation, making up the difference from gain in exchange from China. As their budgets have been readjusted to care for the exchange at current levels, they are no longer in a position to underwrite the previous amount. This will make a reduction of \$875.00 on your general budget. However, the administration expenses are less by \$299.00, and the Harvard-Yenching Institute appropriation is larger than first anticipated. There is also every prospect of our getting \$500.00 from the Reformed Board. It will be noted that the Trustees will cooperate with the Associated Boards in an effort to secure \$23,583.84 of special funds.

Communication from Hwa Nan Committee. This covers the process through which eventually a cable was sent to the Field, both from the Board of Trustees and also one by the Women's Committee, urging the Board of Managers to invite Hwa Nan. A cable response has been received indicating that a treble invitation was extended. We are still in the dark as to the result.

Harvard-Yenching Institute Restricted Fund. This item is explanatory and calls for no further comment, except to state that there are possibilities of securing more funds for the relief of the Colleges, unless the Trustees think it advisable to include this amount with the Income Stabilization Fund under III-d. For your information, other boards have appointed committees to confer jointly to reach a decision. Undoubtedly the request will be to turn the funds over to the various treasurers.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ASSOCIATED BOARDS MEETING

Investments. This was a general resolution passed by the Associated Boards and was aimed particularly at Yenching University which is holding some Standard Oil of California Bonds and some Amstar Oil Stock. The Finance Committee of Yenching will give the matter attention at an early date and the Fukien Committee will likewise take some action, although Aluminum Company is the only stock which might be considered in the category mentioned.

Appointments to Associated Boards. This was taken care of by the Nominating Committee.

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President C. J. Lin  
Miss Asher

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Appropriation for Associated Beards Budget. As the amount requested from Fukien had been included in the budget, it was not necessary to take further action.

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Amendment to the Charter. Since the meeting, one additional signature has been received which leaves one still pending.

Report of the Committee on Western Staff. After reporting on the attitude of the Field toward affiliation of university-supported staff with cooperating mission boards, it was decided to dismiss the Committee.

The election of officers and the appointment of committees represented the report of the Nominating Committee and the meeting adjourned.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 27, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

You are to be congratulated in having secured the services of Dr. Ruby Sia as stated in your letter of May 13th. It is most fortunate that her services were available.

Agreeable to your request, we have searched our lists for a suitable candidate to fit into your requirements. It is stated that you desire a person with experience in China equipped to teach English and we must confess there are none such on the list which we have available. I have also discussed the situation with Mr. Parker and with the cooperating mission boards and find that there is no applicant of this character available. We do, however, have it in mind and if there is any that comes within our vision, fitting your requirements, we shall take the matter up immediately.

I note your paragraph regarding Malcolm Farley and you will be interested in knowing that he is hard at work on various articles for publication. Several have been accepted and he is rapidly rounding his material into form. We certainly will do everything possible to get him in some position where he will be at home.

The boomerang effect of bombings which you mentioned is very largely emphasized in the present Tientsin situation. If Japan really wants war, the degenerate treatment of foreigners at Tientsin will help her as quickly as anything. It is inconceivable, however, that she would take pleasure in being the sparkplug in setting off a world conflict.

Very truly yours,

G. A. EVANS

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via China Clipper 6/27/39

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July 6, 1939

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

Dear President Lin:

We have had the pleasure of meeting Charles C. H. Cheng who is sailing on the "President Taft" July 14 and arriving in Shanghai August 2nd. He is staying over in Shanghai with Lyman Hoover, 10a Route Winling, Shanghai, China and asks that you write to him or, if necessary, telegraph giving him instructions from there on.

Mr. Cheng has sent three cases of books which are being forwarded to Foochow. The bills of lading will go forward from the Methodist Board. We are charging the costs against Account #31 as he has need of whatever cash is in hand.

Please do not fail to get some word to him at Shanghai by August 2nd.

With the best kind of wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/s

Via China Clipper

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September 1, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Enclosed herewith is a confirmation copy of the cablegram we sent to F.C.U. yesterday.

The part of the cablegram referring to the sailing of Miss Thomas was sent in accordance with a request from Dr. Wynn Fairfield. Dr. Fairfield sent us a copy of the letter he wrote you on August 24, setting forth the reason why the American Board has found it desirable to postpone Thomas sailing. You should have received that letter a week before this reaches you, so I need not comment further on the situation there.

The latter part of the cable has to do with the plans of Mrs. Sutton for her return to China. I have written to Dr. Sutton explaining the developments in her plan, so I need not repeat here what I have already said to him. No doubt he and you will be consulting each other regarding these plans before this letter reaches you, so you will have all the information I have been able to send him.

This morning the long-dreaded world war seems to have broken out in Europe in full force. At this time no one can tell how widely it will spread, or how long it will last. While we continue to hope that some way may be found to localize the conflict so as to bring it to an early conclusion, it seems likely that the conflict may be even more prolonged and more bloody than was the war of 1914 to 1918. What effect such a conflict will have on the situation in the Far East, or upon the work of our Colleges there, we cannot yet foresee. Obviously, if American attention is centered on the events in Europe, it may be increasingly difficult for us to secure special funds to keep the work of the Colleges going forward in China. But we know that you will continue to go ahead with your work if that is at all possible, and here in the States we will continue to do everything we can to provide the additional support you need.

We will be thinking of you constantly during the coming weeks as you get your work for the autumn semester. With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

*PA Garside*

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Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien

Sept. 6, 1939

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We are sending you enclosed herewith a copy each of the statistical and financial reports for 1938-39 for the New York State Board of Regents. Another set is being sent by the ordinary mail for file in your office.

This is about a month later than usual. The bad flood in July practically cut off the communication between Foochow and Shaowu for nearly three weeks. There was also some delay in making the statements ready both at the Foochow and Shaowu ends.

Please arrange for the necessary clergy certificates for Mr. Li I-Ying, for several years an instructor in our Department of Chemistry. He left Shanghai on "S.S. Empress of Japan" on Sept. 4th, after couple months trial to pass through the Japanese blockade of Fukien. The certificates can be sent to meet him probably most conveniently at Seattle. Mr. Li did not write me where he is going to land.

Mr. Li has been granted a fellowship at the Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. The fellowship will take care practically all the necessary expenses during the college year. He is one of our best young instructors. He has beautiful Christian spirit. Anything our office in New York can do to assist him will mean much to his stay in America.

Prof. C. R. Kellogg is now in Shanghai, and is sailing for America on Sept. 18. He writes that he is returning next spring. Please keep in touch with him through the Methodist board. We want very much to have him come back either with Mrs. Kellogg or alone, if he willing.

We learned recently that Miss Thomas has postponed her sailing until Sept. 2. Prof. Stowe is supposed to leave America at the same time. They will be in Shanghai on Sept. 20. It will be in time for our fall term work which begins on Sept. 28.

Fukien has been quiet, and Shaowu is as peaceful as ever. Our work at the University has been going on very satisfactorily. The only trouble is our lack of teachers. People both in and out of China mistakingly think Shaowu is a hard and probably dangerous place to be. We shall surprise them by our good educational results.

We are taking keen interest in the political and military development in Europe. Our national policy of resisting Japan to the victorious ending for China remains as firm as ever.

Yours sincerely,

P. S. We are preparing the annual reports for the Harvard-Yenching Institute. They may be ready for air-mail in a few days.

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September 14, 1939

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

Dear President Lin:

Miss Asher has been with us the last week and has had her physical examination which shows her in good condition, - the recommendation being that she watch her weight and, if possible, reduce a little bit.

I am not sending on the medical papers, unless you desire them, as in your unsettled state at Shaowu it would not seem necessary at the present. Later on when you are reestablished at Foochow, we can get caught up on these items which should be in the files on the field.

I have not had occasion to write you since I returned to the office right after Labor Day, but I am glad that I had those three weeks fairly free from any duties at the office, although I was in constant touch with the international situation and out things short at the opening of war in Europe. No one knows where this will end. The latest letter from Washington sources indicate a war lasting anywhere from six months to three years. At the present time no one seems to know how this will affect the Far East, and apparently the invaders are somewhat puzzled themselves.

I have been trying to get time the last few days to write you about a matter which has been constantly before us for the last year. It is regarding the Sutton family, and more particularly in reference to their continued separation. We were all greatly surprised when Dr. Sutton responded to the call of the field to return alone, especially in view of the exceedingly difficult circumstances under which he left the family. You will recall that he left Alfred within a few days after a funeral in the family. Apparently all of those nearest to the situation took this as a great sacrifice, but accepted it philosophically and continued their work. It is also apparent that there was every thought that the family would be united within the period of a year and I am quite sure it was in the thinking when the separation was made. Conditions now do not warrant the return of the family, although definite effort has been made on their part to get back. Naturally the Fukien campus is no place for children and of late Mrs. Sutton has thought of returning alone and leaving the children here. We have dissuaded her from this plan, although it has been done only on the premises that sooner or later there would be unity in the family and that a sailing is available for her.

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We all realize that war brings its toll in many directions and that this is one of the sacrifices which is being made. However, it is within a family where four growing children need the parents exceedingly. It is my opinion they especially need Dr. Sutton and regardless of whether he thinks so or not he should be with them. The family also has connections with people who think that the situation is untenable and it does not react very favorable on the university. We have more or less accepted the situation that Dr. Sutton will have to stay on for the rest of this fiscal year and will try to make the most of it through influencing the family at this end. It does not seem possible, however, that it can continue much longer than this period and that either the family must go to the field or Dr. Sutton return. I am not saying this to add to your troubles, but to give you ample time to get your nimble brain working out some solution. I wish we had something here to offer, but we have studied the personnel very carefully and frankly will have to leave it to your good judgment for suggestions.

With sincerest personal regards to you and Mrs. Lin, I remain

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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September 29, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

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In connection with the minutes of the meeting of the Executive and Finance Committees included herewith, we wish to call particular attention to action EF-1027, in which we ask Dr. Lobenstine to act as our special representative, and to study the situation with you regarding the work of Fukien Christian University.

We hope that you will be able to make use of Dr. Lobenstine's time when he is available, and that he will be able to bring us a first-hand report of your situation.

Sincerely yours,

*J. P. Parker*  
Secretary

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October 10, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

On the first of October we began checking up the matter of reports to the Harvard-Yenching Institute for which they have asked, with the understanding that these reports be in their hands not later than the first of October each year.

We have received no copy of this report from Fukien Christian University, and on checking with the Harvard-Yenching Institute, we find that they have not received the report in Boston. We accordingly cabled you as follows on Saturday, asking that a report be sent at once if it had not been forwarded:

"HARVARD-YENCHING REPORT OVERDUE. CABLE DATE MAILED. IF UNSENT FORWARD IMMEDIATELY CLIPPER."

We are counting on the Harvard-Yenching Institute giving us considerable help, not only on our regular budgets but on our special funds campaign, and it is quite important that we fulfill their requests for reports at the time they ask for them.

It was hoped that your report was on the way, but to be sure of getting it in time for the next meeting of the Institute, the cable was sent.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Assistant Secretary

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October 13, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

The minutes enclosed herewith are those of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion of the Associated Boards held on October 4.

The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate and complete the organization necessary to carry forward our special campaign for this year. You will note that we have departed from the use of the term, "emergency." This seemed to be absolutely necessary under the present conditions in America. It was also very advantageous to bring the promotional organization within the frame-work of the Associated Boards, rather than have a special group on the outside promote the campaign. These are the reasons for following the particular form of organization given in the minutes.

Sincerely yours,

*J. J. Parker*  
Secretary

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Enc.

Copy to: Dr. Sutton

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October 24, 1939

Dr. C. J. Lin  
Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, CHINA

Dear Dr. Lin:

We are grateful for your letter of September 6th and for the 1938-39 New York State Regents Reports which came to hand today. Even though they are late, yet we can appreciate the difficulties involved and appreciate also the effort which has been made to get them out.

Mr. Li I-Ying has been here some time--he having arrived before we received word of his coming. He has been in the office and we were very happy indeed to meet him. Of course, we should be glad to so anything to be of assistance.

We learned that Prof. C. R. Kellogg is doing some studying in lower California, and we will keep in touch with him through Dr. Cartwright and his office. By this time the Stowes are probably back on the field and hope they are finding ample opportunity for assisting in the work. One of the fine things which is coming out of this situation is the demonstration of unity of purpose and determination which is carrying on the educational work in China. The spirit of Fukien at Shaowu is the kind of demonstration which would determine the outcome of the present situation.

I note that the Harvard-Yenching Institute report will be coming through shortly by air mail, and will pass same on to the Institute when it is received.

Along with this same mail came two letters from Dr. Sutton which gives the news of the Fukien campus at Foochow. The way that you are carrying on the work at Shaowu makes us believe that reports regarding the health conditions were entirely wrong and, as you are going on remarkably well in your educational program, we may all be surprised one of these days.

With sincerest best wishes to you from all here, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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via "President Loft"

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October 30, 1939

President C. J. Lin  
Dr. Willard J. Sutton  
Fukien Christian University

Dear Friends:

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Fukien Christian University is enclosed herewith. It sets forth pretty much in detail the entire year's work and covers the situation rather completely.

The average income on securities is far above the average for the past year in commercial lines. Whether additional risks are involved can only be answered in the future, but for the time being would seem to be in a fairly safe position. The list, however, is being carefully watched by our office, as well as an intimate financial friend of Mr. Samuel Thorne.

The one exception to the foregoing seems to be the Southern Pacific first four bonds held in the Plant Account which has greatly depreciated. We are watching this carefully and in any major up-swing will get out of the situation quickly.

The Current Section includes all of the cash received from every source, with the exception of Emergency Funds paid after the closing. Miscellaneous Current Gifts increased somewhat -- in fact, making the surplus in General Funds.

Under Surplus and Deficits the surpluses are dealt with, making recommendations that same be applied against the 1937-38 promotional deficit. In reality this deficit is a hanging over of the time when the trustees optimistically included \$5,000.00 in the budget to be raised from unknown sources, and not one dollar of which was secured.

A portion of the field's fund has been invested since the close of the year in Washington Water Power Bonds, and we are awaiting for further developments to increase our investments from this. We will let you know the outcome.

The accompanying balance sheets show the conditions of the accounts on the 30th of June before and after closing. The June 30th budget report shows the accumulated condition as of June 30th. The consolidated balance sheet indicates that there is a net worth in the University of approximately \$581,000. The list of securities attached shows the approximate valuation as of June 30th with a shrinkage of approximately \$25,000. This is all chargeable against the railroad issues and the Drainage District bonds which we are holding, appreciation in other industries offsetting any minor depreciation accumulations.

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President Lin  
Dr. Sutton

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If there are any questions which develop in the course of your study of the report, I shall be very happy indeed to answer them, if it is possible.

As soon as possible, we will call a meeting of the Finance Committee or the Executive Committee, and give consideration to the Auditors' Report which is now in hand.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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HENRY V. LACY  
SUPERINTENDENT

福州基督教協和醫院  
FOOCHOW CHRISTIAN UNION HOSPITAL  
FOOCHOW, FUKIEN, CHINA.

CODE ADDRESS  
"HOSPL" FOOCHOW

Nov. 4, 1939.

Pres. C. J. Lin,  
Fukien Christian University,  
Shaowu, Fu.

Dear Pres. Lin:-

You have asked my opinion in regard to Miss Eunice Thomas' physical and nervous fitness for return to the University in Shaowu. I saw her two months ago in California and felt that she was in much better condition than when I saw her in New York a year ago. I believe that she is now physically fit to return to Shaowu to live, especially considering the fact that it will be possible for her to live in a family that will provide foreign food. It seemed to me that she was eager to get back to China. I did not discuss with her her present reaction to air raids but I believe that if she feels that she is ready to meet them she would be able to do so without being any more disturbed than the average missionary.

I do not know by what route she would reach Shaowu, since I hear today that the port of Santao has again been closed. I would suggest that details regarding possible routes be sent to Miss Thomas, to aid her in making her decision. I shall forward to the American Board in Boston a copy of this letter.

Yours sincerely,

*Lora G. Dyer M.D.*

Lora G. Dyer, M.D.

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO. FOOCHOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

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November 13, 1939

*Ack 2/1/40*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have received your letters dated June 23, June 27, and September 14, respectively.

In the June 23rd letter which reached me on Sept. 30th, you mention about our exchange of cables with regard to Hwanan. I suppose the Hwa Nan ladies have written in details about their plans to the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees. Our use of the word "Thrice" was in its true biblical implication so as to save cablegram charge. We extended our invitation to Hwa-Nan about half a dozen times even before your cable came. All, of course, were done in a more or less informal way. Each time President Lucy Wang thanked us most cordially, but apparently with no serious consideration of the question, so we had nothing definite to report. We shall always be ready to (make effective) any proposition that will help the Christian higher education in this province and in China. Please assure the ladies of the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees that we appreciate their thought of our work here, and that we shall count it a great privilege and honor if we could in some way carry out their wishes.

Your letter of June 27th explained the minutes of the annual meeting of our Board of Trustees on June 6. I reported the minutes to the annual meeting of our Board of Managers on November 4, and you will find their votes of thanks and appreciation in the minutes enclosed herewith.

In another letter of the same date you kindly mention to us your difficulty in securing a English teacher for us and your news about Mr. Farley preparing articles for publication. In this connection please find a copy of my letter to Miss Leona Burr, which, as you will see, is approved by our Managers. She wrote me that she was hoping to return to China in September 1940. She was a missionary of the American Board at Shaowu and Foochow during the last fifteen or twenty years, and is now studying at the University of Wisconsin, specializing in Speech and Drama. She will be getting her Master's degree in February 1940. I hope you will secure more information from the American Board, and consult the Trustees' Committee on Staff to pass on her. We hope very much that we can have her for the spring term. We need one more person besides Miss Burr, even counting on Miss Thomas return.

Your letter of September 14 mentioned about the condition of the Sutton family. We have talked this matter quite carefully several times with Dr. Sutton and Bishop Gowdy. Personally I would welcome

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CABLE ADDRESS:  
"HSIHO. FOOCHOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY  
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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Sutton's family to return, either staying in Foochow on the F.C.U. Campus or in Foochow in the missionary section, or in Shanghai where their children may go to school there. It is the opinion of Dr. Sutton, that it is not good to interrupt the school work of their children who are quite well settled for the rest of academic year. He would be prepared to send for them next summer. I think Dr. Sutton has already written to his family about this.

I found Dr. Sutton getting on very well on the campus. He has been keeping himself busy every day, looking over the campus affairs, the work of the treasurer's office, his laboratory research, project, and evening studies. He often has visitors of foreigners and Chinese on the campus, quite a number of times each week. He handles all errands sent down from Shaowu.

It has been rather quite and normal in Foochow. We do not expect serious troubles in the near future, although we are prepared for the worst all the time. For our American friends we feel that there is nothing much to fear, as the American Consulate is operating normally here, and the Chinese people are most friendly to the Americans.

I am also sending you a copy each of my letters to Miss Thomas, Miss Asher, Professor Kellogg, and Dr. Ledger. The Board of Managers are willing to grant the necessary tuition scholarship to Miss Asher for her study if the Trustees consider it necessary and possible to do so. I also hoped that you will talk the matter over with Dr. Cartwright, of the Methodist Mission Board about the return of Mr. Kellogg. We shall like very much to have definite informations about the decisions of those persons as soon as possible, so that we may be able to plan for our work both for the spring and for the fall. The most serious difficulties we have been facing in our University work during the last two years is the difficulty of securing teachers, and we should like to plan ahead of time as much as possible.

Yours sincerely,

*C. J. Lin*  
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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow, Fukien, China  
November 13, 1939.

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Miss Leona L. Burr  
916 Conklin Place  
Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A.

Dear Miss Burr;

Your letter of June 30th reached me at Shaowu on Sept. 30th. I was glad that you have been thinking of returning to China. I talked over this matter with the Storres at Shaowu, and with Dr. Beard, and other American Board missionaries in Foochow. They all expressed a warm welcome, and they were willing to let us extend to you an invitation to join our faculty for work in English. I would propose that you come to Shaowu, if at all possible, in the spring term, which will begin on February 12, 1940.

We are much in need of additional teaching forces in the English Department. This need is particularly pressing at present because of the furlough of Professor Scott and the leave of absence of Miss Eunice Thomas in America. Miss Thomas may return in the spring. We shall be still short of one or two more teachers. It will be a timely help if you can come to join us.

We shall be prepared to pay your travel expenses both from and back to America, after a term of service from five to seven years depending on your health conditions. While in China we shall pay you according to our general regulation of appointment governing our Chinese faculty members. We would offer you <sup>a monthly</sup> salary of two hundred dollars Chinese national currency to start with. Living quarters same as our other members could be arranged for you in Shaowu. Our teaching load is generally around ten to twelve hours per week. In composition work one hour is counted as two for the instructor. Of course, there are certain faculty committee work and the general responsibility in student guidance service outside of the class room which every teacher is expected to share, with which you are already familiar.

I am writing to our Board of Trustees, in care of Dr. B. A. Garside at 150 5th Avenue, New York, about our offer to you. I am also writing to Dr. Fairfield, of the American Board in Boston. If you think you can arrange to come for our spring semester, we shall be very glad to have a cable from you when you have decided about the date you may be able to leave, so that we can plan for your work. You will remember our cable address is "Hsiho Shaowu". If it is necessary a period of two weeks' delay in starting certain classes could be arranged. For instance, if you arrive at Shaowu around the first of March, 1940, you will still be in time for our spring semester's work.

The trip from America to Shanghai is not likely to have any trouble. There are a number of ways in reaching Shaowu from Shanghai. You can come through the Santuso route as most of the American and British missionaries have been coming during the last two months or so. An experienced messenger can be sent to meet you there. It takes about two days by chair from the place you land to Kwantow near Lienkiang, where launch can take you to Foochow. The trip between Foochow and Shaowu is now quite convenient. It takes one day from Foochow to Yenping by motor launch, which leaves every day at four o'clock in the afternoon and reaches Yenping around three or four o'clock the next afternoon.

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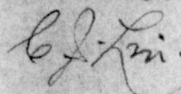
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There is cabin accommodation on the boat. From Yenping a daily through bus leaves at six O'clock in the morning, and arrives Shaowu around three or four O'clock in the afternoon of the same day. The ports of Nienpo, Haikuo near Fushan, and Hinghwa are also open. There is really not much difficulty of getting in. You would, of course, consider the possibility of air raids by the Japanese planes and even possible fighting in or around Foochow. You yourself are the best person to judge as how you can stand these things. People are quite different in their reactions; some don't mind them at all, others may fall to pieces in meeting them. The Chinese in general have now quite accustomed to see the enemy planes flying above them and dropping bombs around. They stay in while the raid is on, and they return to work as usual as soon as it is over. But it will be advisable for those who can not stand the terror to stay away from China. The war may yet last a considerable length of time.

We very much like to have you come to join our work, and we hope that we may hear from you before long.

Yours sincerely,



C. J. Lin  
President

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow-Shaowu, China  
November 13, 1939.

Professor C. R. Kellogg  
678 S. Las Robles  
Pasadena, California  
U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Kellogg:

I was glad to have your three letters sent from Shanghai and two letters from Yokomama. I hope my letter to you in Shanghai reached you before you left there. I was sincerely glad that you made the decision to leave earlier than you first planned. My only regret is that I did not get down in time to see you off. You really had been staying too long under those difficult conditions, and I was hoping very much that you would take a year's furlough in America to be with your family. I am of course glad to learn that you are preparing to come back again soon. But please donot hurry yourself unnecessarily. I believe you are entitled to have one year's forlough, and you deserve that full period for study and change. The only thing we want to be asured of is that you are to returned to us after that period. Our Board of Managers has taken definite action to other day in its annual meeting to request the Methodist Mission to send you and your family back as soon as you feel convenient.

Both Dr. Sutton and Chen Wen-Hsun are doing well. I came down from Shaowu a week ago for the annual meeting of our Board of Managers. I Shall be here for a few more days. The campus is in good shape as usual and everybody is quite happy. Foochow has been quite normal, and the business is quite well off, although the port is still under blockade. Communications are being maintained more or less regularly through several routes, such as Santuao, Hinghwa, and Haikow, as well as from Ningpo of Chekiang. Some people have returned from Hong Kong by land through places near Swatow. So far as we know, the war of resistance will be carried on more effectively than ever, and unless a just peace can be won by China, we shall not compromise. It is our belief that Japan could not carry on her aggression much longer while maintaining the morale of her soldiers in China and of her common people at home. We are more than ever convinced that the final victory will belong to the Chinese.

We are very glad to have the Stowes back in Shaowu. Mrs. Stowe is filling a very important post in teaching English, which is our weakest at the present time. You will be interested to know that Lin Ching has moved all the goats to Shaowu, some rabbits, and some chickens, with also fourteen cows. All of them are getting quite prosperous after arriving there.

The fall term opened with the largest student body. We ever have, namely, 189 students. Our new middle school of Agriculture has a student body of 82, and there are over 230 pupils in primary school. All of our people are getting on well in Shaowu, and we are looking forward for a very fine year of work there.

Hoping that we may hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

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Fukien Christian University  
Shaowu, Fukien, China  
November 13, 1939.

Dr. Sam. H. Ledger  
c/o 14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass. U. S. A.

Dear Sam.,

I was glad to learn from Everett Stowe that he had seen you America. I am now writing to ask that you make definite plans to come to F.C.U. at Shaowu with your family for the work in the fall of 1940.

You know our warm welcome to you. With your help we should be able to do greater things than we are able at the present time, particularly with the churches throughout the rural regions.

The courses which you like to give and other matters could be arranged to the satisfaction of the faculty and yourself when you are here. We have only one request, namely, that you give full time to F.C.U. in teaching. The church extension service will be a part of the University work. You will remember that we are not in favor of any other organization that can direct you in using your time such as Dr. Miao of the N.C.C.R.E. had proposed to you. We feel that the University teaching is quite a specialized job; one has to give full time and energy to it before one can do justice to it. Besides, we are counting on you a great deal in helping the general work of the University both in committee works and in students' guidance. The Synod leaders of the Mid-Fukien agree thoroughly with our point of view, and I know that after careful consideration you will see that our idea is quite reasonable. Kindly let us know by cable whether or not you would be able to come under those circumstances.

Recent letters from Boston indicate that they did not know exactly what you would like to do. We are therefore writing to Dr. Fairfield, requesting definitely your appointment to us at the University as a full-time teacher in the place of Professor Beach. You have already known that the Synod in Foochow has invited you back to assigned you to work at the University. It is, therefore, now for you to let the American Board Authorities know that you have made definite plans to come, and to let us know when we may expect you.,

We do not think immediate peace which will do justice to China can be had in the next few months. We are, therefore, prepared for a continued resistance to the Japanese aggression. Work under those conditions will be more difficult than when you were here, but we are determined to carry on our work and to do our best to make possible F.C.U.'s contributions to China at this time.

There would be a difficult problem for you to decide whether or not you would bring your family over, and how you would take care of your children. From the University point of view we shall welcome your entire family, particularly we shall be most happy to have Mrs. Ledger in our Shaowu community. We should try to make satisfactory

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Dr. S. H. Ledger

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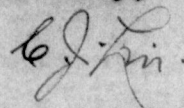
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accommodations for you and your family so far as we are able,

We have now 189 students in the college, 82 in our new Senior middle school of Agriculture, and over 230 in the primary school. Everyting goes on quite well so far.

Please remember us kindly to Mrs. Ledger.

Yours sincerely,



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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow-Shaowu, China  
November 14, 1939.

Dr. Frank T. Cartwright  
150 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.  
U. S. A.

Dear Frank;

Many thanks for your letter of August 30, which reached me at Shaowu on October 26. You wish to know our opinion about the return to Fukien of Professor C. R. Kellogg.

I have talked this matter over with our University Council, as well as with Bishop Gowdy, and the Board of Managers in its annual meeting on November 4. We are of the opinion that we wish to have Mr. Kellogg returned to the University. We would not insist when he should come, that is, whether he should come right away as Mr. Kellogg has written us, either in December 1939, or in January 1940. We shall, of course, be very glad to have him returned soon, but should he decided to stay longer, taking one full year's furlough which he well deserves, we can wait.

Professor Kellogg has distinguished himself not only as a scholar of note, but a real inspiring teacher. He has also irrestable urge for service to the rural people, and he has ability to carry the common people with him whenever he visits and talks. Thus he not only serves the University in its class room, but also the Chinese people in general through the churches as an agent of the extention service of this institution.

I believe the only difficult problem with Professor Kellogg is whether or not Mrs. Kellogg will come with him. His difficulties during the last year or so is not, as people think in America, due to the war conditions. He stands very well with the conditions here. He very often ran about in Foochow and in the nearby country when Japanese planes were flying above his head and dropping bombs around. Those things did not seem to bother him. The separation from his family is thus the great trouble. He is a most loyal husband and father. His own life here without his family makes his living conditions not as desirable as it might be. If Mrs. Kellogg can see her way to come back with him, I do not believe that there will be any difficulty of his being back in Fukien even the war still goes on.

You undoubtedly know the Kelloggs well personally. We really don't know what to suggest so far as the Kellogg's family is concerned. It seems quite doubtful that Mrs. Kellogg will be happy in Foochow, and if Mrs. Kellogg is not happy, Mr. Kellogg will be also affected, and the condition will be reverted to the former days when Mr. Kellogg was here alone. I believe Bishop Gowdy will also write you with regard to his opinion in this matter. I know you will do every thing to help

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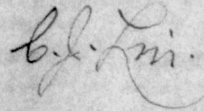
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us to have the Kelloggs again. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Kellogg.

I have reported the recent conditions of the University together with a copy of the minutes of the annual meeting of our Board of Managers held on November 4 to our New York office. Due to the lack of stencils, we are sending one typewritten copy thereof making more duplicates for distribution to our Trustees. We have a good start in the fall semester's work, with 189 students, which is the largest on record. Our new middle school of Agriculture has 82 students in the first year class, and the primary school has over 230. With the exception of difficulties during the last two years of securing teachers for our faculty, we have everything to be grateful for the fine spirit both among the teaching staff and the student body. The people in Shaowu and throughout North Fukien have been most cordial to us and cooperated in our work. We are most grateful to the American Board people and the Synod in Shaowu in lending us buildings and land which have been repeatedly remarked by the visitors, including the recent visit by Governor Chen of the Fukien Province, as being the best accommodated "refugee college" in China.

With kindest personal regards.

Yours sincerely,



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President

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow-Shaowu, China  
November 14, 1939.

Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield  
American Board Mission  
14 Beacon Street  
Boston, Mass.,  
U. S. A.

Dear Dr. Fairfield;

Please find herewith enclosed a copy each of my letters to Miss Thomas, Dr. Sam. Ledger, Miss Leona Burr, and a copy of letter by Dr. Lora Dyer to me with regard to Miss Thomas' physical conditions.

Your letter of August 24 explains to me very clearly the difficulties in connection with Miss Thomas' return to us. I think there will be no difficulty in adjusting the financial part of it. Certainly Miss Thomas is not to be blamed for her delay in returning, and we ought to carry on her financial support to the end of December 1939, if she herself decides not to return because of the possible war conditions. Personally I feel that Miss Thomas is really earnest in her effort to return to Shaowu. It does not seem that she will meet extraordinary difficulties. Of course we can never guarantee what the Japanese would do. The enemy planes have visited Shaowu only once during the last two years of war, and they did not drop any bomb or machine-gun to us.

It is our belief that the postponement of a few weeks or a couple of months does not help Miss Thomas or the University a great deal. The war is going to be on for sometime yet, unless the Japanese militarists have a changed of their hearts which is not very likely. On the other hand we Chinese are quite determined to resist to the end until we succeed to drive our invaders out, which is not at all impossible. At the present moment we seem to be stronger than ever, in spite of the changes in international situation, both in Europe and in Russia. We therefore urge that Miss Thomas with the help of the American Board will make a definite decision to return in January 1940, and let us know by cable so that we can make some definite arrangement for our work for the spring.

My letter to Sam. Ledger covers the things we have in mind. We earnestly desire the coming of the Ledgers to the University. It is our sincere belief that he will help a great deal to bring the University to the Church. We are, however, very doubtful if he should in any way serve other institutions beyond the control of the University. We believe that University teaching is a full time work for any person. It is not the class room teaching that counts, but also outside the class room sharing the life and problems of the students and help in general in carrying on the University service. Please communicate frankly with Dr. Ledger about this matter, and let us know the results.

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The Storrs in Shaowu told us that they would like very much to have Miss Leona Burr returned to Shaowu, but they also thought that she would be probably doing her best in teaching in connection with the University. We are especially in need of additional English teachers, and we learn from many sources that Miss Burr will do very well in the field especially with her additional training at the University of Wisconsin. We wish that the American Board would be able to send her to us besides the Ledgers. If that is not possible, we would manage to carry her support on our own budget. Therefore, we propose to pay her salary in Chinese currency on the same basis as our Chinese faculty members. Because of the heavy expenses for traveling between America and China, which cannot be borne by the teacher personally, the University should take care of that. If the Mission Board like to use Miss Burr in any other capacity, we certainly would not complain, but we do hope that you may be willing to consent to let her come to help the University.

Upon my return to Shaowu in about a week, we should be able to send you for reference of the Board a complete set of our blue prints of the campuses at Shaowu which are now being used by the University. We are very grateful for the presence of the Storrs who help us so much in creating pleasant relationship with the church leaders and laymen there. Sometimes Shaowu people seem to think that F.C.U. is grasping the property away from them. We therefore like to make our status as clear as possible so that our friends in Shaowu may not be necessarily troubled because of our presence. Our Board of Managers, therefore, proposed that some form of rental be paid to the American Board for the use of the property, if that is acceptable to the Board, and that we carry the insurance premium of the Shaowu buildings which may be considered in lieu of the rent. For the land that we use for our new buildings, a regular contract should be made to the effect that the Board would be willing to let us buy the land thus used, or that the Board would buy the building from the University when they should like to have us moved out. Either way will be all right. Some form of written terms clearly stating that all the property owned by the American Board and now used by F.C.U., has been duly leased to the F.C.U. Board of Trustees or Managers will help to explain to the Shaowu people of our status there. Anything you care to propose will be, I am sure, acceptable to us in China. We are ever so grateful for the facilities you have granted us.

Owing to the growth of our student body and the faculty members, the existing buildings are not enough. We are, therefore, building a new library with four class rooms and spaces for administrative offices, on an unenclosed lot of land belonging to the Mission but used by the people as grave yard. We are also building in the old Han Mei campus a combined dormitory and dining room for the men students. The University has in its own name bought a few more pieces of land adjacent or contiguous to the mission property. We have also rented some land and houses from the people there. There has been some

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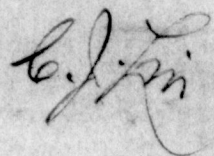
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difficulty in getting the farm fields back for the use of the University. Due to the untiring effort of the Storrs and the assistance of the pastors, Samuel Huang and Liao, we have recently succeeded in claiming back those farms formerly operated by Mr. Riggs by paying the original caretaker some repair money. We are not yet able to get the old hospital site back for our infirmary; neither the former Dr. Bliss' cow barns,

We are opening up again the North-Gate Chapel in Shaowu City as a students' church for both our own middle school students and the students in the Government schools in the city. We have arranged a student Pastor, a senior in the college, to be responsible to get the students in that section for the running of the church. The University faculty community who lives in that section are ~~also~~ cooperating. We have every reason to believe that we shall have a very interesting experiment in religious education for the youth there.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
處公辦長校

November 14, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

The annual meeting of our Board of Managers was held on November 4. Owing to the lack of stencils we are not able to reproduce enough copies for distribution to our Trustees. Would you be good enough to mimeograph as many copies as you think it necessary of the Managers' minutes for distribution to our Trustees, to the cooperating Boards, and other friends to whom you are accustomed to send our documents.

Revised Budgets 1939-40. The regular budget for 1939-40 includes certain parts of the emergency budget for 1939-40 and the Rockefeller Grant budget. (Therefore the total amount is larger than the last one.) We put most of the urgent building needs on the Rockefeller list because that fund is already available for us. We have counted as a part of our income to balance the budget from the gain on exchange from the Rockefeller Grant. We have not however, included the sum of US\$650 from the American Board, which they promised to give to us in U.S. currency to pay the salary of one of our teachers before the vacancy caused by the death of Professor Beach is filled. We have reserved that money now to finance the travel expenses of Miss Burr and her salary in China for the rest of the year if she comes.

Votes M-889 and M-891. Deal with the American Board property which we are using at Shaowu. We have just heard from the Mission's Foochow office that the American Board has insured the Shaowu property at around U.S.\$27.57, and Dr. Sutton has paid for that amount. We have yet no details of how they figure the value of those property, but we have just finished making a survey of the various pieces of land and making blue prints of the campus buildings. We shall send a set to your office and another to the American Board in Boston. We hope that some definite terms can be arranged between the American Board and our Trustees so that the church people in Shaowu may understand the implication of the agreement reached. (I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Dr. Fairfield on this subject.)

Vote M-894. Gives the Managers' approval of my plan to make the occasion for the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of F.C.U. for an endowment campaign. If we are still in Shaowu, it will be a means of making known to the public of our work

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there and establishing a strong base for further operation. If we shall be able to move back to Foochow, it will be an additional reason for the celebration and a new impetus for strengthening our financial foundation. The preparation needs to begin early. We are, therefore, hoping that our Trustees will consider this matter and give us advice as to what we should do in connection with the endowment campaign. We shall of course also do what we can do in China. Our Trusters know too well that we need very badly an additional half million U.S. dollars endowment fund. F.C.U. cannot go on much longer with our present resources and income. We shall also need to consult with the Associate Boards to see how far they are willing to help Fukien on this matter.

Item b. of the same vote is a necessary transaction to meet the Fukien Government's legal requirement of our Senior middle school of Agriculture for \$100,000 Chinese currency endowment fund. The US\$10,000 from the Pierce Fund is sufficient for that purpose at the present rate of exchange, if the Trustees so approve.

Vote M-879. (A few comments may help on this action.) Our new middle school is used for the original purpose as was first passed by the Board of Managers on March 27th, 1939 for the fulfillment of the Ministry of Education's requirement as a condition to maintain an Education Department. We are also making it an experimentation in a new kind of secondary education that may meet the needs of the people in Fukien. The change of name does not make much difference.

Vote M-880. The changes in our administrative organization consist of the division in our present Dean's Office into two offices: Namely, the office of the Dean of Studies and that of the Dean of Students. We have traditionally combined these two into one office. As the student body grows larger and the academic work becomes quite heavy, it would be necessary to divide the work somewhat if we have enough personnel. But the actual work of both offices is still being carried on by the present academic Dean, Prof. Tso-Hsin Cheng, although I myself assume the deanship of the second kind in name because of its certain official qualification for which Dr. Cheng does not care to apply to the government. Dr. Cheng has proved himself to be a splendid general Dean.

The other difference is that instead of including all the graduate assistants and lecturers in the general faculty meeting as we used to do, the new organization takes in the deans, and the

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chairmen of the various departments together with five representatives elected by the teaching staff at large, the graduate assistants being not eligible in the election.

I think all other actions are self-explanatory.)

We are very grateful that our Board of Managers assumed its responsibility seriously. <sup>Everyone</sup> takes a keen interest in the development of the institution. The members are always ready to help. This means a great deal to faculty and the administration during this time of difficulties.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin.

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Fukien Christian University  
Foochow-Shaowu, China  
November 14, 1939.

Miss Eunice Thomas  
2285 Cedar Street  
Berkeley, California  
U. S. A.

Dear Miss Thomas:

You have written me several times since last spring. I have not been able to reply to you, thinking each time that you were already on the way to China. The last time I sent a telegram and a letter to meet you at Shanghai, thinking that you had sailed on Sept. 8. We did not learn about your sailing postponement until we got a telegram from our New York Office, which was forwarded to me at Yenping on Sept. 14. The next day I learned for the first time from Mrs. Christian's office in Foochow about the other cablegrams which had been sent you from the mission group in Foochow and from Mr. Smith of Ingtau.

The one cablegram that I sent you from Shaowu in reply to the one from our New York office, "Thomas come August" was a result after careful consideration of our own staff and in consultation with the Storrs. Our reason was that if you were willing to come at all during this time of war in China, you would better come as early as possible, for then, just as at the present, the conditions are quite favorable for people to come into Fukien. The condition may change any time. It is our belief that war may continue for some considerable length of time, and the general condition may become much worse. A postponement of a few weeks or a couple of months would not help the matter. The main question is to decide whether or not under these circumstances you would be justified in returning to stay in China. I am grateful to have a letter from Dr. Dyer. I am sending you a copy of it. I think you know yourself better than anybody else on this problem. Please give yourself a fair consideration and let us hear from you by cable as soon as possible. We would like very much to have you come back in time for the spring term, which opens Monday, Feb. 12, 1940. The classes will begin on Feb. 16th.

There are several routes through which one can come from Shanghai to Shaowu. The usual route which the missionaries have been taking during the last two months is through Santuao. After landing there it will take two days by chair in a more or less leisure manner to get to Kwantow where a launch will take you to Foochow. The Hinghwa port is also open. You can land at a village where my parents' home was and can come to Foochow by chair in two or three days. The third route is through Ningpo. There is a daily-steamer service between Shanghai and Ningpo, and from there it will take about three days by bus to Shaowu. At the present I will recommend the Santuao way, because people are now quite familiar with the route and a special messenger can be sent to meet guests on the boat, and baggage and other things can be taken care of in quite routine manner. There are resting posts in the Church stations on the way.

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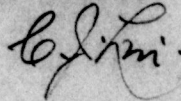
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When you have made up your decision, I hope you will communicate with our New York office through Dr. B. A. Garside or Mr. Evans at 150 Fifth Avenue, and also with Dr. Wynn Fairfield at Boston. I am also writing to these two offices so that they can assist you in every way possible in making your decision and in planning for your return trip to Fukien.

Our fall term began on Sept. 25. We have 189 students in the college, 82 students in our new middle school, and over 230 pupils in our primary school. The spirit both among the faculty and the students are as good as one can find. We very much like to have you come and help in this work. The Storrs are expecting you to live with them. They have the full top-floor space reserved for your living quarters. Their house is less than two-minute's walk to the main buildings of our college.

Yours very sincerely,



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November 17, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I do not believe we have called special attention to an item which was included in the allocations of the emergency fund for 1939-40, which will be of particular interest to you.

In the special fund we are raising this year, we have placed a small amount for scholarships to be used by faculty members of the China Colleges in America. This amounts to \$5,000 and contains two items. \$2,500 is to be secured in the form of scholarships to be granted by certain colleges in America. These will not be in cash, but will be in the form of tuition scholarships, etc. The other amount of \$2,500 we hope to have available as cash grants which can be made to faculty members coming to America, to assist them in their expenses while they are here.

The amounts placed in the fund this year are, of course, not large and will not be sufficient to cover nearly all the requests that will probably be made. However, we felt that a beginning in a small way needs to be made, with the hope that this service can be increased as time goes on.

In using these funds for next year, the Associated Boards will be glad to consider applications from the various Colleges in China for the placing of any members of their faculties who are trying to come to America in the school year 1940-41. We, of course, cannot guarantee that we can give all the help required, and we cannot make any assignments until applications have been received.

This letter is being written to you so that you may take advantage of the placing of applications for any of the faculty members who may be in need of assistance next year.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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November 22, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, the Committee on Finance, and the Committee on Promotion, of the Associated Boards held on November 10, 1939. Attached to the minutes is a copy of the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1939.

The considerations of the Committees at this meeting largely concern matters of current interest in America, and the actions are clear in themselves without further explanation. The report of the Committee for Consideration of Greater Unity occupied an important position in this meeting. However, you will note that it is not the final report of the Committee, and their work is being continued in accordance with the action of the Executive Committee.

We have recently had application from two members of the student body at Colgate Rochester Divinity School for graduate fellowship work in some of the China Colleges. These two men are interested in spending two or three years in China, either as graduate students or teaching fellows. They suggest that graduate scholarships may be awarded to them by the Divinity School, which would cover cost of transportation in case anything should be available in any of the Colleges, in which they could do some teaching for their maintenance while there.

If you are interested in using such persons, we will be glad to give you the details regarding them.

Sincerely yours,

*J. L. Parker*  
Secretary

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Enclosures

Copy to: Dr. W. J. Sutton

Via S.S. "Pres. Harrison"  
from San Francisco, Calif.

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