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NOTE: See Cable dated Jan. 1, 1940 from Fukien,

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January 9, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We have received your cablegram from Shaowu, asking for information about Miss Thomas, Miss Burr, Dr. T. H. Cheng, and Mr. J. M. Tan. A copy of the cablegram sent to you in reply is enclosed herewith. I hope it is clear.

I might add, in further explanation, that Miss Thomas is sailing this week from San Francisco, on the same steamer with Mr. McClure. The office of the American Board of Commissioners advises that Miss Burr will not be able to start for China at the present time, and will therefore not be available before summer. Her appointment, of course, should be made through the regular channels of the Board of Trustees, and the matter should, therefore, be presented to them in the regular manner. Dr. Fairfield has handled the negotiations with Miss Burr, and I am keeping in touch with him regarding her arrangements.

Mr. Tan informs us that he has written to you regarding his situation. He will not be able to complete his work at Crozer Seminary in time to get out to Fukien for the second semester, and thus will not be available until next summer.

In the case of Dr. Cheng, he, too, is in work that requires his carrying through the second semester here. At the same time, he has been faced with considerations of appointments on the staffs of other universities in China, and feels that he must carry through considerations already started before making any decision as to his future arrangements. Whether or not he will be available next summer remains to be seen, but there is a possibility of securing him for the University at that time.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Fisher
Assistant Secretary

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

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February 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We have fully informed the Hwa Nan officials of the invitations presented by the field. I am not sure how Fukien would accommodate Hwa Nan after hearing and reading about the crowded condition at Shaowu. Apparently there is always room for a few more.

Mr. Parker is following through on the clearance of papers for Miss Leona Burr who has sent in a formal application for a position on the Fukien staff. We have also talked with Dr. Fairfield regarding her, and while the American Board would be very glad to turn Miss Burr over to the Fukien Trustees and even give Miss Burr a pension credit on the basis of her service with that Board, yet when it comes to the point of her application being acted upon by the Fukien Board it is a question how he will vote. There is a very definite liability to the University because of the age problem, and Fukien should not go into this situation with its eyes closed. However, when all the papers are available, action will be taken immediately.

I realize there has been considerable correspondence regarding the return of the Sutton family. I have had no letter now within the last two or three weeks and know of no new movement toward their return. Everything would indicate at the present time that they should not go back due to the conditions around Foochow.

Your statement regarding the tuition scholarship for Miss Asher is noted, which would appear to put it up to the Trustees to find the necessary funds for that purpose. As every dollar we are raising is for the purpose of the field, there are no additional funds in America available for this purpose.

It was absolutely necessary for Miss Asher to have additional funds for the second semester's work, and we paid her \$172.50 for this purpose. As Miss Asher is carried on the field budget, we would not refer such a matter to our Trustees, except for their personal judgment which I shall do at the earliest possible moment.

We are all gratified in the manner in which Fukien is carrying on under trying circumstances. Surely you are to be congratulated, as some of our institutions are in a much more undesirable position.

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

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Monroe" - 2/1/40

P. S. Enclosures of communications to Dr. Fairfield, Dr. Cartwright, Dr. Ledger, Professor Kellogg, Miss Leona L. Burr, Miss Eunice Thomas, and a letter from Lora G. Dyer in your letter of November 13th are acknowledged herewith.

C. A. E.

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February 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I have been holding your letter of November 14th with the thought that possibly we would have a meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees. However, there seems to be no immediate necessity for calling such a meeting, and I am writing to say that we are having the minutes of the Board of Managers mimeographed and will send same to the Board of Trustees, with such comment from your letter as will add additional light and information.

The figures and plan covering the agreement between the American Board and the Board of Trustees are not at hand, but as soon as these are before us it may be of sufficient moment to call a meeting, provided it is not too near the Annual Meeting of the Board.

I do not know what attitude the Board will take regarding the use of the Pierce Fund for Middle School Endowment, as none of our Universities up to the present time have included middle school financing within the Trustees' budgets. Somewhere there is also a resolution setting aside this fund for a library. However, the matter will be presented without prejudice.

We note the changes in the administrative organization and trust that it works out to your entire satisfaction.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
Via "President Monroe" - 2/1/40

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NOTE: See letter of Dec. 18, 1939- from University of Michigan (H.H. Bartlett) and Jan. 25, 1940- fr. University of Michigan to Metcalf, copy to A.B.C.C.C.

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February 3, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin,

We enclose herewith a copy of a letter we have received from Professor H. H. Bartlett of the University of Michigan. You will note what he says about the work of Mr. Cheong-yin Wong.

If you think there is any possibility that Mr. Wong might be a valuable member of the Fukien staff, will you please take whatever steps you believe advisable to get in touch with him.

Our office will be happy to give any assistance we can in the matter, but should leave the initiative in your hands.

Very sincerely yours,

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February 6, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao was at the Upper Ridgewood Community Church on January 28th and spoke four times. As a result fifty dollars was contributed which we are entering for scholarship work.

As you will have ample funds among the emergency gifts, we have returned this amount to Mr. Yang, as thereby we can claim one-half of an appropriation voted by the Methodist Board and also somewhat relieve the dire financial need of this very excellent, upstanding, efficient and delightful member of your staff.

There is another fifty dollars which we can secure if we can gather together a like amount from outside sources, and we are working to this end.

I am sure that you will agree with the procedure we have followed, as you have in Mr. Yang one worthy of your best consideration. We are hoping to secure a fellowship for him for next year and will let you know later what success we have.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Copy to: Dr. Sutton

February 26, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Trustees held on February 19.

You will note that they took up a number of matters in the Board of Managers' report individually. Action M-884 met a kind reception by the Board, and they were quite willing for Miss Asher to have whatever scholarship that has been arranged by the Board of Managers.

Actions M-888 to M-891 were discussed at length, and you will note the action taken appointing a small committee to carry this matter to its conclusion.

Action M-893 (a) was referred to the Committee on Promotion, as it comes under the province of this particular committee. It is hoped that we can have a meeting soon, probably at the home of Dr. Hill in Poughkeepsie, at which time plans will be discussed at the meeting as to how the anniversary can be properly instituted.

You will note under action M-893 (b) and action T-1201 the arrangements regarding the use of the Willis F. Pierce Dormitory Fund in connection with the Middle School. The Board was not quite ready for the final step of turning the money over completely for this purpose, but was willing to allocate the income for the present until such time as the matter can be thoroughly investigated. We would like to have any additional facts regarding this that you may wish to send.

In vote T-1205 you will note the terms under which Miss Burr is appointed, and it is expected that she will be getting out to Foochow during the summer. You will note also, in connection with this matter, that the Board of Managers should take action regarding the annuity premiums carried by the American Board. We are getting in touch with Miss Burr immediately about other arrangements. Please let us know as soon as the Board of Managers has taken the action necessary to make this effective.

The other items, I think, are clear in themselves.

Sincerely yours,

J. D. Parker
Assistant Secretary

JIP:W
Enc.

Via S.S. "Pres. Taft"
from San Francisco, Cal.

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March 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Early last month we received from the Harvard-Yenching Institute the remittances for the colleges, and immediately noted that your amount had been held up by the Institute, due to the failure of receipt of reports in time for the fall meeting of the Institute. This immediately raised the question with us as to whether the report, concerning which we cabled in October, had been received, particularly as we had not received any copy of the report. We accordingly wrote the Institute and inquired whether they had received it, and their reply indicated that they had received two copies, although they did not tell us what date they had been received.

This, of course, raises the question of importance of the Harvard-Yenching reports being sent in so as to reach them and us by October 1st. There is no way of our knowing whether this has been done unless copies of the report are sent to us, or two sets of the report sent to us so that we may forward one to the Institute and thereby be assured that they have it in hand. Whenever they fail to get a report, they appeal to us and we are frequently in the dark as to what has happened. May I suggest hereafter when the reports are prepared, that both sets be forwarded to us and we will see that the Institute gets a copy as promptly as possible?

I am not sure just when the payments from the Institute will be available for Fukien University, as they were indefinitely held up by action of the Institute when your report was not received in time for the fall meeting. Reinstatement of the payments will come in due course, but will be in accordance with the decisions of the officers and committees of the Institute. The only way to avoid this holding up of payments is to be sure to get the report to them in time for the meeting.

I am writing generally on this subject, together with the matter of other reports, in another letter which I hope you will make note of on your calendar.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Parker
Assistant Secretary

JIP:VN

Via S.S. "Pres. Taft"
from San Francisco, Cal.

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See May 27, 1940 for Sutton

March 1, 1940

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

Dear Friends:

A question arose at the meeting of the Board of Trustees held recently dealing principally with the 1939-40 Revised Budget. It was noted that the Rockefeller gift budget for 1939-40 was approved under Action M-892. This called for a total of \$4,000.00, exactly the same figure as the 1938-39 appropriation from the Rockefeller Foundation, and which was reported to the Foundation as having been spent.

One might reach several conclusions-- among them:

1. That the date of the budget should be 1938-39.
2. That you were anticipating the exact amount for 1939-40 from the same source as came to hand for 1938-39.
3. That the expenditures reported previously were made between July 1, 1939 and October 1, 1939, the date stipulated by the Rockefeller Foundation.

We would like to have definite light on this subject as, above all means, we must play fair with the Foundation. They are too important in our whole program of education in China for us to do anything which will limit their confidence in the statements we make regarding the use of money or the final allocation of funds which they donate. You are all too familiar with the important part the Foundation has played in our education work, and at the present time the personnel seems to be more freer than ever. This, of course, is due largely to the type of work which our Christian Colleges have done and which has forced the Foundation to recognize the merit of our achievement. At the same time, the war has emphasized the need of strengthening institutions in China which can carry on without interference from an invading force. The Foundation recognizes this, which, to a degree, undoubtedly influences their attitude.

So far, we have nothing definite to report on the attitude of the Foundation this year toward our Sustaining Fund, but our application has been filed and we are hoping some final word will forthcoming shortly.

Will you not write us rather fully as to the exact use of last year's Rockefeller Foundation appropriation.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAB/s
Via "President Taft" - 3/2/40

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April 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We are enclosing herewith the blanks for the report which is to be made out for the New York State Education Department. There are three copies of the statistical blank, and three of the financial.

In filling these out, one copy of each blank should be retained by your office, and two copies of each blank returned to our office. We will undertake to see that the office of the State Education Department in Albany gets their copy. Since they hold us responsible, we ask that you send the reports to us for delivery.

We will take this opportunity to again remind you of the very great importance of this report, since it has to do with the incorporation of the University. Heretofore, we have had difficulty in getting these reports returned promptly. If we do not get them into the hands of the office in Albany during September, they will immediately be after us to know why. We, therefore, ask your careful cooperation in getting the reports to us as promptly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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Fukien Christian University
Focchow, China

April 11, 1940

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your air-mail letter to Dr. Sutton dated February 10, on the possible income toward our budget for 1940-41, arrived Focchow on April 9, and a copy of which was given to me last evening when I returned to the Focchow campus. This morning we are sending you the following cable-gram:

Budgets Mailed; Regular 17,400;
Emergency 15,300; Special 5000.
T.H.E.Chen Return Summer.

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of the Minutes of the Spring Meeting of our Board of Managers on April 3rd, and the three kinds of budgets for 1940-41, as approved by our Managers.

The budgets for 1940-41 (Vote M-903) are really estimates, as our accounts for the present fiscal year are only half way done. The figures on the expenditure side are likely to be larger as the price of everything is constantly going upward. We are therefore asking the Trustees to make appropriation in the United States currency. We shall of course follow as closely as possible the estimates based on the income at the exchange state of one U.S. dollar to ten dollars Chinese National currency.

The Special Needs Budget for 1940-41 of U.S.\$ 15,268.34 is in the regular budget for the year. But it cannot be met by the regular income. The salaries and allowances of our staff in America will take most of our income in the U.S. currency outside of the Harvard-Yenching Fund. During the past two years these items of expenses were met by the Emergency Fund raised by the Associated Boards. We shall not be able to carry on our work next year without that additional income.

The Urgent Needs Budget of U.S.\$5000.00 for 1940-41, is the equivalent of the one we submitted to the Rockefeller Foundation last year. We hope our Trustees will again present this budget for the consideration of the Rockefeller Foundation for a grant for 1940-41. We have no room to accommodate our women students. There are no more living quarters left in the small walled city of Shaowu or in its vicinity for us to rent for our faculty and staff members and families. Our present dependence on the kerozene oil for light is not only very expensive, (at \$40.00 per tin at present) but its supply is

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in danger of being cut off. By collecting and making over some old machinery we may be able to lay our hands on and we can put up a small plant with charcoal as fuel to furnish enough electric light to light our Chapel, the Library main reading room, the student dining rooms, and the Physics Laboratories. The work shops and the farm product manufacturing projects are not only essential for our educational work in the interior, but will make valuable contributions toward our national reconstruction program.

Bishop John Gowdy (Vote M-900) will be able to make valuable contributions to Fukien Christian University upon his retirement as a Bishop of the Methodist Church next year. I had a talk with him before he left Foochow for America last February asking him to help us in securing more endowment fund. He would be willing to do what he could. We hope the Trustees would take up the matter more definitely with him while he is in America. The Bishop has many good personal friends who will go a long way to support the cause which the Bishop is interested in. It will be a very appropriate time to start the movement to lay a stronger financial foundation for the University as in February, 1941 Fukien will have completed its twenty-five years of service in Christian higher education. Our University is the pioneer in college education in this Province.

The Divisions of Our Work as adjusted in Vote M-898 will be as follows; three departments in each Arts College.

1. Chinese Language and Literature
2. History
3. Foreign Languages and Literature

Science College

1. Biology
2. Chemistry
3. Physics

Agriculture College (Rural Reconstruction)

1. Agricultural Economics
2. Agronomy
3. Horticulture

Teachers College

1. Education
2. English Language
3. Physical Sciences (Physics and Chemistry)

The Ministry of Education has asked ^{us} to change our Departments of Education from a four year course to a five year course according to its regulations for normal colleges. We have arranged to organize the courses of studies in the Arts and Sciences Colleges to give two majors of studies for the students in the Teachers College in a five year schedule so that our graduates will be qualified to teach some subjects

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in the secondary schools besides their training in educational principles and methods.

I hope the rest of the Minutes are self-explanatory. The English translation of my report for the year, 1939-40 will be sent you when it is typed after my return to Shaowu. I am leaving Foochow tomorrow. We have a record student body of 197, of whom 46 are women; 62% of our students are professed Christians.

We have not heard from Theodore H.E. Chen who is now teaching at the University of Southern California as to his plan of return to Fukien. We would also like to know the approximate date of sailing. Prof. and Mrs. Roderick Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Leger, Tang Jen-Mei of The Crozer theological Seminary, Miss Leona Burr, and Dr. Cheng Tien-Hsi of Ohio State. We need to plan for the courses of study for the Fall term, and the living quarters of our staff at Shaowu. Letters from America generally take about three months to reach us.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處公辦長校

Shaowu, Fukien.

April 29, 1940.

Ack. 7/29/40

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

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Dear Dr. Garside:

Your letter of Feb. 3, enclosing a letter about Mr. Cheong-yin Wong of the Michigan State College, reached me on April 20th. I sent you, on April 22, the following cablegram:

"INVITE CYWONG SUMMER."

We are much interested in Prof. H.H. Bartlett's account of Mr. Wong's work in producing seedless fruits, and has therefore sent the above to extend our invitation to Mr. Wong to join our Horticulture work as soon as he can, during the summer, but arriving Shaowu before September, 1940. Please help Mr. Wong to come to us, and let us know as soon as possible as to his acceptance and his plans of trips back to China, so that we may arrange our work for the fall.

We shall pay Mr. Wong regular salaries upon his arrival on our campus. We generally pay about \$220. per month to a man of his training with some teaching experience. In return we expect him to do full time work with us: he may be asked to teach a course in fruit growing to go along with his experiment and another course in botany, general course for the beginners. The rest of his time can be devoted to his research.

There is a good citrus orchard on our Foochow campus which yields its first crop of oranges and tangerines this year. Another citrus orchard has been started in Shaowu. Fukien is probably the best place for the study of the citrus fruits at the present, in free China. We have at the present two upper rank teachers and two graduate assistants who are interested in the subject with its various aspects. We shall give Mr. Wong every facility we have to carry on his study.

We shall be glad to receive more information about Mr. Wong and his academic records for our reference.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin
C. J. Lin.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處公辦長校

May 1, 1940.

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

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ack 7/16/40

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have received three letters from you recently, one dated Feb. 6, about Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao's fund and the other two dated Feb. 1, dealing with questions relating to Miss Burr, Miss Asher, and the Pierce Fund for the Middle School.

1. Yang Hsin-Pao's fifty dollars from the Upper Ridgewood Com. Church scholarship gift is well used as you have done. It would be good if he could get a fellowship for next year. You should however, plan with him as to his family support in China. We have been giving to his family each month, since Jan. 1939, one half of his regular salary, with the plan to carry the family for two years, during his absence. The period will end in Dec. 1940. We think of Mr. Yang very highly, and we are expecting him to return to Fukien for service. We should like to do as much as we can for him. Our regulations provide only for a full year's salary, and the leave of absence for a period of two years. Additional support has to be planned beyond our budget system.

2. Miss Leona Burr: our system does not provide pension for any of our staff members. We give insurance premium to the western members who carry life policies, and to the Chinese members monthly saving endowment match portion, that is, 5% of salary to persons who put away 10% of their salary toward that endowment. The University's \$5 will be given on proportion of length of service. We can do either way to Miss Burr, while she is connected with us. We need her very much. She is well trained, and she will be able to give great help to our English work. Her experience as a teacher in China is an asset which may offset her age situation.

3. Miss E.M. Asher: Our regulations governing western members of our staff provide for aidship in form of tuition to those who need further study while on furlo, and the plan is approved by the University. We should pay Miss Asher's tuition if she needs it. If there is no other source to finance, it please charge the same to our regular budget here, and we can pay it out of our Furlo Reserve Fund.

4. The Middle School Endowment Fund: It is the requirement of the Fukien Government. The amount is \$100,000. Chinese National currency, without a certificate to that effect the school has to be closed. We need the school for our Education practice, without which our Education work in the University cannot be maintained on face of the Ministry's requirement. Our Trustees allowed the Board of Managers to use the Pierce fund for a new Library in

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FOOCHOW. We do not need it now; we have built the John Gowdy Library in Shaowu. When we move back to Foochow, we shall not need more than \$120,000 to build one taking the high cost cost of things then. Our original figure was \$75,000. Besides our plan of building may change greatly by that time. We therefore think it wise to put at least half of the Pierce fund into endowment, and call it the Middle School Fund. The Trustees do not lose any in this change, and the Managers gain additional source for a permanent institution of service.

Please give us a certificate to the effect, either for US\$10,000, or \$100,000 Chinese National Currency, to be stamped by the Chinese Embassy at Washington, and send it to us as soon as you can. For the registration of the Middle School cannot be finally approved unless such certificate is furnished after one year of the permit to establish the new school. The period ends in July 1940. Should you find it difficult to do that for us for any reason, please make that certificate on the strength of the reserve funds invested on field formerly and now drawn upon for use here, and converted to US currency by not drawing on our regular budget appropriations. You will notice that we have more than that required amount from the various items connected with practice school work and the general funds. It takes about 6 months for a letter to go back and forth between Fukien and U.S.A. that we do not want any possible delay that will have so serious an effect on our work here. Hence I make the above suggestion.

5. Tan Jen-Mei's travel back: Mr. Tan writes that he is definitely planning to return and join our Education work next fall. He needs to borrow US\$150. toward his travel back to China. We shall approve to charge this advancement to him on our 1940-41 account if no other fund can be found to finance it. We shall arrange with Tan upon his return how he make the repayment. The same may be necessary for

6. Cheng Tien-Hsi of Ohio State, whom we have invited to teach Economic Entomology next fall. If he returns he may need the same help on loan basis. We need these men very badly. It is the most wonderful time for Chinese students, after further training abroad, to return to serve China in time of dire need. We shall do everything to urge them back.

We are counting on the return to Fukien next fall Prof. and Mrs. Roderick Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Sam. H. Leger, both of the American Board Mission members of our faculty; Miss Asher, and Miss Burr. I have not heard from Bishop Gowdy as to his discussion with the Methodist Board with regard to the return of Prof. Kellogg. Dr. and Mrs. Teddy Chen wrote me that they had decided to stay on with Univ. of So. California, and would not return until about 1942. Would be good enough to follow up for us those who are coming back and inform us the dates of their sailings as soon as you know them. We are getting their living quarters ready for them.

B. L. Lin.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處公辦長校

May, 1, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Parker:

In response to your circular letter dated Feb. 26th we are sending you by this mail our nominee for a fellowship at Columbia University, Mr. Chin Yun-min, our Chinese Librarian, together with a copy of his under-graduate record. We hope it will reach you in time to be submitted to the proper authorities of Columbia.

Mr. Chin is a devoted student of Chinese culture, and is a most helpful librarian to students of Chinese History and Literature. He is not only a faithful and loyal member of our staff at Fukien, he is a productive scholar, whose work is quite well known to Dr. L.C. Goodrich and Dr. A.W. Hummel of the Library of Congress. His service to our Chinese work will be greatly increased if he can have a chance for further study and observation in America.

Mr. Chin's salary with Fukien, as with other members of our staff, has been of small beginning at \$50 per month during the first two or three years, and with gradual increase, until he is receiving \$135 per month Chinese National currency at the present. He has therefore very little saving, altho he started work right after his graduation in June, 1928. Our regulations for our staff who have served over seven years allow one year of full salary, which is hardly enough to support his family, with two children in school now, for a period of two years. He will therefore have great difficulty in providing himself the travel expenses between here and New York, if his candidacy is accepted. I therefore ask your consideration of finding some means of helping him out in the travel, if his fellowship stipend is sufficient to pay his living expenses in America.

You wrote sometime ago, for general information, that the Associated Boards may have a fund to help staff members who are studying in America. Please do whatever you can to help. Mr. Chin is worthy investment. In ordinary times it might not be too hard to secure U.S. \$3-400 for the travel from his friends and relatives, as it would be only about \$1000 to \$1500. Chinese currency. Now the exchange rate is around \$17 Chinese for one U.S. dollar. Yet this is a good chance for Mr. Chin to go out, since he has served here with us continuously for over ten years, for whom we had tried several times to get him chances for further training in America before.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin.

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ack, 6-14-40
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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May 1, 1940.

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

INDEXED

Dear Mr. Parker:

I write to recommend Dr. Chiu Shao-lin for the consideration of the Associated Boards for a grant of \$350 U.S. currency toward his travel expenses from China to America this July. Dr. Chiu is at present our College Physician, and also is lecturing on Physiology and Hygiene.

Dr. Chiu is a graduate of Fukien, receiving his B.A. degree here in Jan. 1929. He has his M.D. from the St. John's University, Shanghai. He served in two Christian hospitals since his internship was over. He came to Fukien last fall. He is a good surgeon. He is widely known as the "Christian Doctor" because of his fine spirit for service and Christian love that inevitably inspires the confidence of his patients.

He has now been awarded a fellowship by the Mayo Foundation for Surgery. He is having a difficult time in raising enough money to pay his travel expenses over. He tells me that his past meager savings may be enough to support his family, wife with three children, during his absence. But the present high rate of exchange between the U.S. currency and Chinese makes any body poor in terms of American money. He has yet no means of getting over.

I am thoroughly convinced of his worthy case. But Fukien is in no position to help him this time. Besides he has only been with us for about a year, and we cannot give him any allowance for his family. He would be glad to return to Fukien to serve the people in connection with the University.

The Director of the Mayo Foundation is a Dr. Balfour, Rochester, Minn. If it is convenient you might check up with him about the amount of the fellowship stipend, and find out possibilities for further financial help to Dr. Chiu. We wrote to Dr. Balfour some time ago, and as expected, we shall not receive his reply for a long time yet. It takes about three months for a letter to come from your office. There is no airmail service from our post office in Fukien. You might make this fact clearly known to other friends of ours in your office there. They often ask us to send statement or reports by air mail.

What ever you do can do for Dr. Chiu will be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO. FOOCOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCOW, CHINA.

CODE:
"MISSIONS"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
處公辦長校

Shaowu, Fukien.

May 2, 1940.

Mr. Joseph I. Parker,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, NY, USA.

Dear Mr. Parker:

I wish to express to you my sincere appreciation for your fine and clear monthly letter which you initiated in August, 1939, and the Progress Bulletin. Both of these help us much to keep up with the doings of you friends there. They give us inspiration to push forward the work of the Christian higher education in China during this great period of both dangers and opportunities. We well understand what price you have to pay to put out those issues, regularly giving faithful facts of needed information and encouragement, amid so many other duties and responsibilities. But you can be sure that your efforts have not in vain; Fukien is much indebted for what you have been doing for her.

Your other letters to me have all been acknowledged, mostly by Dr. W.J. Sutton in Foochow, as yours letters generally first went there. The minutes of the various meetings of the Associated Boards and the committees came to me eventually. As they did not call for any reply I had not tried to write you about them before.

Dr. E.C. Lobenstine did not come to Fukien after all. We telegraphed him, inviting him to visit Fukien, when we located him in Shanghai. But his schedule did not permit him to comply with our request. It would have been a great pleasure to us to welcome an old friend, and veteran missionary statesman and Christian educator on our new campus.

We are very glad to have Miss Eunice T. Thomas with us again. We are expecting the return next fall Prof. and Mrs. Roderick Scott, Dr. and Mrs. Sam. H. Leger, both families are of the American Board Mission; Miss Eva M. Asher, Dr. Tan Jen-mei, and possibly Dr. Cheng Tien-Hsi of the Ohio State, and Dr. Lin Kung-Hsiang of Connell University. We also hope Miss Leona Burr will be sent out to us as we requested.

The University work at Shaowu has been going on very satisfactorily. We have no interruption of any sort, and the progress of our educational program has been steadily. We have always kept in front of us serious demand on Christian higher education in China today, and the earnest expectations of our good friends abroad. We hope and pray that by the His grace we may not fail either.

Yours sincerely,

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Theodore Chen has written us a letter stating that he anticipated your call to return to China and wrote you several weeks ago regarding an offer he has to stay in the United States. Bishop Gowdy will arrange to see Theodore before sailing in July.

As this letter has been on the way for some time, we did not think it necessary to cable.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
May 20, 1940

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

Dear President Lin:

A great deal of prayerful thought has been put into the situation involving the continued retention of Dr. Sutton on the campus at Fukien. As a war measure, this seems to have been the solution for the time being, but as a continuing condition we question its desirability.

First of all, Dr. Sutton is really equipped to do a major teaching assignment. By next Fall, however, he will have been out of the teaching work for more than three years, and some thought should be given toward preparing him for future usefulness for the University and the people of China.

Secondly, Dr. Sutton's continued absence from his family creates a serious breach in the usual ethics of missionary procedure. It has not been the policy of any of our cooperating boards to keep their families separated for such lengthy periods. Some arrangements have been made whereby there is a mutual responsibility for both heads of the family to cooperate in the rearing of a family. This task has been shouldered entirely upon Mrs. Sutton who is a frail person, yet ordinarily of a home-loving disposition.

It has seemed to the individual members of the Fukien Board that definite steps should be taken to release Dr. Sutton from further responsibility on the campus and allow him to return to America either for further study or for the opportunity of securing another position. A confirmation of this action was voted at the Annual Meeting - May 18th.

Mrs. Sutton has volunteered her services for social health work in her home town and can have a salaried position for half-time service next year, which will be of material assistance.

The solution of this problem is a matter which cannot be deferred, but immediate action must be taken. Neither the Board of Trustees nor Fukien Christian University desires to accept the responsibility for further separation of a fine family where the influence of the father is of such great importance.

We are, therefore, asking that immediate steps be taken to release Dr. Sutton for his return to the United States immediately upon the arrival of the Assistant Treasurer, and any reinforcements which will take over his responsibility. In any event, this is not to be postponed later than the first of September. This position is taken through the cooperation of mission boards interested in the financial and spiritual welfare of Fukien, as well as on the

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advice of medical authority thoroughly familiar with the procedure of mission boards.

May we expect an early confirmation of this action of the Foreign Trustees.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Dr. Sutton

Via China Clipper - 5/10/40
s.c. via "President Hoover" - 5/12/40

Via China Clipper - 5/12/40
 s.c. via air mail to Pacific Coast -
 "IMPRESS OF ASIA"

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180 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
May 23, 1940

President C. J. Lin
Federation Christian University
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear President Lin:

Enclosed is a letter which was acted upon at a meeting of the Board last Thursday.

In the midst of all of our conferences regarding this situation, some of which has grown out of Mrs. Sutton's conviction that she can no longer bear the entire responsibility of the family, there has come word of an operation for appendicitis on Leda Jane. It was performed a week ago yesterday, but some serious complications are involved which makes the case a very serious one. I have just talked with Mrs. Sutton who is at the Hospital in Hornell and she is greatly upset.

May I say frankly that Mrs. Sutton is ill. The change of life through which she is going has affected her to the point of where it is necessary for Dr. Sutton to come back and take his share of family responsibility. Two weeks ago it appeared as though it would be necessary for us to wait for his return immediately. Through many hours of conference and deliberation, however, we have worked into the position of where action may be postponed until the middle of the Summer. It cannot, however, be delayed beyond the time Miss Asher arrives, and the campus is turned over for someone else to handle.

The Trustees hope that some plan may be worked out whereby Dr. Sutton could maintain his standing with the University and return as soon as things can be arranged whereby the family can be together. Further separation will wreck everything, and the Trustees were convinced that the field would cooperate in working out some plan to meet the necessary ends.

Regretting that this action has been necessary, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 5/30/40

c.c. via "President Monroe" - 5/25/40

Via China Clipper - 5/12/40

c.c. via air mail to Pacific Coast -
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May 27, 1940

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

Dear President Lin:

Some time ago we wrote to you regarding the scholarship fund which would be available this year as a part of our Sustaining Fund campaign. Our committee has given consideration to a number of cases. Although you made no nominations for anyone from Fukien, we have undertaken to give some help to Mr. Yang Hsin Pao. A grant of \$400 from the small fund available has been made to Mr. Yang, who will be studying this next year at the University of Iowa.

I will be sending to you shortly information regarding applications for the year 1941-42. We have discovered through our experience of this year that we must have considerably more time for consideration of applications, and it will therefore be necessary for the year 1941-42 to have all applications in hand by the first of November, 1940.

Yesterday a cable was sent to you regarding help needed for Mr. J. M. Tan in getting back to China, and also for the securing of his degree. Your response by cable has been received and we interpret this to mean that we are to charge against Sustaining Funds the amount necessary for Mr. Tan's travel. This will amount to \$200. Another \$200 will be paid to the University of Pennsylvania as a deposit to guarantee the printing of Mr. Tan's thesis. This latter \$200 will be returned when the thesis is printed. Therefore the eventual result of this will be a \$200 payment for Mr. Tan's passage and a \$200 loan to guarantee the thesis.

Included in your cablegram was the authorization for Miss Burr's annuity. She is being immediately notified and arrangements are being made for her passage. Also, in your cablegram, you authorized travel for T. H. Cheng. Unfortunately, Mr. Cheng is not available for

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President C. J. Lin

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May 27, 1940

Fukien University, as some months ago he made a contract to teach at another university.

Some weeks ago you cabled us to invite C. Y. Wong, which we interpreted to ask him to go to Fukien University this fall for a teaching position. We have been trying to get in touch with him, but so far our letters have produced no response. As soon as we can find out about him, we will probably cable you in reference to him and to Mr. T.H.Cheng.

Mr. Tan is sailing on the President Coolidge on July 26th. We will have to send you word later as to the sailing date for Miss Burr, as that is yet a bit uncertain.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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

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May 31, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I believe it is in order for us to acknowledge your letter of April 11th dealing with the budget, together with copies of the minutes of April 3, 1940.

Unfortunately, these arrived in hand the Monday after the Annual Meeting, and consequently the Executive Committee will have to deal with the various actions. All of these matters will have to be studied carefully, as the Fukien budget presented to the Associated Boards consisted of a very few sketchy figures.

Bishop Gowdy will be back in town next Tuesday and we hope to have a group ready to meet him at that time. We can then discuss some of the questions which have been raised in your letter and in the minutes.

It is good to have a picture of the rest of the family. Apparently the head of the family is operating the camera. Our greetings to them all.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 3, 1940

*Ack
by 12/4/40*

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Herewith are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees. I do not think there are many items to which special attention should be called.

You will note actions taken under the heading, "Budget 1940-41." At the time these actions were taken, detailed budget from the field had not been received. The items referred to are, therefore, those which relate to the amounts of money available from America. Under votes T-1213 and T-1215, you will note that the consideration of the field budget and the details have been referred to the Executive Committee. The budget from the field has now been received, and the Executive Committee will be giving attention to it shortly, after which you will receive the minutes and any remarks that may be necessary.

I wish also to call attention to action T-1219. You will have already received the communication mentioned which Mr. Evans has sent to you in the light of careful consideration given by various members of the Board.

Under minute T-1223, you will note the prospective visit of Dr. L. J. Shafer. Dr. Shafer is planning to visit the field this Fall, and we hope that he will be able to come up from Amoy and visit the University. He is the China Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America.

All the members of the Board join in sending greetings to you and your colleagues at the University.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Via S.S. "President Coolidge"
From San Francisco, Calif.

Copy to Dr. Sutton

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Via Clipper

June 10, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I want to add to the attached letter a special note to you regarding these reports. This is due to the fact that our reports from Fukien Christian University have in every case been received too late to meet the requirements.

You will recall that the Harvard-Yenching Institute has postponed for two quarters your payments. The Fukien report for Albany last year was several months late and caused considerable misunderstanding with the people at Albany.

I realize that the mails to Fukien province are very slow, and may I, therefore, urge you to be particularly careful to start these reports on their way as many weeks ahead of schedule as can possibly be arranged? If this is done, it will overcome the time elements which have been upset by the war situation.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parkers
Secretary

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ASSOCIATED BOARDS FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES IN CHINA

150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Via Clipper

June 10, 1940

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

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8/9/40

Dear Dr. Lin:

Several times during the past year we have had occasion to write concerning various reports that need to be made out and sent to America. In one of my letters, I promised to remind you of these again at the time when the reports should be prepared. I am listing hereunder in separate paragraphs the items required. All of these are required fairly early in the Fall and since the China mails are so uncertain, we wish to request you to have these reports prepared immediately upon the closing of the books as of June 30, 1940. This will insure their reaching us in time for use and for delivery to the persons concerned, so that no complications will arise.

1. Report to the Harvard-Yenching Institute. This report is required by the Harvard-Yenching Institute to be in hand in ample time before their Fall meeting in order to prepare it for presentation. We have had difficulty in getting reports from some of the Colleges in time for this meeting, and this last year we have had two cases of the postponement of payment of the grants as a result of this delay. May we urge you to send this report in ahead of time so that there will be no danger of repetition of this situation in the case of any of our Colleges?

2. Report regarding Special Rockefeller Foundation Grants. In connection with the Sustaining Fund grants for the year 1939-40, there was designated by the Rockefeller Foundation the sum of \$5,500 for Fukien Christian University. This grant was made with the understanding that a full report would be given as to how this money was applied during the year. We should have immediately a report on this amount, so that we may compile the proper information for the Rockefeller Foundation. No appeal for funds for 1940-41 can be made until this report is completed.

3. Report to the State Department of Education at Albany, New York. Sometime ago we sent the blanks for the report to the Regents of the University of the State of New York. There were two blanks furnished - statistical and financial. Two copies of each one of these reports should be sent to our office, so that we may file one copy and forward one to Albany. This report is also due early in the Fall and should be prepared immediately.

4. Statistics for Annual Report of the Associated Boards. We have mentioned at various times the information required for the Annual Report of the Associated Boards. In the past we have had considerable difficulty because of the lateness with which this information comes in, and this has greatly handicapped us in the use of our Annual Report. We should have the material in hand so as to begin the preparation of our report not later than the first of September. In our general letter dated March 5, we attached a form asking for certain

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President C. J. Lin

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information for our statistics. We are attaching another copy of this form, so that you may have it at hand to fill in and return to us as promptly as possible. If this information can be secured from each one of the Colleges, it will enable us to make a much more complete and accurate Annual Report than has hitherto been possible.

We earnestly request your careful attention to the items listed above concerning these various reports. None of these reports should reach us later than the last week in September if we are to use them properly. As mentioned above, the uncertainty of the China mails makes it important to allow plenty of time for the reports to reach us.

Thanking you for your cooperation in the preparation of these reports,
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Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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Copy to Dr. Sutton

June 11, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Attached hereto are the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards. No attempt will be made at this time to go into great detail regarding these minutes, particularly as some of the references to the Executive Committee call for action by that group in order to complete the instructions of the Annual Meeting. However, I would like to call your attention to the following:-

On page 4, you will note reference to a report on the Colleges by Dr. Cressy. The Executive Committee is making further study of this report. The document itself is quite bulky, and we are uncertain just how it will fare in second-class mail to China. We have, therefore, suggested to Dr. Cressy that he take a sufficient supply of these copies with him when he returns to Shanghai and see that they get into your hands as soon as possible thereafter.

On page 5, you will note the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. As this has been referred to the Executive Committee, such items in it as concern the field will be forwarded to you upon completion of their action.

On page 9 is the report of the Committee on Correlation under action AB-1093. We recommend this to your attention, particularly in reference to the items mentioned in the report.

Actions AB-1094 and AB-1095 are being considered by the Executive Committee shortly, and if anything can be done in connection with these actions, you will be advised as soon as consideration has been given.

Under the report of the Committee on Finance, you will note action AB-1090 to recommend certain procedure regarding the Sustaining Fund for the coming year. The working out of the details in connection with this action is now in the hands of a special committee. The effect of this on your program will be discussed as soon as the Executive Committee has taken action.

We trust that these minutes will reach you in good order. Also enclosed are the minutes of the Executive Committee of May 3 which preceded the Annual Meeting. There is nothing particular in these minutes which need discussion in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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

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June 14, 1940

*Ack by Asher
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general only*

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am writing to acknowledge your letters of May 1 and 2. Your report in your letter of May 2 regarding the progress in the work in Shaowu is of great interest.

In one of your letters dated May 1 you nominated Mr. Y. M. Chin for consideration for a fellowship at Columbia University. I must report that the plans for Columbia scholarships have not developed as rapidly as we have hoped and the consideration of appointments under these plans cannot be carried out for some months. It is, therefore, impossible to expect Mr. Chin to come to America this summer. Our whole scholarship plan may be very seriously upset by the war in Europe, and we, therefore, have to ask you to simply hold this matter in abeyance until we can see further how conditions develop.

In the meantime, it will be well for us to have a complete record of Mr. Chin's work and grades, as these will be required when any consideration is given. It is impossible for us to get the proper consideration by many colleges committees in America unless we have full and complete records regarding the past, present and future plans of the candidate.

Your other letter of May 1 took up the question of the grant of \$350 U.S. currency towards the expenses of Dr. S. L. Chiu. I judge from your letter that Dr. Chiu is definitely planning to come to America, and that your request is for help on a plan that is already worked out. I must point out that your letter, reaching us as it has in June, is several months too late for consideration in the allotments for the year 1940-41, and that money available had been assigned some time prior to the receipt of your letter. In several letters we have referred to the necessity this coming year of having all applications in hand for the year 1941-42 not later than November 1, 1940. We are not able to secure scholarship help in the colleges when we present requests too late for regular consideration.

I will, therefore, ask you to immediately send us full information regarding any of your faculty members for whom you wish scholarship help in the year 1941-42, indicating, in addition to the full information regarding training, grades and personal status, the course of study which the candidate would like to pursue and the colleges in which he would prefer to study.

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President C. J. Lin

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This will enable us to give consideration, with ample time to make adjustments that are necessary.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Via U.S. Mails. Airmail
from San Francisco, Calif.

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June 17, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

In a recent letter to you we suggested that a letter would be forthcoming, giving information about the handling of faculty scholarships for the year 1941-42. There has been opportunity to see some indication of what might be available for next year, and it now appears that the amount of money which can be included in the Sustaining Fund for this coming year will still be the very limited amount which was included this last year. This means that we will not be able to give help on many of the applications which will be sent in. However, we do want to continue to work at this problem, with the hope of getting it so organized that as means develop which will enable us to take care of more applicants, we will have the plan operating in an efficient way. Perhaps during this next year, we can get at least our plans worked out.

One of the greatest difficulties this past year has been the time element, particularly in reference to the presentation of cases to different schools in time for proper consideration. We are, therefore, asking that all applications be sent to us in time to reach the New York office not later than November 1, 1940. There are, no doubt, applications which were made for the fall of 1940 on which we have not been able to help. Will you please repeat the applications for any such persons whom you wish considered for beginning work in the fall of 1941?

There are a number of details yet to be worked out by our committee, and this will be done early in the fall. In the meantime, the most important factor is the one of getting the applications, together with full information, into our hands so that we may begin our investigation of possibilities in November. Another important item is this matter of complete information. Every application should be accompanied by a transcript of grades, showing the courses taken and the grades received for college work taken to date. Any college in America considering an applicant requires this information, and it is useless for us to present a case without this record. Our committee, of course, will want to know the prospective plan for each person. This should include the length of time which the candidate expects to spend in America studying, as well as some indication of what your institution expects to do for him or her in the way of assistance on the expenses.

Attached hereto is a part of the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum, which deals with the sub-committee handling scholarships. This gives the background of the discussions to date. You will note a number of things which indicate the way in which this committee is approaching the problem. Each section of the report deals with some particular problem connected with scholarships, and the problem of making them effective. It is hoped that you will give this report careful attention, and in making applications for help in the year 1941-42, that you will give careful consideration to the tentative plans suggested therein.

I must again express to you our regret at not being able to enlarge this fund for the coming year. The funds available will only help a few. It is hoped that by keeping this small beginning alive and working, it will develop into something much larger in the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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C. J. Lin

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

June 21, 1940

To the Presidents of
the China Colleges

Dear Friends;

Owing to the volume of work concerning the holding of the annual meetings in May, we did not get a general letter written to the field at the regular time. Since the last general letter, there have been a great many things happening. The Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards has been held, as well as a number of the annual meetings of the individual boards. I will make no attempt to discuss particular items dealt with at the meetings, since you will have received the minutes and covering letters concerning them.

The week beginning May 13 was a very busy one for every one connected with the China Colleges. Monday, the 13th, and Tuesday morning, the 14th, were set aside for the Associated Boards meeting. We were very fortunate in having with us Dr. Joseph Beech, Chancellor of West China Union University, who had recently returned to America. Every one was greatly interested in the honors which he had received from the Chinese Government. It was our further good fortune to have Bishop Ralph Ward present, who had just completed a trip to China which had taken him into a large number of the locations where our Colleges are working. Two of our own board members from America had been in China during the year. These members, Dr. E.C. Lobenstine and Dr. L. S. Ruland, were able to give us first-hand and fresh information concerning the situation on the field. On Monday evening we had the friends of the Colleges together for dinner, and Dr. Beech and Bishop Ward spoke of their recent experiences in China.

At the present time, we are all busy trying to get the Sustaining Fund for the current year completed. The process of getting the remaining amounts necessary to reach the goal is proving to be quite difficult. The chart has been crawling up gradually towards the final mark, but we are not yet sure that June 30 will see the \$250,000 reached. Recent happenings in Europe are, of course making it more difficult to raise money in America, since so many new appeals of an emergency nature are being presented every day. The Executive Committee has been wrestling with the problem of plans

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To the Presidents of
the China Colleges

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for next year, and will meet again this week to set a final figure for our 1940-41 Fund. We are having to approach the coming year with a greater amount of faith than has been required in previous years. No one knows what the effect of the war in Europe will be upon life in America, and whatever the results, our work for the China Colleges will undoubtedly be involved in those things which affect the life of the nation. We are going ahead, planning definitely on a Sustaining Fund campaign, with the belief that we cannot fail in supporting the great need of the Colleges.

Attached hereto are the two most recent bulletins of the progress of the 1939-40 campaign. These give more detailed information as to what has been happening.

The staff in New York will be working through the summer, each one taking a bit of vacation as the schedule allows. Mr. Garside is going to be active in the Pacific Seminar, which will be held at Silver Bay in July, and will be in the office a good part of the remaining summer. The rest of us are dividing up the time during the summer in such a way that some of us will always be available for the handling of the regular business which should be looked after.

As this school year comes to a close, we want to again thank you for your fine cooperation during the year, and to assure you that we are looking forward to another school year of even greater accomplishment in the Colleges in China.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph L. Baker
Secretary

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Enc. - Progress Bulletins Nos. 14 and 15

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June 22, 1940

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

Dear Friends:

Here are the minutes covering the Executive Committee meeting held on June 5th, also a copy of the Circulation Vote of May 22nd as distributed, and which was referred to in Mr. Parker's letter of May 27th.

President Emeritus, Bishop John Gowdy. The Committee deliberated for a considerable period upon the minute of the Board of Managers "M-900" regarding Bishop Gowdy and took particular notice of your reference to this in your covering letter of April 11th. There was universal approbation for his election as President Emeritus, for everyone recognizes the outstanding contribution he has made toward the work of Fukien Christian University. There were some far-seeing pioneers in days gone by when men like Bishop Gowdy and Dr. Gamewell in Peking, and John Bowen of Nanking gave themselves so wholeheartedly and unreservedly to the cause of Christian Higher Education.

Bishop Gowdy could not be at the meeting, but several of us talked with him the day before and he showed a complete willingness to help out in any definite effort to make approaches to any individual for the purpose of securing gifts for Fukien. I presume you know that another institution has approached him for a similar purpose, and I know of one man desiring to team up with Bishop Gowdy for promotional work for the China Colleges. Vigorous as Bishop Gowdy is at the present time, yet he cannot feel that it is right to take on such a load when he has very definite plans for work and study as soon as he is retired. He is deeply interested, and he will help wherever possible, but is rather emphatic in saying "no" to any stated promotional program. After all, I think, this is probably the best way to conserve his health and interest — tying him up to a program might produce an undermining effect. Be that as it may, we shall have to accept his judgment and decision. Of course, no reference was made to this refusal in the minutes of the meeting.

Special and Urgent Needs for 1940-41. As the Annual Meeting took action on the income for 1940-41, it remained for the Executive Committee to pass judgment upon the special requests for next year. A study of those requests as listed which included an item of income within the budget of LC\$152,683.40 brought up the question regarding the distribution and expenditures. One especially large item representing increase in salaries, books and allowances did not show up readily in the expenditures as listed in the budget, but it was assumed that the amount was spread through the various items. The \$19,440.00 was the one exception to this situation. The Committee noted the character of the Urgent Needs amounting to \$150,000.00, especially as they are largely for permanent equipment, or which ordinarily might be termed permanent equipment. Everyone realized, however, the necessity for these improvements in the inadequate and crowded quarters you are occupying, and as a consequence the entire \$202,000.00 was approved — it being the understanding that the askings from the Associated Boards would not be less than US\$12,000.00.

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President Lin
Dr. Sutton

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With world conditions as we face them today, the Lord only knows what will occur during the next twelve months. We have a program for securing \$250,000.00 next year, with \$175,000 for Sustaining Funds and \$75,000.00 for Reserve for the next year. To what extent we can secure these funds depends upon conditions. Will Hitlerism over-come the World? If so, we can all fold up and disappear. At this moment might seems to be right. It will need the consecrated prayers of Christendom to emerge from this devastation which none of us thought could ever come to pass.

Within the last few months there has frequently come to my mind an old song entitled, "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise." How true it is that we are waiting for the dawn of a new era of light, and beauty, and love. May we hope that to a large degree we will be successful in our next year's work.

Exchange Equalization Fund. There was not a voice of objection to this procedure, the discussion centering around how the fund would be held. There are several procedures which could be followed:- One is to use several bank accounts which now are paying 1% interest, there being a one-half per cent reduction within the last month. Another is to hold the funds in cash to conserve principal. The third and most commonly accepted is to invest in high grade securities. At the present time, high grade securities are selling at excessive premiums and most of our Universities have turned to investing a large portion of funds in common stocks of the highest class.

These things can be discussed at a later date, but your machinery should be set in action, and let us know what to do at this end.

Scholarship for Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao. You will note that the Associated Boards has granted Yang Hsin-Pao \$400.00 at the University of Iowa this coming year. He is very grateful for this, and I have in hand a most appreciative letter.

We are having some difficulty in getting the Methodist Board to release the last \$50.00 of a \$100.00 appropriation made conditionally upon the Board of Trustees securing a like amount. I am sure it will work out, however, in the end.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via "President Cleveland" - 7/1/40

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Copy to: Dr. Sutton

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

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June 27, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on June 21, 1940. May I call to your attention the following items:-

1. Report of the Committee on Special Askings. This Committee had the very difficult task of considering the askings from the various Colleges, both as to the items to cover budget deficits, as well as special emergency askings. The Committee spent considerable time in going over the figures very carefully and adjusting them to come within the total amount set by the Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards for the Sustaining Fund this coming year. The processes concerned in doing this particular job are always difficult, and the members of the Committee made their recommendations with a great feeling of regret at not being able to give each of the schools the full amount of its askings. At the same time, the Committee was under the pressure of the effects of recent war news from Europe, and plans for the raising of the Sustaining Fund for next year had to be approached with a great deal of faith.

You will note in action E-1104 the amounts allocated divided into two columns. It is hoped that these amounts can be raised and sent to you, but they will only be available if and when secured. You will note under vote E-1105 the arrangements for the distribution and accounting of these amounts. The Executive Committee has made no attempt to limit the authorities on the field in the administration of these amounts from the Sustaining Fund, and no indication is given as to whether they apply to budget deficits or special items. As the amounts allocated become available, it will be left to you to decide what items on the field are the most urgent to which these should be applied.

2. The Associated Boards Budget for 1940-41. This item is handled in America, and we have written to the officials of each college board concerning the items included under vote E-1107. Explanations preceding the vote indicate how the shares were determined.

3. Visit of Board Members to the Field. Under vote E-1108 you will note the action taken regarding the visits of Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer and Dr. L. J. Shafer. Dr. Diffendorfer is a member of the University of Nanking Board, and Dr. Shafer is a member of the Fukien Christian University Board. We do not know yet what their itinerary will be, but they have been asked to visit any of the Colleges which are convenient to their trip as planned. If they succeed in getting to your campus, we hope that you will make use of their visit for strengthening the contacts between our work in America and the work on the field.

Other items in the minutes are self-explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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Sent via S.S. "Pres. Cleveland"
from San Francisco, Calif.

July 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Mr. Parker has just left on a short vacation, so I will send you the enclosed copy of the minutes of a meeting of our Fukien Committee on Promotion held last week.

You will note from the minutes that we are going ahead actively with our study of the possibility of conducting some kind of special promotional campaign during the coming year in connection with the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of Fukien Christian University.

Just what it will be possible for us to accomplish is still to be decided. You can well imagine that with the situation which has developed in Europe, it is doubly hard to persuade our American friends to make any new commitments in their benevolence budgets. As a matter of fact, it is very hard even to maintain the support already being given.

However, the Promotional Committee was fairly optimistic when it met on June 24, and we earnestly hope that the special committee which has been set up will be able to undertake, and to carry through successfully, some objective worthy of the occasion.

We will keep you informed of developments.

Very sincerely yours,

B. H. Harside

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Copy to: Dr. Sutton

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July 16, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Your letter of May 1st came to hand after two months delay in transit. As a partial answer we cabled you as follows on July 5th:-
changed to Aug 9 5.7.
"ASHER TAN COOLIDGE SAILING AUGUST SECOND. BURR SCOTTS LEIGERS TAFT AUGUST NINTH KELLOGGS PIERCE SEPTEMBER SIXTH ALL CONDITIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES IMPOSSIBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENDOWMENT PENDING BOARD ACTION."

In further amplification of the foregoing, may I refer to your letter and the specific paragraphs:-

1. Yang Hsin-Pao - You have already been notified of Mr. Yang's success in securing a scholarship at Iowa City this coming year, also a cash grant from the Associated Boards for \$400.00 -- all for next year.

In addition to the \$50.00 received through Mr. Yang's speaking tour which claimed a like amount from the Methodist Board, we later paid him \$50.00 more as voted by our Board of Trustees, which claimed the balance of the \$100.00 appropriated by the Methodist Board. All in all we believe he has done remarkably well. He is liked wherever he goes and at the present time he is working for the Methodist Board in various conferences.

2. Miss Leona Burr - The only way you could secure this lady was by agreeing to the terms set down by the American Board. The following is a quotation from the action of the American Board, and as the response to our cable was agreeable we proceeded to arrange for Miss Burr's return to China:-

"That in accordance with Vote #23384 (February 1, 1940) and in view of the fact that Fukien Christian University has now appointed Miss Leona L. Burr as a member of its faculty for a seven-year term beginning in the sum of 1940, with full support for that period including travel, health risks and payment of premium on the Annuity Fund for Unordained Workers, Miss Burr be reinstated as a full member of the Foochow Mission, with the understanding that at the time of retirement the American Board will assume full responsibility for her retired allowance for the portions of her service during which she has been supported by the American Board, and that retirement allowance responsibility for the time she was supported by Fukien Christian University will be regarded as covered by the Annuity Fund dues paid by the University for that period."

3. Miss Eva M. Asher - Cash statements going to China have revealed the fact

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that Miss Asher's tuition has been taken care of. She leaves the eastern part of the country the day after tomorrow. She has been exceedingly busy this year and we saw too little of her.

4. The Middle School Endowment Fund - This has caused us a great deal of anxiety, especially as this letter was received after the date set for the expiration of the period.

We have checked with the members of the Board in an effort to secure a meeting, or even an Executive Committee meeting, but with no possible chance of success. With the advent of any kind of decent weather people have flocked away on vacation. We have had one of the most miserable springs which even the Almighty could devise.

It is obvious that we cannot proceed along the lines suggested without some authorization from Board Members. Just as soon as possible we will get a Board meeting and thresh out the matter.

5. Tan Jen-Mei - Before your letter came to hand adjustments were made with him and his ticket provided. Dr. Franklin of Crozier became very much interested in his welfare. We wish we could have had more of an opportunity of meeting him.

6. Cheng Tien-Hsi - Here is where Lingnan got ahead of you. Sometime ago a contract was offered Mr. Cheng by the Chinese Management of Lingnan and he accepted immediately. He is to cooperate in the development of citrus fruits in the Lingnan project in the Interior.

We are all greatly disturbed over the attitude of Teddy Chen. We are comforted, however, by his own attitude of chagrin because of the great pressure which has been brought to bear upon him. Bishop Gowdy will be the last one to see him and I have good reasons to guess what kind of a conversation it will be, but I am sure that it will in no way antagonize Teddy or destroy his fine spirit and interest in educational work in China. We must conserve that above all means. Fukien has done a magnificent piece of work in the men it has turned out including its conscientious, hard-working and able President, and the spirit which has permeated the institution must go on. We cannot let it die.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

*Via airmail to Pacific Coast
President H. H. H. H.*

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Shaowu, Fukien.

July 24, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy each of our reports for the Associated Boards for 1939-1940, and for the Rockefeller Foundation for 1938-39. The latter had been sent to you sometime ago from Foochow. Due to the confusion of dates, we sent in our Rockefeller Foundation for that year in 1939. We shall send another report for the year just closing, 1939-40 in two weeks time. The enclosed Rockefeller Grant report is just for your further reference.

See Reports & Statements A.B. Administration
In the Statistics for the Associated Boards, I like to explain, 1) the Chinese Teaching Staff includes 12 assistants who helped the higher rank instructors in laboratory, and farm work, and do not give regular courses. 2) The Western Staff includes six persons, have been absent from Shaowu. So our actual teaching staff is not as strong as the figures show.

The total expenditure cannot be considered as strictly accurate. We have only the monthly statement from our New York office for the month of April, and the exchange rate between the U.S. currency and the Chinese dollars differs greatly almost every day. When we have finally closed the book for the year the figure may not be the same as it is given in this report. But we hope it will not be far from each other.

All the Fukien ports have been blockaded. We hope by the time when several of our staff members from America arrive Shanghai there will be ways for them to come in to join us. We are very much short of personnel, altho our work has been carried with great effect and efficiency, taxing every body to the limit of their energy and time. But our staff members are happy and growing in strength. We have just conducted the first entrance examinations for the new freshmen next fall. The number of applicants has broken all records, and our instructors have quite a busy time in reading the applicants' papers during the real hot summer days in Shaowu. We are looking forward for another years of creditable service just ahead of us.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin
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July 29, 1940

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Acher
11/23/40*

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

Dear Dr. Lin,

Your letter of April 29 spent a long time on the way, and did not arrive until the current month. I am therefore very slow in acknowledging it. In the meantime, the matter discussed in the letter has been cleared by cable.

Your letter deals with the possibility that Mr. C. Y. Wong might be available for appointment to the F. C. U. staff in the field of Horticulture. Unfortunately, however, Mr. Wong had accepted an appointment to the staff of Lingnan University before your cablegram of April 22 reached us. There was some delay in clearing with Mr. Wong as to his plans for the coming year, but as soon as we could get definite word from him, we cabled you that he would not be available for the F. C. U. appointment. We are sorry that this is the case, for I am sure that Mr. Wong would have been able to do very valuable work in the field of Horticulture there in Fukien.

In the hope that the summer is going pleasantly for you, I am

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garfield

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Shaowu, Fukien.

August 8, 1940.

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

*Ack 9/26/40
JDP*

Dear Mr. Parker:

Enclosed herewith please find two sets of reports to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and to the Rockefeller Foundation respectively. We are sending the original set of the Harvard-Yenching Report direct to Prof. S. Blisseeff, at Cambridge, Mass. The copy here is for the reference of your office. You may have to send it to Harvard in case the other copy is lost or delayed in some way.

In my letters to Dr. Blisseeff, copies of which are also enclosed herewith, explain the questions which the Director raised with us. Please note the financial balance of that fund and our suggestion for its reserve. It should be held by our Trustees for exchange equilibrium fund for the Chinese Studies work, and for other research and collection projects which we can later submit plans.

The financial report for the Rockefeller Emergency Grant of US\$5,000. for the year 1939-40 should be able to explain itself. You will remember that we did not know about this grant until only recently. For the last year or so we were in confusion about the date of the grants. We made respective reports for the years 1938-39, also for 1939-40, and they were made to fulfill the requirements for the previous year. We were continuously haunted for "the report". I think we are clear now.

We feel it is proper to charge the expenses of the Sutton's family which was prevented by the war from return to China since 1938. We are charging the money spent for the year reported to that fund. Miss Thomas' case is also clear. We did not in either case charge the substitutes for those persons during their absence during the year concerned to this fund.

Our white ant trouble in the buildings on our Foochow campus is not all finished. This trouble is chiefly due to non-use of the buildings, and the lack of the constant care, watch, and ventilation. Our small electric light plant is most necessary because of the lack of supply of the kerosene oil on account of the Japanese blockade. We aim to light our library at least by using charcoal machine. The generator has just come, and after several months of difficult negotiation and transportation.

Our general accounts closing on June 30, leave a deficit of \$19,704.92 Chinese currency, not counting on the Harvard-Yenching balance. I shall write about that later.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin

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Shaowu, Fukien

Aug. 9, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter and special note dated June 10 arrived here in better than averaged time. Both documents dwelled on the importance of sending in the five kinds of reports in good time.

1. Budgets and special askings for 1940-41, were sent to Mr. Evans on April 11, 1940. On the same day we also sent you a cablegram giving the figures in round numbers so that you may use them when necessary. I hope they reached you. We sent another set of the same material in a later mail.

2. Statistics for annual report of the Associated Boards for 1939-40 were sent to you on July 24th, 1940.

3. Reports to the State Department of Education at Albany, New York, are partially ready, waiting only for the final closing of the accounts of our assets for the year 1939-40. They will be sent out in a week.

4 and 5 Reports to the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the special Rockefeller Foundation Grant have been sent you on Aug. 8, 1940. The report to Harvard-Yenching has also been sent on the same day direct to Dr. Elisseeff at Cambridge, Mass.

Besides the slowness of mail from and to Fukien due to the Japanese blockade of our coast and the non-availability of the air-mail service, there are two main difficulties of making our reports earlier than what we have done. First, we could not make a real budget for the next fiscal year before the closing of the first half year's account of the current year. If our budgets are to reach you on April 15, we must mail them not later than February 10th. Then we must have the budgets ready in Dec. and have the Managers approve on them in Jan. The figures, and policy behind the figures, cannot represent the actual needs and best shots.

Secondly, the annual reports cannot contain accurate statistics. Our latest financial statement from New York for the present fiscal year, for instance, is April. Some accounts have not been settled in Foochow. As I wrote in connection with the statistics for the Assoc. Boards, the figures are only approximate. For the detailed figures as asked for by the Albany authorities approximate figures cannot be satisfactorily given without much embarrassment to ourselves.

We shall always try to do our best. When more staff members are back with us, as we have the prospects now, we can do better.

B. J. Lin.

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Shaowu, Fukien.

Aug. 10, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letters dated April 19, 23, May 9, and May 20, respectively. The first three came on July 20th, and the last one on July 8th.

Your two letters of April deals with our subscription to the Christian Education. Please arrange to continue the subscription. It comes first to my office for general examination and then goes to the Library. It is a good publication, one of those that our Library should have.

On the other hand please stop the subscription to the Journal of Higher Education, published by the Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. Our Library has renewed its subscription. The one sent to my office will be a ^{sent} duplication. Please arrange to pay to the last issue that they have ^{sent} to us in my name.

Your May 9th letter was about the return of Mr. Teddy Chen. I have received his letter, informing me that he would probably not return to F.C.U. until 1942.

The letter of May 20 is about our Trustees' decision to call Dr. Willard J. Sutton back to America on account of his family conditions. I have informed and urged Dr. Sutton to go. He has not given me the final answer. But I believe there is no other better solution to his difficulties. When he leaves we shall try our best to guard the University's ^{property} in Foochow, and arrange for our teaching need which he would ^{meet}.

Dr. Sutton is one of our best professors both in his deep and broad scholarship and ~~in~~ his care of the students. He is so loyal to F.C.U. that his fine Christian soul is torn between his family obligations and his sense of duty to F.C.U. in this time of urgent needs. All of us here urge him very strongly to go back to the States for a year on University support. It is hoped that the conditions both in China and in Europe will be clearer then than at the present ~~moment~~. We shall ofcourse want him and his family to return to us. when conditions permitting.

What do you know about Biogr. Encyclo. of the World? If you think it is alright, please forward the enclosed proof as corrected to the Editor. Otherwise do what you consider fitting. In any case we cannot afford to spend US\$19.50 to order a copy.

We are having the record applicants for our next fall's Freshman Class. Our Faculty members are busy in reading thier exam. papers in the hot summer weather of Shaowu.

W. J. Lin.

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J
LIN CHING-XUN.

PRESIDENT OF FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY,

WAS BORN AT HINGHWA, FUKIEN, MARCH

4, 1898. *graduating from*
AFTER ~~ATTENDING~~ FUKIEN

CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY, (FOR THREE YEARS),

HE PROCEEDED TO AMERICA IN 1919. HE

STUDIED AT OBERLIN COLLEGE, HARVARD

UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, AND

AT DREW SEMINARY, NEW JERSEY.

RETURNING TO CHINA

IN 1927, DR. LIN JOINED THE FACULTY

OF FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY AS

LECTURER IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND

ECONOMICS. SUBSEQUENTLY HE WAS

MADE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADMINISTRATION

COMMISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY, AND IN

1928 ASSUMED HIS PRESENT DUTIES AS

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[LIN CHING-YUN]

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AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

DR. LIN SERVED AS PRESIDENT
OF THE FUKIEN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION, ^{1934, 1935-1940} (FROM 1928 TO 1934) AND
OF THE CHINA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ASSOCIATION FROM 1930 TO 1934. He was awarded
an honorary degree by Wesleyan University in
1935.

HE IS THE AUTHOR OF "THE
LIAOTUNG CASE", (AND) "OPEN DOOR POLICY", "the
Educational Problems of Present Day China",
etc.

ADDRESS: FOOCHOW, CHINA

PERSONALLY APPROVED BY:

Lin Ching-Yun.

LIN CHING-YUN.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Aug. 15, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 31, which reached us here on Aug. 10th. In this letter you inform us the arrival of our letter of April 11th together with a copy of the minutes of our Board of Managers Spring meeting.

On Aug. 13th we sent you two copies each of the annual reports to the State Department of Education at Albany, N.Y. This concludes all the series of the five reports which we are to send you every year. The delay of mails has caused a great deal of trouble during the past year. We cannot send mails out by the air service. Our coastal ports are more or less blockaded by the Japanese Navy. Your mails to us often take ten to fourteen weeks. We shall always try to send out things to you as early as we can make them from our available materials. May I suggest that you send us letters and other literature of importance by the air service. The time saved by the air section helps in the earlier arrival of information which we so often need to secure from you, such as the monthly statement of our finances and gift lists, etc.

We have not heard anything about those of our friends who are returning to Fukien this fall since your cablegram which reached us on July 8th. We hope they are coming as planned. Bishop Gowdy went North China straight, not even landing in Shanghai we heard. We hope to see them all before very long.

The college will open for the classes on Sept. 16th. We are struggling hard to get things ready for the fall. It is quite a business to secure enough accommodations for the instructors and students who are expected to come in the first of Sept. But we hope everything will come up alright; our staff members are putting great efforts to make that possible.

The success of Germany in Europe emboldens the Japanese militarists somewhat. But the limitation of exports of war materials from America is a great blow to Japan. The Chinese are fighting for their own defence as usual. There will be greater sufferings on our side. But the dream for victory by the Japanese militarists is much farther from realization now than three years ago. The time is still on the Chinese side.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin

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September 10, 1940

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

Ack
12/6/40

Dear Dr. Lin:

There is one matter on which we are having considerable difficulty in New York on which you can help us. Our supply of up-to-date catalogues of the Colleges is completely used up, and we are needing the most recent bulletins and catalogues which you have available. The only catalogues we have for a number of Colleges are very much out of date and we have frequent requests for information which is contained in such catalogues. May we request that you send us a supply (five to ten) of the most recent catalogues available, and also that, as such are published from time to time, that such a supply be sent us upon publication?

From time to time Chinese students who are completing their work in Colleges in America ask us for information about appointments to teaching positions. Our answer is always that such appointments are made by the authorities of the Universities on the field, and that the only thing we can do is to send information concerning them to the Presidents of the Colleges. There will probably be occasion for us to tell you of the availability of certain people of this kind, and such information is forwarded to you not with the idea of requesting you to find places for them, but rather that you may know of the availability of these persons and can consider whether or not you wish to have us follow up their qualifications. This we will be glad to do if you so desire.

At the present time, we know of the availability of Dr. and Mrs. H. T. Chu. Dr. Chu has his B.A. from the University of Wisconsin, his M.A. from the University of Missouri, and his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Illinois. Mrs. Chu has her M.A. in History from the University of Illinois, and has been a fellow and assistant in the Northwestern University for the last two years. These people are planning to go this fall to West China, and we have suggested to them that they get in touch with the Presidents of the Colleges in the West China area upon their arrival in that part of the country. This will serve to notify you of their availability if they should apply to you later on.

Another request we have had is from Dr. Paul Ching-szu Chen. He has been in this country about five years studying, and is now ready to return to China, hoping to find a teaching position. Certain information which has come to us indicates that it is important that his qualifications be thoroughly checked before any commitment or appointment is considered or made. In this case, we will conduct such an investigation if you are at all interested in his abilities or availability. He says that he has his M.A. from the Northwestern University, has done graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute and the University of Chicago, and has his Ph. D. from the University of Iowa in the field of Religious Education.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
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Sept. 12, 1940.
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Mr. C.A. Evans,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of our detailed budget for 1940-1941. The summary of the budget was sent you last April, after its approval by the Board of Managers. This one is to be submitted to the Managers in their annual meeting on Oct. 12th, 1940, for their final reference, and approval.

The total figure is much larger than the one sent you last. It is due to the exchange rate at ten to one on all the Books items as well as on those items of expenses in the U.S. currency. There is not change in the actual total in the U.S. currency.

Due to the increasing high prices in things we have added the item #6 under the income from New York Treasurer, which is the additional exchange over and above ten to one. As things looks now prices are going to get much higher in the near future. Our teachers, having comparatively low salaries, have been feeling some real hardship in supporting their families. The junior members both of the faculty and of the staff need some immediate relief if we can secure some additional income in some way.

We have heard that Miss Asher and Dr. Tan Jen-Mei are waiting chances to come to Foochow from Shanghai. We have not heard anything from the Legers, Miss Burr, the Scotts, and the Kelloggs. We shall have a record enrollment, judging from the Freshmen applicants. Our classes begin on Sept. 16. But more than ten of faculty members are tied up in Shanghai, or are still in America. We shall again have difficulties in carrying on the work during the part of the semester.

The American members can come to Fukien from Shanghai through Amoy. But not the Chinese. We do hope that the Scotts and the Legers, etc. will be coming soon so that transportation through Amoy can be arranged for them.

I am leaving Foochow this afternoon. I shall be back in Foochow in the first week of Oct. for the Managers meeting. I shall again on the conditions of the F.C.U. during the first part of the fall semester when I return to Shaowu.

Yours sincerely,

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President C. J. Lin
President Lucy Wang

Dear Dr. Lin and Dr. Wang,

You will remember that on June 21 our Associated Boards Executive Committee took action approving the proposal that we seek to secure an outstanding religious leader from America or Great Britain to spend the year 1941-42 visiting as many of the Colleges as time would allow, speaking or lecturing on religious subjects, and doing as much as possible to exert a lasting Christian influence upon the Christian Colleges themselves, and, so far as possible, upon the students of other types of institutions and upon other strata of Chinese society. A special committee was appointed to make a further study of the type of leader we should seek for such an undertaking and then to find and make arrangements for the right man for this important task.

The committee appointed to do this work has been making a preliminary study of the matter. It has asked me to write to you to get your own thoughts and suggestions as to the type of man who would be most welcome to the Colleges, and who would be able to render the most distinguished service in the field of Christian thought and leadership.

The first question we must face is of course that of the general type of man we would like to secure for this undertaking. There are three varieties of qualifications, all of which are highly desirable but which can hardly be combined in any one individual: -

(1) A Christian philosopher - a man who can clearly, simply, and winsomely present the Christian apologetic, the fundamental basis for the Christian philosophy of life as contrasted with the materialistic outlook.

(2) A Christian preacher - a man who has a winsome and persuasive ability as a public speaker, who is effective both in large meetings and in more intimate contact in winning the interest and support of people of all classes, and who can exercise the most powerful and lasting Christian influence upon the largest number of people.

(3) An outstanding Christian educator or scientist - a man who has won distinction in his own special field of education, science, or professional life; who may himself be a layman but whose vigorous Christian life and convictions may make him an even more effective Christian apologist than any minister or theologian.

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Of course these three types of qualifications are not mutually exclusive. Any man we select should have superior qualifications in all three categories, and many might combine in the highest possible degree two of these types of qualifications, particularly the first and second. The question is rather one of priority. To which of these three should we give the greatest emphasis - to the characteristics of the philosopher, the preacher, or the vigorous Christian character who has won recognition in some other field than the purely religious one?

The second question the committee would like to ask you is this: - Have you any specific suggestions as to the names of men who would be particularly acceptable to you in this connection? Even though it might prove impracticable to secure the man whom you would be most anxious to have visit China next year, your suggestion of specific names will help us to appraise more intelligently the type of leader you would like, and to know which of our American leaders are more widely known and are the most highly respected throughout China. Moreover, we are anxious to get the very best man available and not to be deterred by the fact that a man is extremely busy and engaged in very important work from which it would be difficult to pry him away for a year or so. Even the best is none too good for the task to be done, and for the opportunity that is here presented.

Third, if we do secure the right man for this undertaking next year, when and for how long a period should you like to have him at Fukien Christian University and Hwa Nan? Obviously in one year a man could not spend more than a few weeks at most in any one locality, if he is to come in contact with all of our Christian Colleges. Of course the problem of transportation in Fukien provides our first difficulty just at present, so we should have to wait and see what situation exists a year hence before attempting to work out the details of any one's itinerary. Our hope is that if our initial experiment works out happily, it may be possible for us to repeat the undertaking from year to year, or at least at frequent intervals even if such a leader cannot be sent out every year. This would allow us to send out from time to time men with a wider variety of qualifications, and possibly permit variations in schedule that would allow each man to spend a longer time in each community he visits, even though not every community is visited every year. But for the first year, at least, we should try to send out some one who will cover the field as widely as possible, so as to give us a sounder background for future planning.

Since time already is hurrying along, and we must soon be actively seeking our man for next year if we are to have any hope of getting the highest caliber of leader, we would be grateful if you could send us your views as promptly as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

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September 26, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I have before me several letters from you which have all arrived on practically the same mail today. These are your letters of July 24, August 8, and August 9. We very much appreciate your splendid cooperation in getting the various reports to us covered by these letters. I believe we have now received all the items called for, with the exception of the reports to the Board of Regents at Albany, and from your letter of August 9, I understand that these are now on the way.

The difficulties of mail service to and from Fukien are very real, and we realize that it is far from normal. I have called this to the attention of the people outside of our office who have charge of these reports and they all recognize the necessity of patience in waiting for the usual correspondence to reach them.

I also wish to thank you for your careful explanations regarding the reports. This enables us to interpret them properly and to avoid misunderstandings.

We are very much gratified to hear that Miss Asher and the Legers have arrived safely in Foochow. In this connection, we note that they must have made very good connections for getting in from Shanghai, since the time elapsed from leaving America was about the normal time under normal conditions. We hope this indicates that conditions are improving as to transportation.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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

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September 28, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

You will find enclosed with this letter a copy of a pamphlet we have just printed. It is to be used in connection with our efforts to secure \$50,000 for a special Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund. Additional copies of the pamphlet are being sent by regular mail.

The Board of Trustees is meeting next week to discuss, among other things, our current special campaign. You will be hearing officially the results of this meeting. I am happy to be able to say, in the meantime, that we have been very fortunate so far. We have \$10,000 in the bank and additional pledges to the amount of approximately \$20,000.

It is a particular pleasure for me to be of any service to Fukien Christian University, because I am, myself, a native of Fukien. Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is anything I can do for you in this country, personally, or for the University.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell,
Field Representative

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

October 1, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We have now received the statistical and financial reports for the Board of Regents at Albany. Thank you very much for getting these to us on time. I also wish to thank you for the way you have responded to our requests for the various reports, which have all been received and are in hand in time for the various meetings and preparation of reports which we have to make. This is very fine cooperation on your part.

In connection with the statistical report to the Board of Regents, there are two items on which they have raised questions regarding last year's report. In looking over the report just received, I find that the same questions will arise this year, so I am going to ask for this additional information now in order to have it in hand by the time they come to check up the statistics. On the second page of the statistical blank, the meaning of what they desire under Item 4, entitled "Degrees conferred," is a little bit uncertain. They do not wish to have recorded under this item the total number of degrees issued by the University to date from the beginning of the issuing of degrees. What they wish to have is the detail of the number of degrees issued since the last report. In other words, for the year ending June 30, 1940 you report ten B.A. degrees and eighteen B.S. degrees since the last report. In the two lines preceding these figures, there is one line for "men," and one line for "women"; what they want in these two lines are figures that will total up to ten for the B.A. degrees, and eighteen for the B.S. degrees, thus giving the detail of the way the degrees were distributed to men and women.

The second item is on the next page, Item 7, "Miscellaneous," where the statement is made: "Give number of years in each course - liberal arts _____, applied science _____, etc." No figures were put in on this item for your report. We, of course, presume that the courses are four-year courses, but the item should be entered on the report when it is sent in.

If you can supply this information next year in making the report, and see that the method of filling in these items is changed, it will solve the difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Copy to Miss Asher

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October 15, 1940

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

Dear President Lin:

I am grateful for your letter of August 15th and for the news that the copies of the annual report for the State Department at Albany had been mailed. Mr. Parker reports that these have been received and taken care of.

We are appreciative of all of the difficulties involved in your present situation and recognize how arduous the task must be to plan under prevailing conditions. Possibly we appear to be over-urgent about these reports, but even more pressure is exerted upon us. There is the thought also that we are not in a position to dictate to the Harvard-Yenching Institute.

Since this letter was written all of the ones who were scheduled to return to Fukien have arrived. That is, cables have been received directly from the University or from the American Board giving us information as to this effect. We have also received word regarding the enrollment and we trust the year's work will proceed without extra undue hardship.

There is little one can say on prevailing conditions which will have any bearing upon the situation a month from today. The pattern of changes is being altered constantly and the sorry plight of the world is really discouraging. We seem to have reverted to a sort of paganism which has gripped great hords of people and rulers, and the outcome or end is not yet.

I should be writing you again within the next few days.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am acknowledging your letter of September 12th immediately, having been received this morning.

We have studied to some extent this morning some of the details and cannot see how you will be able to continue on this basis. All the money which we are receiving goes to the field aside from actual expenses — there being a very small surplus of \$163.27. As enough money is never appropriated for incidentals and miscellaneous expenses, — they were greatly overdrawn on June 30th, and the \$163.00 was used to reduce these over-expenditures. However, our campaign is starting and we hope for approximately as good results as a year ago.

As we have stated elsewhere we have received a cable informing us of the arrival of Miss Asher, the Scotts, the Legers, Miss Burr and Dr. Tan. The Kelloggs, as you know, will not be going out this year and probably will not return to China at all.

A cable has also been received by the American Board informing us that Dr. Sutton is awaiting sailings.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

Dear President Lin:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Board of Trustees held on October 1, 1940. There are several actions to which I wish to call your particular attention. You will note on page 1 under the title, "Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund," the progress that is being made in trying to raise a special fund in commemoration of this occasion. The plan is to raise \$50,000 U.S. Currency, which will be made available at the rate of U.S. \$10,000 a year over a period of five years. Four actions were taken in reference to this campaign, two of which require action or consideration on the field. You will note under vote T-1234 a request for the securing of up-to-date photographic material for use in promotion. The last remittance on the 1939-40 Sustaining Fund of \$348 was an extra amount which had not originally been expected and it was, therefore, proposed that U.S.\$100 of this amount be used in securing photographs and moving pictures.

It has been brought to our attention very frequently this last year that we have very little material that is of promotional value along this line for Fukien University. If we are to succeed in raising the money both in the Sustaining Fund and the special fund for the University, we will have to have every bit of help we can get in the way of publicity material from the field.

The second vote which calls for your attention is action T-1235. The Board of Trustees considered the method of administration of the U.S.\$50,000 that we are expecting to secure for this anniversary. It was felt that no plan should be made by the Trustees for the use of this fund until your thinking and advice have been secured. The vote, therefore, was to request you to give this your very careful consideration, and suggest to the Trustees just how this money should be used. As I said above, we expect the money to be available over a period of five years, at the rate of U.S.\$10,000 a year.

On page 2 under the heading, "Assistance for Mr. Yang Hsin-pao," you will note action T-1237. We have carefully investigated the situation regarding Mr. Yang's work, and we find that additional help is needed so that he can complete his work satisfactorily. He has already received \$400 from the Associated

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Boards scholarship fund, as well as some scholarship help at Iowa State College. Mr. Yang has made a very fine impression on every one with whom he has been associated, and we are anxious that he make the most of the remaining time he has in America. It was evident that he was very much worried about the support of his family, and that this was causing him some mental handicap in facing his work. We feel that Mr. Yang will give such a fine contribution to the University upon his return that everything possible must be done to see that his work is completed satisfactorily. Will you give careful consideration to this vote of the Trustees and their suggestion about matching the support voted here and the continuation of the payments to Mr. Yang's family? We will need a report on this item as soon as action can be taken on the field.

May I add this personal note to tell you that we are all not only happy, but very hopeful, that the anniversary campaign can be carried through to completion so that this additional money will be available for the University?

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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October 24, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am confirming herewith our cablegram of October 23, 1940.

First of all, we wish to thank you for your cablegram of October 9th informing us that the Legers, Miss Asher, Miss Burr and Dr. Tan had arrived. We were a bit concerned at the news that Dr. Sutton was teaching temporarily, but to allay these feelings came a cable, reported by the American Board, that Dr. Sutton was planning to sail and awaited a reservation.

You surely have a record enrollment and sincerely trust that the capacity of the staff and equipment will not be taxed too greatly.

The cable which we sent on October 23rd read as follows:-

"LILAIYUN CANNOT FINISH WORK BEFORE NEXT SUMMER LINKUNSIANG MAY SAIL JANUARY NEEDS ONE HUNDRED AMERICAN DOLLARS TRAVEL GLAD SUTTON SAILING SOON."

Following out your suggestion we wrote to Mr. Li Lai-Yun and received a letter containing the following paragraph which closes the matter for the present:-

"I regret very much that I could not go back to Fukien this Spring. It seems as if it would be too much of a rush for me to finish up my thesis this coming Spring. Moreover, my academic duties with The Pennsylvania State College does not end till June 1941. Therefore, it would be on the safe side for you to inform Dr. Lin that he may expect me back next Fall, 1941, but not in the Spring of 1941."

The case of Mr. Lin Kun-Siang is different in that he has nearly completed his work and is seeking travel funds for his return trip to China. Rev. Hugh Moran, a student pastor at Cornell, has been deeply interested and has gathered together sufficient funds to cover Mr. Lin's railroad and steamship travel. He is short about \$100.00 for other absolutely necessary travel items and cannot start for the Orient unless some funds are made available. Rev. Moran estimates these to be \$100.00 and rather than run the chance of losing this very excellent Chinese professor, we are cooperating to the extent of \$100.00

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which will be charged to the field.

If my memory serves correctly Fukien has lost three excellent teachers because of delay in offering a position, or because of the low remuneration offered. Anyway, I know of two which have been lost and rather than have Lingnan University take another one away we took these steps.

I realize too well the limited budget under which you are working not to appreciate the difficulties you face, but it is a matter which cannot be ignored. From what you have written to us, I know you recognize this more completely than could anyone else.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 24, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Enclosed herewith are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on October 4. You will find in these minutes a number of items which will be of interest to you.

I particularly wish to call your attention to items included under the report of the special committee to make recommendations on the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum. This section of the minutes begins on Page 3. Included under each action is the quotation from the report of the Committee on Christian Character, Staff and Curriculum to which it refers. A number of these call for study and action on the field. These in particular appear under action E-1125. You will note that the action calls for referring the recommendations to the Colleges on the field through their Boards of Trustees. This will be done as the Boards of Trustees hold meetings here in America. However, as some of these Boards will probably not meet for some time, we feel that you should be notified of this action and be prepared to go ahead with such considerations as are necessary even though the matter has not yet reached you from your own trustee board.

In this action E-1125 there are several different matters covered. You will note that the first paragraph refers to a study of budgets in relation to departments of religion. Section (b) refers to items on which there will be need of cooperation between the field and the Boards in America. We will be glad to have your suggestions as to practical methods of carrying out these suggestions. Section (c) has to do with the character of the student bodies and this section is sent on to you for your careful consideration.

Vote E-1126 refers to a study which should be made through the Council of Higher Education in China. This request has been sent on to Dr. Cressy, with indication that it would also be sent to the Presidents of the Colleges, and that study should be initiated by the Council of Higher Education.

In vote E-1127 the Secretaries have been asked to correspond with you, particularly in reference to Section (b) regarding the supplementing of departmental budgets. We wish to get full information from you as to what will be involved in supplementing your regular budget in order to carry out a more effective piece of work in the department of religion.

In connection with the items mentioned above, we would like to again call to your attention the fact that our committees in America, both of the Associated Boards and of the trustee boards, have been very much concerned

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regarding this question of the departments of religion and the carrying out of the Christian purpose of the Universities. We, as Secretaries, are constantly being urged by the members of the Boards to emphasize their very vital interest in this matter and to make sure that very real consideration is given to this problem on the field. We, therefore, will very much appreciate not only your careful consideration, but also all information that you can send us as to what is being done on this question.

Other items in the minutes do not require special explanation, although I am sure you will find several of them of real interest.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Secretary

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Copy to: Miss Eva M. Asher

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



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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you a copy of the minutes of Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers, October 12, 1940. My report was in Chinese which will be ready for distribution in a few days, but the English version is not yet ready. It will be sent to you when the translation is completed. We have a larger faculty and student body than ever before. We have reported the enrollment already both by cable and in Miss Asher's letter of October 16.

M-219 Professor C. R. Kellogg's return. More explanation might be needed here for your information re Mr. Kellogg. Bishop Gowdy reported a personal visit with the Kelloggs before he left for China and it seemed to him that Mrs. Kellogg is not physically fit to come and that it would be quite important for Mr. Kellogg to return to us as he would have some difficulty in adjusting himself to work in America at his present age. We sincerely want him to come as he is one of our best teachers and one of the first teachers we had at the beginning of the university. We have, therefore, asked Bishop Gowdy to write both Mr. Kellogg and the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions asking that he may return to us alone if he is willing to do so. He will be of great service to the rural work around Foochow. We shall arrange for another teacher of Entomology so long as the university work is carried on at Shaowu. The work at Foochow will be very much worthwhile, as we will some day move back to our old campus and want to keep things going there as much as possible so as to have a good foundation when we do return.

M-922 Revised Budget for 1940-41. I had already written you about our revised budget before the meeting of the Board of Managers, in my letter of September 12. The prices of things are soaring almost every day, which affects both the living cost of our staff and students and the expenses we have to meet in connection with our college work. I am afraid the revised budget we have made which has been approved by the Board of Managers may prove to be not enough by \$15,000 - \$20,000 Chinese Currency, but we shall all do our best in trying to keep within it.

M-924 Request that the Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant be counted outside of the Associated Boards Sustaining Fund. We have understood the grant to be on that basis for the last two years, but from your letter of April 6 to Dr. Sutton it seems that you have used it to form a part of the Sustaining Fund for which we asked from the Associated Boards. This would make a big deficit in our budget. As you will observe, the Rockefeller Emergency Grant has been used strictly for emergency purposes,

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such as additional buildings, subsidy to staff members for the increased cost of living, student addship, and special expenses in connection with moving, etc. All of these things form a separate budget outside of our regular budget.

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M-931 Shaowu Property. We finally had a lease made and signed by Mr. R. W. McClure as agent for the American Board and myself as agent for the university, and the terms were approved by our Board of Managers at the last meeting. Mr. McClure has forwarded a signed copy to Boston together with the necessary maps attached. It is really very generous of the American Board to permit us to use the property and to give us such liberal terms which were drafted by the Rev. C. L. Storrs of the mission here with the assistance of Chinese church leaders in Shaowu. As we are getting more crowded all the time, we are expanding quite a bit beyond what the mission leased to us. For instance, we have rented almost 100 mou of land for our Horticultural work and we have bought quite a few pieces of land near our East Gate Campus for residential quarters and college buildings, such as an additional dormitory and class rooms. Our construction work has been unusually slow because of the lack of labor and materials in the interior, but by planning far ahead of time we have quite largely kept up with our needs. The Legers are in their new quarters, but the Scotts have to stay with the Storrs for a few weeks longer until their new quarters will be ready. We have not yet started our work for the ladies, and we have other high ranking Chinese professors with their families who are already at Shaowu to plan for.

A copy of the agreement is enclosed placed in safe

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M-926 The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. is to be celebrated in Shaowu on February 28. We are trying to raise twenty-five scholarships for which the campaign is under way. It is our hope that our Trustees will work for a permanent endowment fund of US\$250,000 during the next five years. We have asked Bishop Gowdy to help in this when he returns to America. I believe he will do his best to assist.

M-927 Professor W. J. Sutton and the Foochow Campus. With regard to Dr. Sutton you will see that we have definitely arranged for him to leave. His substitute, Mr. Lin Chen Chi, will be coming soon, but with the blockade of the Fukien coast being enforced more rigidly every month and the delay in mail between Shanghai and Shaowu, or Foochow, which in recent cases required a month and a half for letters to come one way, the time of his leaving is somewhat uncertain. We shall inform you by cable as soon as a definite date is set for his departure.

We have temporarily arranged to have Mr. McClure to have a look on our campus by going down once or twice a week to take care of the financial end of the work in Foochow, but it is very necessary that we have a high ranking man from our staff on the campus. Otherwise, we must get a person from another source. We are approaching the problem with the latter in mind.

I believe the rest of the minutes of the meeting are self-explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We appreciate your reply cable of October 23 re Li Lai Yung and Lin Kung Hsiang. You are hereby authorized to pay Mr. Lin \$3100.00 from our budget for his travel. Please urge him to come as soon as possible. Our spring term begins on February 1 and classes start on February 10. If he definitely plans to come, which we hope he will, kindly send us a cable so that we can plan courses for him. His special line is Plant Pathology in our Department of Agriculture.

We are also approaching Miss Julia I Hsuen Chen who has her Ph.D. degree in History from the American University, Washington, D. C. We need a teacher of History and also a woman member of the staff who may also serve later as Dean of Women. From all the information we have about her we believe she would be a good person for this. She is a Foochow girl, a graduate of Hwa Nan College, '28, and went to America in 1935 after several years of teaching both in Foochow and in the Straits Settlement. We propose to appoint her as an Assistant Professor with a monthly salary of \$230.00 with an additional \$30.00 (all Chinese Currency) as a subsidy towards the present high cost of living. We will make the same offer to Lin Kung Hsiang. Miss Chen's family here suggests that we might make her a loan to pay her way back to China. We authorize you to pay her what she needs up to US\$300.00, and we would ask her to serve for a term of six years. If she serves for that length of time we would not ask her to refund the amount granted for travel. If she should leave earlier, say after three years, we would expect her to refund us proportionately. Kindly communicate with her direct and help both her and Lin Kung Hsiang to get passage if necessary.

We are sending you the following cable re Miss Chen and Mr. Lin:

"Authorize Linkungsiang 100 travel. Chenhsuen 300"

We realize that you may not know to whom the last item refers when you receive the cable, but it is quite possible that she may write you before this letter reaches you, as her family has already written her that we were considering making her an offer.

We are much in need of additional teachers and it has been very difficult to get satisfactory ones these years. We should like to have your advice with regard to our salary schedule and grants for travel for students in returning from America as compared with the practice of other Christian institutions in China. We shall be glad to

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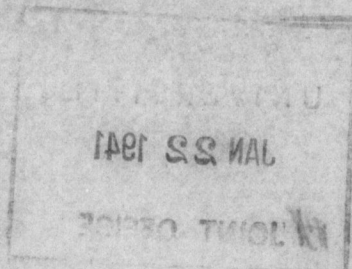
adjust our arrangements to meet the situation so that we may not continually lose our men when we are in such urgent need of additional help. We hope the arrangements as outlined above in connection with Mr. Lin and Miss Chen will give you some basis of judgment so that in the future when we approach other persons by cable through you, you will be in a position to carry on the negotiations with them for us. We are looking forward to having Mr. Li Lai Yung return to us in 1941 as you suggested in your cable.

We are expecting the arrival of the Gowdys in Shaowu this afternoon. We have a three-day program mapped out for them. Enclosed herewith is a copy for your reference, and also a copy of my brief address in connection with the dedication of the library in their honor. The students put out an edition of our Weekly Bulletin to honor them.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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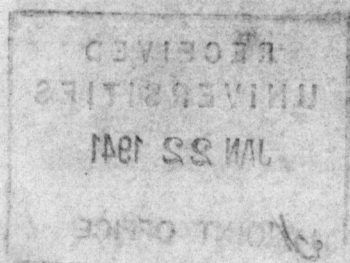
Program for Bishop and Mrs. John Gowdy while at Shaowu
Monday, Nov. 11 - Thursday, November 14, 1940

Monday, Nov. 11 - 12:00 noon, lunch with Prof. and Mrs. E. M. Stowe, East Gate
2:00 p.m., seeing Arts College
4:00 p.m., tea reception by the Women's Dept.,
Mrs. Gowdy addressing the women students
6:00 p.m., Dinner with Dean and Mrs. T. H. Cheng

Tuesday, Nov. 12 - 6:30 a.m., Breakfast with Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Leger
8:00 a.m., Seeing the Horticultural Gardens and the
Animal Husbandry work
12:00 noon, Faculty dinner and reception, Assembly Hall
3:30 p.m., A.C.C. alumni tea reception
6:00 p.m., Dinner with Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Storrs

Wednesday, Nov. 13 6:30 a.m., Breakfast with Miss Eva M. Asher
8:40 p.m., Special Convocation, address to student
to student body by Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy
9:15 a.m., Dedication of the John Gowdy Library
1:30 p.m., Convocation at the Agricultural High School North Gate
Bishop Gowdy addressing the students.
2:00 p.m., Tea reception by High School Faculty
2:30 p.m., Seeing the Science Departments
6:00 p.m., Dinner with Professor and Mrs. T. H. Wang

Thursday, Nov. 14 - 6:00 a.m., Breakfast with Professor and Mrs. E. M. Stowe East Gate
Leaving for Nanping



A Tribute to President-Emeritus John Gowdy
In connection with the Dedication of
The John Gowdy Library at Shaoan

From the time when the idea of establishing a Christian University in Fukien was conceived down to the present, you have not only maintained intimate relations with this institution, but through your faithful labor and untiring efforts you have made lasting contributions to its growth and development. You were among the first who planned to found the university, and from 1911 you served as a member of the Preliminary Committee. You took an active part in securing the cooperation of the various missions having work in the Province of Fukien, drafting the first proposed constitution and by-laws, and outlining the first curriculum and subjects for entrance examinations. You were the first person elected to represent the Preliminary Committee in America to appeal for financial help for the proposed enterprise, and you were one of those whose duty was to select a permanent site for the university.

In the spring of 1916 when the Arts College was first opened for classes you readily transferred the two upper classes of the Anglo-Chinese College, then under your charge, to be among the first group of students at the new institution. You also consented to have three of your most important teachers to come over and help in the new work. It was through your manifold assistance that our first President, the late Edwin C. Jones, was able to carry on the launching of a university with almost no resources at his command.

In 1923 when the late President Jones returned to America broken in health, due to his strenuous labors in the interest of the university, you were elected to take his place. It was a period of great difficulties for the university, but you bravely resigned from the

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presidency of the Anglo-Chinese College and took up the responsibility of building up a struggling institution. You steadily strengthened its faculty, increased its equipment, and before long the Gardiner Hall, Junior, Memorial Hall and the Edwin C. Jones Memorial Science Hall were rising on one of the ridges of the beautiful Kushan hills.

In the spring of 1927 you had faith in the ultimate success of the People's Revolution and determined to help, giving a concrete expression to the new spirit in China by advocating Chinese administration for the Christian schools and turning over the management of the respective properties to Chinese boards of managers. To set an example you resigned from the presidency of the Fukien Christian University and returned to America. This was the first instance in the whole of China that Chinese were made entirely responsible for running a Christian institution of higher learning.

While you were in America you still labored hard in the interest of the university, and through your efforts we secured a share in the Hall Endowment Fund for Chinese Cultural Studies. After you were elected Bishop of the Methodist Church you continued to serve the university as a member of its Board of Managers and as Field Representative of its Board of Trustees. Whenever we seek your advice and assistance you always respond with sympathetic understanding and help us with your best ability. Our Board of Managers recognizing your important contributions to this university, and your great interest for a greater usefulness of the institution in the days to come, has elected you President-Emeritus of the University and entrusted you to represent us to our Trustees and friends in America.

You and Mrs. Gowdy will soon retire and return to America, but still you have traveled a long ways to see us on our new campus

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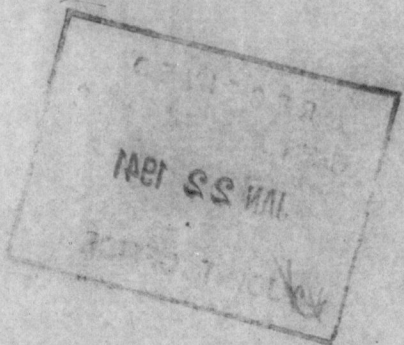
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in Shaowu. We, the faculty and students, here are deeply grateful to you for what you have done for us. There is no adequate way in which we could express our appreciation. We, therefore, take this opportunity to humbly dedicate this new library in your honor, that it may serve to inspire the youth of China to seek true knowledge, to build noble characters, and to render effective service to the Chinese people, so that in spite of the difficult period through which China is passing, Fukien Christian University will yet make increasing contributions to the upbuilding of a new nation.

Ching-Jun Lin
President

Shaowu, Fukien
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Bishop John Gowdy
An Introduction at Convocation

We are holding this special convocation in honor of one who has been from the beginning a vital factor in the growth and development of Fukien Christian University. Bishop John Gowdy helped to found this institution in the early part of 1910. He secured the fund to purchase the new university site at the foot of the beautiful Ku-Shan hills. He furnished the first president, two leading professors, and 75% of the student body, all from the Foochow Anglo-Chinese College, then under his presidency, to open this University in the spring of 1916. During the period when he himself served as the second president of the University, between 1923-1927, Bishop Gowdy built most of our important academic buildings, and raised practically all the endowment fund we now have. Moreover, he has been responsible for the necessary conditions that make possible the building of a strong and loyal faculty at F.C.U. that shall increasingly contribute to the welfare of China. He has been a member of our Board of Managers since 1928, and is now our President-Emeritus.

Bishop Gowdy is a leader and a prophet in Christian education in China. Since 1902 he has been introducing modern learning and Christian living to our people. Besides his part at our University, he has for nearly a quarter of a century took the leading position in the Foochow Anglo-Chinese College work. As a result of his labors he has students holding important posts and rendering valuable services in all parts of China and throughout the South-Sea Islands. When he had each of the institutions well under way, he turned it over to the Chinese for further development, remaining always, however, a loyal friend in need, and a sympathetic and wise counsellor on call.

During the last eleven years Bishop Gowdy has been leading the Methodist Church work in China. He presides over the conferences

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Bishop John Gowdy

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not only in Fochow, Nanking, and Yenching, but also in North China, Central China and West China as well. He awakens in the hearts of the pastors a deeper sense of their mission, and exhorts all the Christians to higher ways of life.

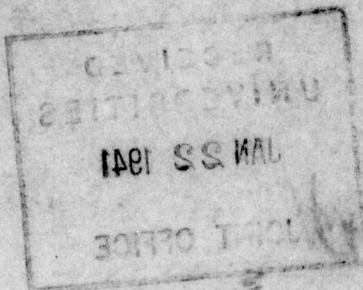
Bishop Gowdy is a Scotch by birth, an American by citizenship; but he is a true friend of China by his own choice and conviction and by the trust and adoration of the Chinese people. He shows us through his teachings and living the best that is in the West, and interprets to the West what there may be in China that is noble and true. He is a true messenger of human goodwill and international friendship.

We are not only grateful for what we have been profited by his work, but we are inevitably so inspired by his simplicity of faith, his force of character, and his overflowing love that we resolve to strive forward toward higher endeavors in life and for a greater dedication to the purpose that God has willed for each one of us. It is, therefore, we who are being honored by his presence with us today. It is a great privilege to hear such a great man speak to us now.

G. J. Lin

Shaowu, Fukien

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December 4, 1940

Mr. Merlin A. Bishop
Christian Herald Industrial Mission
Foochow, Fukien

Dear Mr. Bishop:

Confirming our conversation of yesterday upon your visit to Shaowu, I wish to put in writing the points we raised together with regard to the possibility of your joining Fukien Christian University after you have secured release from the Christian Herald.

As I told you, at the earliest possible moment I shall recommend to our Board of Managers and to our Board of Trustees in New York your appointment under the following conditions.

1. We will pay you the salary of a single person according to the university regulations for the appointment of foreign staff, namely, half of the basic salary will be paid in U. S. Currency and half at the flat rate of 2:1. For a first-term person, the basic salary is US\$750.00. We shall also pay your children's allowance according to our scale. Your children would at the present time, I believe, come in the second bracket, US\$200.00 each for children between six and twelve years of age. We also pay insurance premium, or annuity, up to US\$200.00 per year, which takes the place of a pension upon retirement.

2. We are not to be responsible for your first furlough travel expenses back to America, nor for your salary during the first six months of the furlough period. We shall undertake to pay your travel back to China, as well as your salary for any part of the remaining furlough period we may agree upon while you are in America.

3. You will take up the work of the general business management on the Foochow campus as soon as you are released, the duty of which will be the care of the property, including buildings and grounds on the Foochow campus, the necessary development of grounds in preparation for the return of the university to Foochow and the preliminary survey and plan for the necessary building program and landscaping of the campus there.

4. We are looking forward to inaugurating a program of Industrial Education through which we aim to train our students as teachers of handcraft and industrial arts in the secondary schools, as well as giving opportunity for self-help work for our college students which may or may not lead to a vocation. My thought is to have three

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hours work throughout the year for students in the three departments of agriculture and the department of education in which the students will receive instruction in the principles of the various industrial arts, the larger part of the time being spent in the work jobs concerned in which they will do actual work. This, we believe, will not only help the students to learn the practical arts to help their profession, but will also serve to uplift the general attitude towards manual labor for educated persons. For this purpose, we have in mind to start as early as possible work in (a) printing, (b) wood work, (c) mechanics shop, (d) house building and landscaping, (e) ceramics and pottery. To this group of work we may later add all the agricultural manufacturing work. We may operate a part or all of this work on a minimum efficiency basis to meet the needs of the university and to provide work for the students for self-help for which we shall prepare to maintain a skeleton staff of workmen in each group.

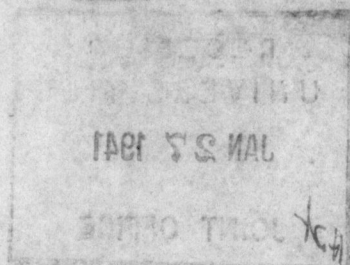
I understand that you are not planning to return to America for furlough even though you have served in the Christian Herald Industrial Mission for more than five years, so that you may give one or two years of service to F.C.U. before you take a furlough. In the meantime, and in addition to your duties on our Foochow campus, we shall be planning to launch some of the industrial arts projects either in Foochow or Shaowu, or some in both places.

As you already understand, our agreement is subject to the approval of our Board of Managers in Foochow and the Board of Trustees in New York. But I know that our need of educational help from you during this period and our new educational policy in Industrial Education will receive careful consideration by both our Managers and our Trustees, many of whom already know you personally.

Yours sincerely,

C. S. Lin.
President.

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of September 10 inquiring about our up-to-date catalogue arrived here on November 21. We have not prepared a catalogue in English for several years now, although our Chinese catalogues have come out regularly. We are now undertaking to translate some pertinent parts of our Chinese catalogue to be printed to meet such needs abroad as you mentioned. Later we shall print supplementary sheets in case we have any changes, but this one will serve as a source of basic information. I cannot yet tell when this will be ready as the printing in English requires a longer time. There is no facility in Shaowu for such printing, so it has to be done in Foochow.

To meet your possible emergency needs we are sending you under separate cover two sets of our Chinese catalogue, effective in the fall of 1940. It consists of four parts. No. 1 contains the list of courses we are giving at the present time. From the contents you will see that our Arts College has three departments, pp. 1 - 22. The Science College has three departments, pp. 23 - 38. The Agricultural College also has three departments, and their courses are given on pp. 39 - 56.

No. 2 consists of regulations which give the process of registration, method of counting student grades, classification of students, their graduation and degrees and regulations concerning absences. It also gives information about transferring or dropping out of school, regulations for examinations and plans for student guidance. Library rules, scholarships, the self-help system and the by-laws of the Academic Relations Committee are also given in this.

No. 3. This bulletin contains the school calendar for the current year, a list of administrative officers with their degrees and qualifications, and a list of our teaching staff by departments. This is followed by the roster of students now in school given in the order of the year, beginning with seniors, together with statistical information about the students. Then follows on pp. 32 - 35 a list of faculty committees and other organizations. From pp. 36-40 are lists of faculty and students from our senior high school.

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No. 4 is a list of our graduates according to the year, giving their names, addresses, and major subjects. The last three pages, pp. 36-38 are statistical information about our alumni.

These bulletins will meet the need in case you have some urgent call for information about our university. You can get some one to read them I am sure. There are always a number of Chinese students at Columbia. Also one of our graduates, Lin Mou Hsin, is at the China Institute, and another, Andrew Cheng, is at Drew.

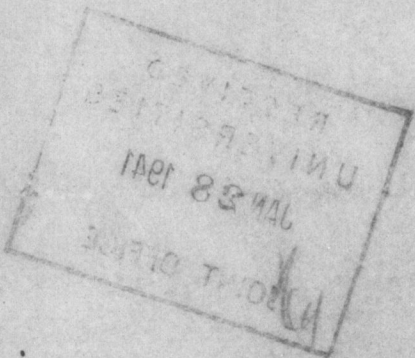
We appreciate your writing us about possible candidates for our staff. At the present time, we have no vacancy for either Dr. and Mrs. Chu or Paul Chen.

Yours sincerely,

b. y. Lin.

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P.S. Your letters of September 26 and October 1 have just come.



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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your general letter to the Presidents of China Colleges dated September 11 reporting the general conditions of the Associated Boards, particularly the financial campaign, arrived here on November 21. We certainly appreciate all the efforts you friends there have put forth in the interest of Christian higher education in China. You are to be congratulated for the success again of the campaign, and as you say the benefit is far greater than the financial showing as you have gained so much interest and friendship for our work which is beyond the measurement of monetary contributions.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Paul Brennan Cravath. I do not believe I had the privilege of knowing him personally when I was in America, but from your bulletins we have learned much of his devotion to our common task. I wish you would convey to his family, or other friends of his, our gratitude for what he has done for us and assure them of our continued endeavor in China to do the things in which we all believe, namely, the training of leaders for this country under Christian influence.

We note that you have additional staff members to help in the work on the Pacific coast and in the central region where you intend to cultivate more thoroughly than you have done before. Please let us know in whatever way we can be of assistance to this greater campaign. The call for assistance is now much greater than before because of the developing situation in Europe, but we have the confidence that American friendship for China will be much strengthened because of our development in greater common interests besides the religious interest which we already have. A strong China is a real assurance against any possible totalitarian upheaval in the Far East. China needs nothing more than trained leadership with Christian ideals. I think our friends in America can more clearly appreciate the role that is being played by the Christian colleges in this country.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing to report through you to our Trustees for the appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop on our staff. Mr. Bishop is at the present time, and has been for the past five years, the Superintendent of the Christian Herald Industrial Mission in Foochow. He has proved himself to be a very able manager and is good in all the industrial work such as printing, cabinet making, and mechanics. He has also done some house-building work. His character and ability are thoroughly respected by our staff here. It was with him in mind that the Board of Managers at its last annual meeting on October 12 authorized me to negotiate for a suitable person to take care of the Foochow campus of this University. As we had not worked out the details we did not mention the specific person, although a number of the Board of Managers have approved my suggestion. It is now definite that Mr. Bishop will be available, and he has just come up from Foochow to see if we can give definite advice with regard to his sending in his resignation to the Christian Herald Mission in New York. The Industrial Mission in New York is to send back Mr. Culver who was also Superintendent of the Mission in Foochow and who has been in America for the last three or four years speaking and raising money for the work. For personal reasons, Mr. Bishop decided sometime ago to leave the Christian Herald Mission here and our appointment of him will in no way be in competition with the Christian Herald, but in fact will be saving a person for China for very fine Christian service as Mr. Bishop has already demonstrated.

Mr. Bishop is about thirty-two years of age, a native of Georgia, and a graduate of Asbury College, Kentucky. After his graduation he served as a sort of director of student self-help work in the same college. At the age of seven he decided to become a missionary to China, and he has been convinced since he came to Foochow that his work is here.

You will notice that he is on the basis of a single person, but with two children in America. This is due to some exigencies in his family. His wife failed to join him and his work here, spiritually, even when they were both in Foochow, and now, physically, since her return to America three years ago. The case is clearly in favor of Mr. Bishop and nothing whatever against his character. Bishop John Gowdy knows the case very well, as well as Mr. McClure. Both are among his best personal friends.

Mr. Bishop's joining us will clearly help us in solving the problem of our additional man taking charge of our property in Foochow. Mr. Lin Chen Chi, our new Chemistry man is in Shanghai. We hope that he will be able to get a boat to Foochow, although he says he has been there for three weeks without being able to get passage. As soon as he arrives we shall release Dr. Willard J. Sutton with a view to his going back to America on special furlough to join his family as soon as he can get passage out.

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This appointment will eat up further our New York current appropriation which is already very meager, but this could not be avoided as the return of Dr. Sutton is so urgent. We shall, therefore, have to look forward to an increase in our Sustaining Fund request for the coming year. Please keep this in mind when you are preparing the final figures for our request for the campaign for the new year. We shall send you further information when we know definitely that Mr. Bishop has secured his resignation from the Christian Herald Mission.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ C. J. Lin

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of September 19 arrived here on November 21. We have discussed the matter of furnishing you with some information about the needs of a religious leader for the Christian Colleges in China at the present time. We now have the opinions of both the faculty and students. They greatly welcome a visit from a leader in this field, and we can certainly make good use of as much of his time as might be available for us.

You outlined three types of persons and asked for our preference. The general reaction here is that the personal equation is the larger factor. Professional training is only secondary. A person who is fully alive to the modern world situation, sympathetic with Chinese aspirations, and can present the message with effectiveness will help greatly in the worthy mission he is to undertake. A slight preference from the student group is to have an outstanding scientist who has a thoroughly Christian outlook. I am also inclined to think that a layman who is either a Professor of History, Economics, or Sociology, or a scientist in any of the natural or physical sciences fields would be more appealing to the youth of China than a preacher or theologian by profession.

We are not in a position yet to suggest the names of any particular persons. It would be quite a difficult problem to decide upon such a man at the present time in China, during this difficult period, but when we have discussed the matter more thoroughly and in greater detail and when we have specific names generally agreed upon I shall write you again. But on the whole, you would know best whom to send after you have learned the kind of needs we want to meet here. We are very sure that you will get the best person for this purpose.

Your third question is about the length of time and the time of the year our distinguished visitor should be in our place. Our summer vacations are from the last week of June to the first week of September. We have about two weeks between the last week of January and the second week of February. Our semester and annual examinations are usually held during the last two weeks of the semester. Besides these vacation times, any period will be convenient for us. But for the comfort in general for the person concerned and the facilities in travel, I would suggest that our visitor come sometime between the latter part of September and October. We should like to have as long

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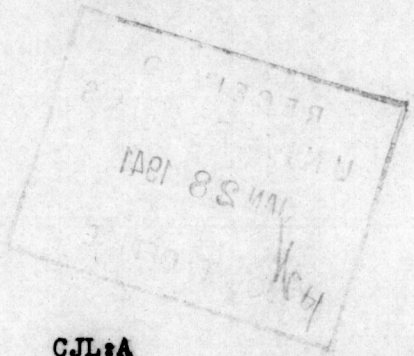
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a visit as possible, but if the time is limited ~~as one to two weeks~~ stay would be welcomed.

For your preliminary information I might suggest that the visitor come to us immediately after his arrival in Shanghai. The reason is that we are the nearest point of real free territory in China and the visitor should learn of the conditions here first, even without staying in Shanghai and meeting the group there. That city, as you know, is only semi-Chinese at best, and at the present time it is hard to describe what it is. Any impressions he receives there will be greatly distorted and will serve to handicap his contact with Chinese in "Free China". It is only a seven or eight hour bus trip between Hwa Nan College at Nanping and our university at Shaowu. The visitor will probably land somewhere near Foochow and proceed from Foochow to Nanping which is a day and night by launch. After visiting Hwa Nan he can come to Shaowu. From Shaowu he can go into the interior. We are on the main road leading to the interior, such as to Kweilin, Kunming, Chungking, and Chengtu by bus. He could then return to Shanghai from West China by air, via Hongkong. At Hongkong he would visit Lingnan, and then go on to Shanghai for the colleges there, and finally to Yenching in the North which is under Japanese control. It will take from two to three months of actual traveling in China, and he can, therefore, stay about two weeks or a month in each of the Christian Colleges, considering the Chengtu group as one unit and the Shanghai group as another.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin



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Dear Mr. Evans:

I am writing to report through you to our Trustees for the appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop on our staff. Mr. Bishop is at the present time, and has been for the past five years, the Superintendent of the Christian Herald Industrial Mission in Foochow. He has proved himself to be a very able manager and is good in all the industrial work such as printing, cabinet making, and mechanics. He has also done some house-building work. His character and ability are thoroughly respected by our staff here. It was with him in mind that the Board of Managers at its last annual meeting on October 12 authorized me to negotiate for a suitable person to take care of the Foochow campus of this university. As we had not worked out the details we did not mention the specific person, although a number of the Board of Managers have approved my suggestion. It is now definite that Mr. Bishop will be available, and he has just come up from Foochow to see if we can give definite advice with regard to his sending in his resignation to the Christian Herald Mission in New York. The Industrial Mission in New York is to send back Mr. Culver who was also Superintendent of the Mission in Foochow and who has been in America for the last three or four years speaking and raising money for the work. For personal reasons, Mr. Bishop decided sometime ago to leave the Christian Herald Mission here and our appointment of him will in no way be in competition with the Christian Herald, but in fact will be saving a person for China for very fine Christian service as Mr. Bishop has already demonstrated.

Mr. Bishop is about thirty-two years of age, a native of Georgia, and a graduate of Asbury College, Kentucky. After his graduation he served as a sort of director of student self-help work in the same college. At the age of seven he decided to become a missionary to China, and he has been convinced since he came to Foochow that his work is here.

You will notice that he is on the basis of a single person, but with two children in America. This is due to some exigencies in his family. His wife failed to join him and his work here spiritually even when they were both in Foochow, and now physically since her return to America three years ago. The case is clearly in favor of Mr. Bishop and nothing whatever against his

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character. Bishop John Gowdy knows the case very well, as well as Mr. McClure. Both are among his best personal friends.

Mr. Bishop's joining us will clearly help us in solving the problem of our additional man taking charge of our property in Foochow. Mr. Lin Chen Chi, our new Chemistry man is in Shanghai. We hope that he will be able to get a boat to Foochow, although he says he has been there for three weeks without being able to get passage. As soon as he arrives we shall release Dr. Willard J. Sutton with a view to his going back to America on special furlough to join his family as soon as he can get passage out. (8)

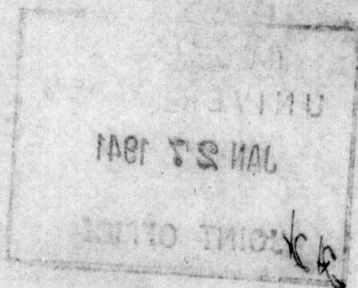
This appointment will eat up further our New York current appropriation which is already very meager, but this could not be avoided as the return of Dr. Sutton is so urgent. We shall, therefore, have to look forward to an increase in our Sustaining Fund request for the coming year. Please keep this in mind when you are preparing the final figures for our request for the campaign for the new year. We shall send you further information when we know definitely that Mr. Bishop has secured his resignation from the Christian Herald Mission.

Yours sincerely,

b. J. Lin.

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P.S. I am enclosing a copy of my letter to Mr. Bishop for your reference.



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

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I have your letter of September 28 which gives us the encouraging news of your success in your effort to raise our special Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund. We are very grateful to you for what you have been doing for Fukien Christian University and we shall try in every way possible to keep you in touch with our development here so that you can present our case intelligently to our friends in America.

I received your first leaflet for Fukien sometime ago. All of us here appreciate your good work. Now your Twenty-five Years of Accomplishment is out and we shall look forward to receiving more copies which we shall distribute to some of our interested friends here who read English. I think your presentation is very effective, and it gives us a lead in our publicity material which we are preparing in connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

We are now starting a campaign for scholarship endowment among our alumni in connection with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary to be held next February. Our object is to raise twenty-five scholarships of LC\$1000.00 each for tuition scholarships and five of LC\$3000.00 each all fee free scholarships, counting the annual rate of interest at about 8%, which is the normal rate we can get from reliable banks such as the Bank of China. The total amount aimed at, therefore, will be LC\$35,000.00. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of the individual subscription book which we are sending to each of the alumni this week. There is in preparation a small leaflet in English which we shall send to American friends on our mailing list sometime in January. Dr. W. J. Sutton and Dr. E. M. Stowe are working on both the writing of it and the pictures.

You will have heard by this time of the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy to our campus in Shaowu and the dedication of the Gowdy Memorial Library while they were here. Some of the pictures in that connection have been sent to Mr. Evans and you have no doubt seen them. We are asking Dr. Stowe to supply you constantly with whatever pictures we may take here of both our faculty and students which may be of use to you in your publicity work.

It is certainly fortunate that we have you, a native of Fukien, to be our field representative in America. You understand our situation and can feel our aspirations. Please let us know

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if in any way we can be of help to you in your work. Unfortunately, most of our regular publications, such as the Weekly Bulletin, are now in Chinese, which are not very useful to you, but we have been considering sending letters more often so as to keep you in touch with our work here.

We have heard that your parents have returned to Futsing. I hope I may see them in January when I go down to Foochow for the spring meeting of our Board of Managers on January 21. We are glad to have them back. We shall try to have them come up to visit us at Shaowu. Dr. Skinner who had been doing your father's work during the last year or so was here a week ago for a visit, and we greatly enjoyed having him. It is always an inspiration to have friends who are ^{so}loyal to Christian educational work, and whatever progress we have been able to make here at F.C.U. is due largely to the encouragement of many of our friends.

With kindest personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

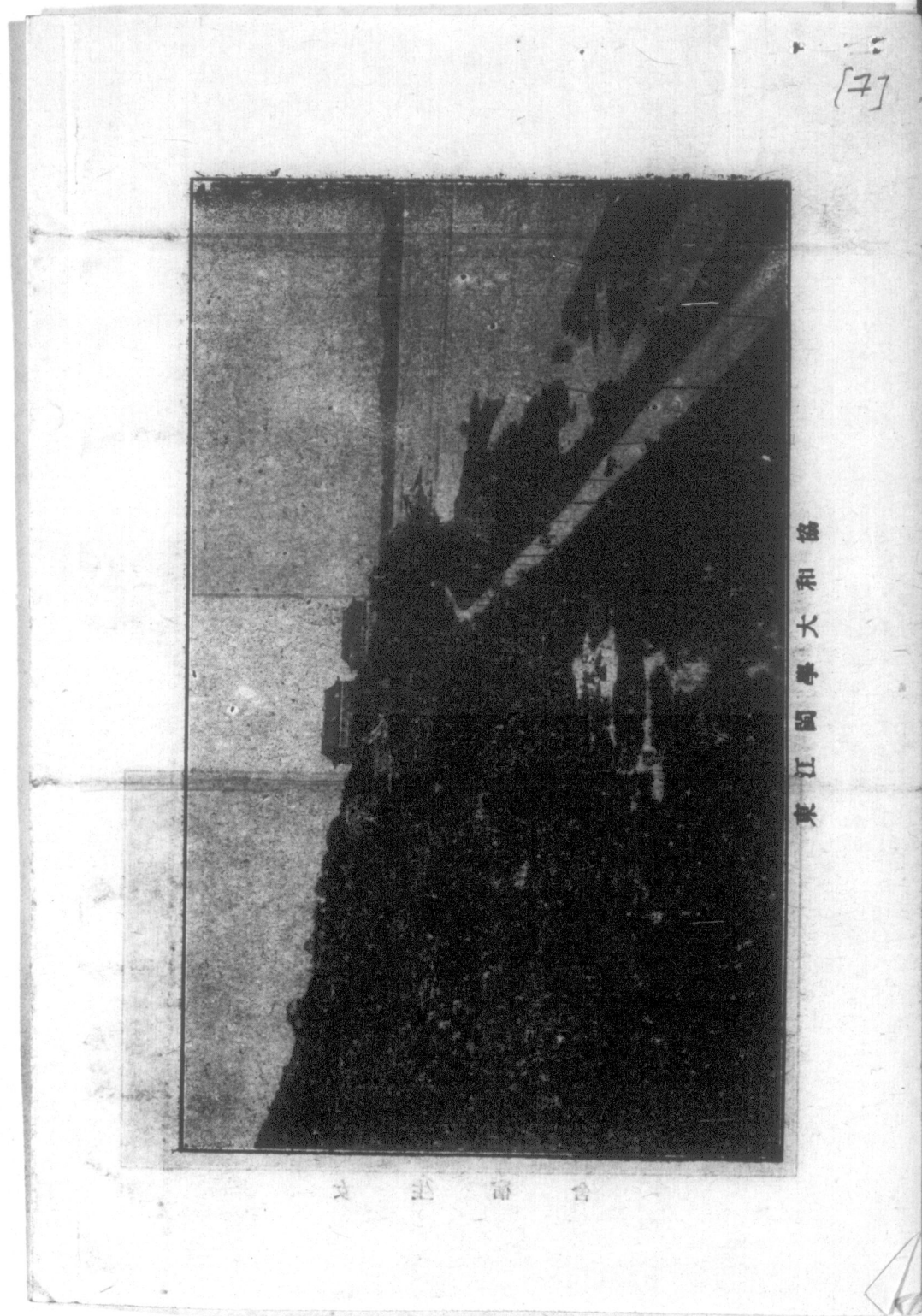
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一、爲紀念協大母校二十五週年校慶起見，特擬募集校友獎學金二十五名基金國幣三萬五千元，其名額分爲左列二種：

(一)免費學額二十名，每名基金國幣一千元。

(二)公費學額五名，每名基金國幣三千元。

二、本項獎學金基金募集委員會，由校友會及二十五週年校慶籌備委員會組織之。

三、凡捐款滿一千元者，即以其名爲該獎學金名稱(募滿二千元者同)。

四、凡在同一地方服務之校友募集一名或一名以上者，該項獎學金名稱，即由該地校友分會決定之。

五、捐款人姓名均由本會刊登徵信錄誌謝。

六、本項獎學金由校董會規定辦法保管之。

七、本項獎學金頒給辦法另定之。

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福建協和大學校友獎學金基金募集委員會

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蓋聞立國之本，首重樹人；廣學之方，貴求徧及。我協和大學創立以來，加意俊英，顧全寒賤；學成致用，頗不乏人。利國益羣，世所共覩。惟念國事多艱，需才尤衆；四方瘡痍，民力凋殘。後秀多無深造之機，當軸復有才難之嘆。爰即本校廿五年紀念之際，徵集校友廿五名獎學之金。擴充伊始，鼓舞攸資；藉此培才，兼以誌慶。凡我校友諸君，關懷母校，軫念宗邦，具有同心，當能竭力。所期解囊相助，共策成功。學子蒙休，邦家利賴，豈徒本校之幸，抑亦國家之幸也！

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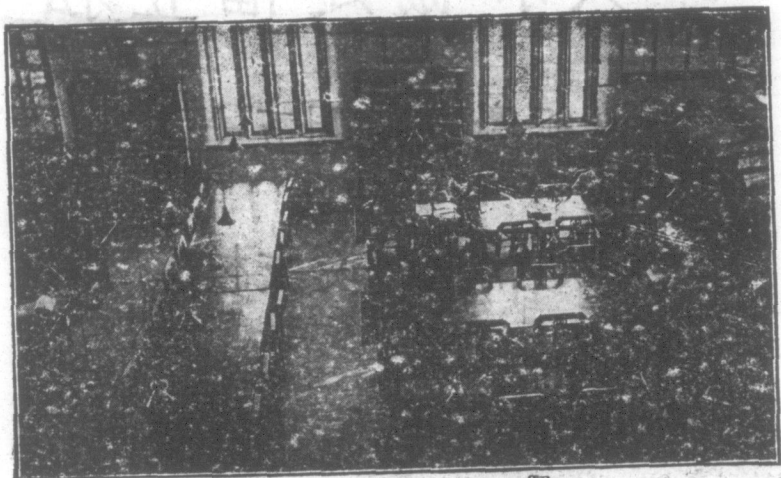


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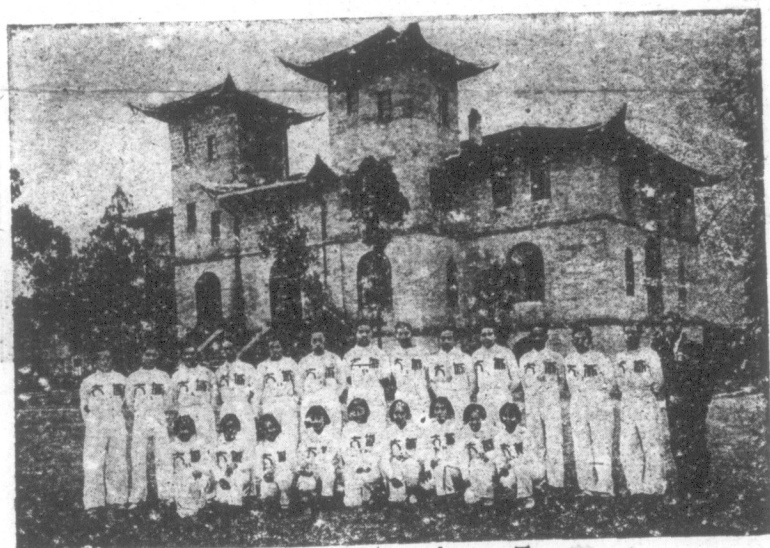
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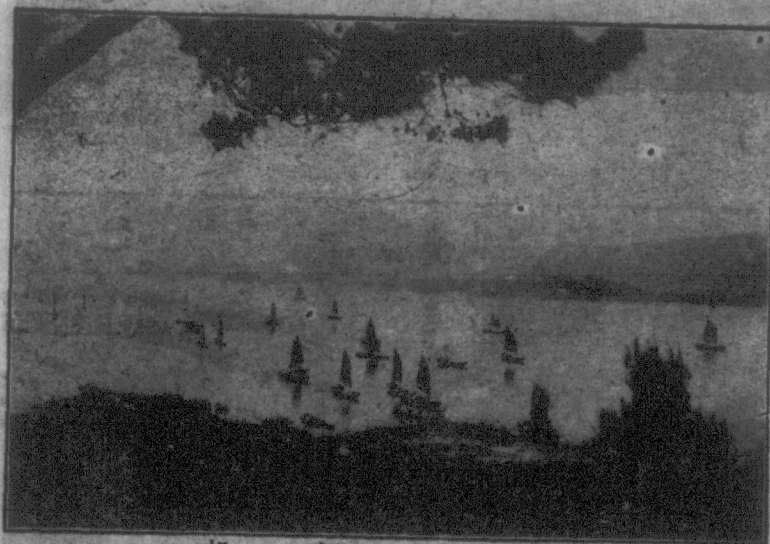
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December 14, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

As suggested in a recent letter, a calendar of reports has been prepared for use in connection with getting these reports to our New York office at the time when they need to be used. In sending out this calendar, we hope that it will prove helpful as a permanent schedule for such reports. The dates are the dates on which the reports should be mailed from China in order to reach us by the proper time. Here in New York we will have a calendar which will indicate when we need to send a reminder to you of each report, and this will be done so as to call attention to the calendar.

This may at first thought sound as though we are perhaps overdoing the reminding about the reports, but we have discovered that it is best to do the reminding before the reports are needed, rather than to depend upon cable requests as we have so frequently done in the past.

We know we can count on you for full cooperation in the handling of these reports, and any failure heretofore has been because of our neglect in not keeping the matter before you. This neglect on our part is the item which we are trying to avoid.

Sincerely yours,

J. F. Parker
Secretary

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Copy to: Miss Eva M. Asher

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

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**CALENDAR OF REPORTS
From
YENCHING CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY**

Report	Date to be Mailed from China
1. <u>Statistics for Annual Report</u>	July 15
2. <u>Annual Financial and Foundation Reports:-</u>	
(a) Report to the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York	July 15
(b) Field Treasurer's Report	August 1
(c) Harvard-Yenching Institute Report	August 1
(d) Report on Rockefeller Foundation Grant	August 1
3. <u>Scholarship Applications for the Following Year</u>	September 1
4. <u>Report by Cable on Opening Enrollment</u>	September 15
5. <u>Proposed Budget for the Coming Year</u>	February 15
6. <u>Report for Annual Meeting of Board in America</u>	March 1
7. <u>List of Staff Members to be on Furlough in America:-</u>	
(a) Preliminary	April 15
(b) Final Changes	July 1

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Dr. Frank T. Cartwright
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Cartwright:

Your letter of July 25 was somehow so delayed in coming that I did not receive it until December 18. I did not reply immediately because after Bishop Gowdy returned from Shanghai and talked with me about the difficulties of Mr. Kellogg finding work in America on account of his age, and the definite possibility of Mrs. Kellogg not returning with him, we agreed to have him come without Mrs. Kellogg, should he be willing to do that. The Bishop was to write to both you and Mrs. Kellogg about this, which I am sure he has done. I have since then written to both Mr. Kellogg and our Trustees informing them of our invitation under these new terms. Therefore, your letter of June 20 which reached us on September 29, did not need any reply, but during the last few weeks we have received two incidental remarks in letters from Mr. Evans to the effect that Mr. Kellogg had definitely decided not to return to China at all, which again raises a number of questions which I would like to submit to you for consideration.

First, if it is definite that Mr. Kellogg is not returning to us soon, we should like very much to have a replacement from the Methodist Board on our faculty. And we hope the replacement will be made as soon as possible, as Mr. Kellogg has already been away from the university work for more than a year.

Second, you asked me in one of your former letters what type of person we would like to have. In general, we need all types of persons as regards qualifications for teaching. All of our departments need to be greatly strengthened, and any one who is thoroughly trained for university work along any of the lines we are operating will be of great service. We need, for instance, a good Physics teacher who can also take care of the higher mathematics courses. We need a good teacher in Botany to help in our Biology Department. We need an Entomologist which would exactly fill the place left by Mr. Kellogg. We need a Chemistry man of any of the special lines - Organic, Physical, or Industrial Chemistry. We also need men in the departments of History, English Literature, Educational Psychology. But if possible, we would prefer to have some man for our agricultural work, and this might be placed at the top of all the needs listed above.

We have three departments in our Department of Agriculture: one in Agronomy, another in Horticulture, and a third in Agricultural Economics. Any one who is thoroughly trained in

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any of these departments will be of immediate help, as the agricultural work is the newest of our enterprise and we need persons who can be steadily at work. There is as yet no foreign member in our whole faculty of Agriculture with the exception of Dr. S. H. Leger who joined us this fall as a member of the Agricultural Economics Department, taking over a specific field of rural sociology and rural church service. A more specifically technical man in Plants or in Animal production, or in the specific science of agricultural economics will help greatly to put our agricultural work on a firmer basis.

You mentioned sometime ago that a new appointment would probably take some time as the proper candidate would have to be secured and then he would have to spend at least a year for preparation, such as language study, etc. The language study is not, however, absolutely necessary for teaching in a university, although it is very desirable. But if he did study language, one or possibly two years would be left without any help from the Methodist Board, and that length of time is quite important during this period of our urgent need, as you have already noticed that China is in rapid transformation and our university is not only trying to meet the increasing demands on our services, but we are trying to lead in giving proper directions in which the country should go. A further delay of one or two years means a great handicap on us just as the lack of teaching staff during the first two years of the war made our work tremendously difficult and probably caused us to lose a great many chances for really important service to our people. If you could find a missionary who has been in China before and who knows the language and customs, thus lessening the time of adjustment after arrival on the field, it would be best. We do not know of any ideal person to suggest, but from the list you have in your office you might find such a person. We do hope that in case Mr. Kellogg has definitely decided not to come a replacement can be made very quickly and that we may hear about it sometime during the spring before we plan specific courses and work for the fall term, 1941.

You asked me specifically in your letter of June 20 to what language school a new missionary should go for study. If he is specifically well prepared and qualified for teaching at the university no regular lessons in the Foochow dialect is necessary. For personal use he could pick up enough Foochow in his daily contacts and during vacation time. For Mandrin, the best is, of course, the Peiping Language School, but we here rather hesitate to suggest that our candidate go there to study because we would not want him to be first impressed by conditions in occupied territory where he would only see depressed Chinese spiritually and many other instances of the most undesirable side of life. Furthermore, the language he would pick up would not be according to the idioms of the new China. Neither would we recommend that he study in Shanghai where conditions are not at all normal even in the so-called normal times. The only alternative that I would suggest if the learning of the language is necessary is that he be provided with a teacher, which is not impossible, and study on our college campus where all of our meetings and contacts with students have for the last ten years always been in Mandrin.

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We appreciate your thought of our need and the continuous help which the Methodist Board has been giving to the university service. We know that both you and the Board will do your very best to help us in securing additional teaching help, especially during this time of our urgent need.

Yours sincerely,

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President.

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Christmas Celebration
Fukien Christian University, Shaowu
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1. Sale of Christmas Stars

For several years at Christmas time, students and faculty have expressed their desire to help others more needy by buying "Christmas Stars". Each student and faculty member will be given opportunity to contribute this way. The price is, as much as you feel you can give. The objects among which the funds are to be divided this year are these:

1. Aid to wounded soldiers in Shaowu
2. Contributions to Schools for the Blind, Foochow
4. Aid to Shaowu Home for the Poor
5. Gifts of food for those in Shaowu jail

2. Christmas Worship Service, East Gate Church, December 22
The Choir will present four special numbers

3. Christmas celebration for Sunday-school children, Sunday afternoon, December 22

4. Christmas celebration for F.C.U. Laborers, Monday evening, Dec. 23, 6:30.

5. Candlelight Carol Service
In the Chapel, 6:30 p.m., December 24

6. Christmas Community Dinner
11:15 a.m., December 25 on the campus
This continues our practice of last year when all students and faculty joined in a common dinner on the campus. There is this difference: this will be a "sweet-potato soft rice" dinner. This will express our desire to give, not receive. The saving from students funds will go into the Christmas star fund. Faculty and staff members will pay from 30 - 50 cents. Savings on these funds will go to the same purpose. While this is voluntary for all, it is hoped everyone will join this community dinner, faculty, F.C.U. students, middle school students and faculty, and all workers of the campus.

7. Christmas celebration for wounded soldiers
3:00 p.m., F.C.U. Campus, December 25
The Service Department of the Student Christian Association will provide a celebration for a number of wounded soldiers with a program, refreshments, and the like.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your two letters dated October 15 and 21, respectively. We appreciate your sympathy in our embarrassing financial situation. I believe you know as well as anybody the kind of struggle we have been carrying on for the last ten years. We never have enough financial resources in the sense of other educational institutions claiming for something to be added, but we are like one who never knows what is ahead in the next few days. We have greatly underpaid our faculty members and we have left many things undone which we should have done, but we have always been grateful for what we have had and I think that we can say that the fruits of our efforts compare favorably with other institutions which have much more money than we have. Nevertheless, we need additional resources and I hope you will be able to often impress this fact upon our Trustees as well as other friends who are interested in Christian higher education in Fukien.

We have been notified that Mr. Lin Chen Chi has arrived in Foochow, and we are expecting him to be in Shaowu before long. He will take Dr. Sutton's work in the Chemistry Department for the spring semester. We hope that Dr. Sutton will be able to secure suitable passage to return to America.

I have just written to Mr. Parker about the several votes in the Trustees minutes of October 1 which called for our attention and consideration here. I am sure Mr. Parker will share the letter with you. There are yet a number of our students who are studying in America and are in need of a little extra assistance. If the Associated Boards, or our own Board of Trustees, can help a little we would be glad. Mr. Li Yi Ying was on a fellowship at Dickinson College last year and is now at Pennsylvania State College. He is a very fine solid man and has been Instructor in Chemistry here for several years. Miss Huang Siu Chi is at Crozer Seminary, Chester, Pa. I am sure she is quite well taken care of by the Crozer authorities, but you might like to have some contact with her. She is one of our alumni medal students and has served several years as Student Secretary in the National Y.W.C.A. with a very fine record. She could help do some speaking work for the Associated Boards with good effects. One of our graduates, Tan Chih Jen, is the President of the Chinese Student Christian Association of Greater Boston, 56 Tyler Street, Boston. Any contacts or assistance you can extend to these people giving

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them an interest in the work which you are doing will be beneficial to them and possibly also to your office. They are all persons of considerable ability and leadership.

As I wrote you formerly, we are expecting the return of Dr. T.H.E. Chen and Mr. Cheng Chung Fu, both of the University of Southern California, this summer. We have not heard any further word about Dr. Lin Kung Hsiang of Cornell, but we hope that he is already on his way returning as you suggested since we authorized you to pay what was needed of \$100 extra towards his travel. We have since heard indirectly that Miss Chen I Hsuen of the American University, Washington, D. C., will not be able to come until in the summer, but we still hope she will be able to come and join us then. Perhaps a word of encouragement and reminder will help these people to feel more closely related to us.

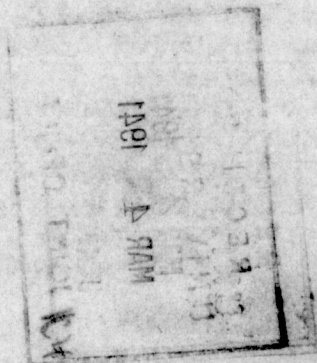
About the case of Professor C. R. Kellogg, I am sending you herewith a copy of my letter to Dr. Cartwright of the Methodist Board. We hope very much that Professor Kellogg will be willing to come as I wrote you under date of November 11, but in case he decides to stay in America we would appreciate it if you would help us to urge on the Methodist Board the importance of sending us a replacement as early as possible. Our need of additional teaching personnel is very great!

We have been thinking of our friends of Fukien during the Christmas season, and we remember you and your family who have steadily worked so faithfully for the cause of Christian education in China. Please accept our greetings for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin

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