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January 2, 1941

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

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Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of October 22 arrived here on December 24 together with a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Fukien Trustees on October 1, 1940. Both your letter and the minutes call for a reply from us on several questions, which we hope will be helpful for the further consideration of the Trustees.

1. In Vote T-1234 the Trustees authorized us to use \$100.00 of the 1939-40 Sustaining Fund of \$348.00 for photographic and moving pictures to help in our promotional and publicity work in America. We have a special committee for this work and shall send you the pictures we may take when we can secure the films. Our faculty Publicity Committee has been working steadily on this problem for the last few years and we have sent you from time to time a number of snapshots of the campus life and various scenes of F.C.U., although they may not have appealed to you people in New York; hence they seldom appear in any of the material your office sends out. Please let us know more specifically what kind of pictures would be more useful for your purpose so that we may have a better lead for our efforts. Both Dr. Garside and Mr. Evans will remember that I brought some moving pictures to America in 1934 and that they were shown in a number of places in the Associated Boards meetings. I believe there were two copies made of that picture. It is quite difficult now to get films, although Dr. Sutton has a movie camera, 16mm. We have to send the films to Shanghai to be developed and under strict censorship. But we shall try to use our best judgment and do what we can even before your instructions come. We may be able to take some pictures of real interest during our Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration. Dr. G. L. Downie took some motion pictures in connection with Bishop Gowdy's visit to Shaowu. If they turn out to be good, we shall try to get some duplicates made to send to you. His camera is an 8mm. size, but you would probably be able to enlarge the pictures if it is considered worthwhile to do that. Enclosed herewith you will find a copy of Professor R. Scott's news letter which we are sending out to a selected list of our friends abroad.

2. In Vote T-1235 you are asking our opinion as to the use of the US\$50,000.00 Anniversary Fund. You will remember that we wrote about a year ago suggesting that the Trustees raise an endowment fund of US\$250,000 from which we should be able to secure enough income to enable us to carry on our work on the present

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basis. This is a long range plan and is very necessary. Both our faculty and Board of Managers consider this very important, as our annual income can meet only about half of our regular annual expenses. We have been able to carry on partly on special gifts and partly by keeping our salary scale very low and leaving many things undone, both of which are very detrimental to a growing institution of higher education. We must at least be assured of the bare maintenance of the work we are now doing, hence the endowment is very essential.

The US\$50,000 Anniversary Fund is very welcome, for we shall need at least that amount for preparing for our return to Foochow, along three lines: Buildings, Equipment, Personnel. The enclosed list shows in a preliminary way our thought about this. You will readily notice that we are putting the cost of each of the items at the lowest possible minimum, taking the rate of exchange roughly at LC\$15 to US\$1. The building projects are not only necessary but imperative, because when we go back to Foochow there will not be enough accommodations for either our faculty or our students. The library space and class rooms will also be insufficient, and we have never had a covered gymnasium which is so much needed, nor a dining room of a more or less permanent nature for men. The same can be said with regard to our equipment. We have been using what we had, and during the last four years we have added almost nothing to our science laboratories, in spite of the great increase in faculty members and students. For instance, we have no microscopes or balances for the agricultural departments. They have been sharing what we have in the Chemistry and Biology departments. Instead of one or two students working on a set of experiments we have to have from four to eight working together. We do this only on the basis of emergency during war time, but we certainly would not be justified in doing so when peace returns. So we shall need at least a small amount for additional equipment. The electricity on our Foochow campus has been cut off for two years. We are about five miles from Foochow and the light has not been fully satisfactory for our needs. We have been thinking for many years of installing an electric plant for our own campus use so that it would be available when needed in the laboratories, as well as for the purpose of pumping water when the city power is off. I wrote Mr. Evans about the pending appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop as our General Manager on the Foochow campus during the emergency and preparing for starting some industrial courses in connection with our agricultural work. There is no budget for his salary. We are expecting Dr. Sutton to return to us for the Chemistry Department when conditions permit. Therefore, the appointment of Mr. Bishop will be additional. We would need about US\$12,000 to cover his salary, including furlough, ^{not} but his work, for a term of service.

T-1237 regards assistance to Mr. Yang Hsin Pao.

We consider that our "matching" the Trustees \$100 to Mr. Yang is not necessary. Besides the \$400 scholarship which the Associated Boards granted there is a match of \$100 from the Methodist Board so that Mr. Yang would have at least \$600 besides the scholarship given by the Iowa State College, whatever that might be, which I think would at least give him tuition free. To be sure, that amount is not too much,

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but judging from the standard of living in Iowa it would seem to be enough for the expenses of one person for nine months. The \$100 from the field would mean about LC\$1700 strain on our budget which is equivalent to the whole year's salary of a Lecturer. It would seem that by reasonable economy Mr. Yang would be able to get along without further assistance from us. We shall, however, advance monthly allowances to his family from January 1, 1941 - June 1941, the same amount which Mrs. Yang has received from us during the last two years, on the basis of a loan without interest. It is possible that Mr. Yang has sent some money to his family from America. A sum of \$15 - 20 would almost cover that item at the present rate of exchange. We are writing to Mr. Yang direct and will enclose a copy for your reference.

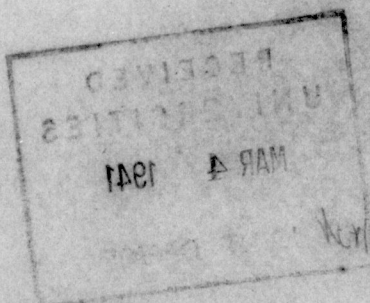
We are greatly interested in Mr. Yang and have the very highest respect for his services. We are glad for all the assistance he has been able to secure from the various sources during the last two years in America. We have made him a specific offer at the university in the fall of 1941, and we know that he will make valuable contributions to our work here.

When you have time we should be glad to know something about Mrs. Henry E. Cobb and to have her address. In T-1233 our Trustees voted to extend her an invitation to join our committee for promotional work, and if you approve we shall be glad to keep in touch with her so that she will know that we also appreciate her service to Fukien. We do not find her name on the Fukien mailing list.

Yours sincerely,

B. L. Lini

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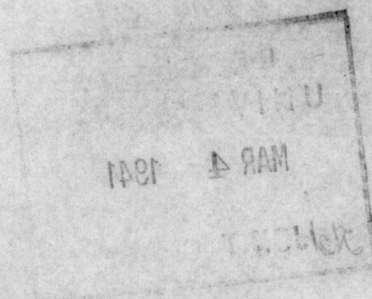
Suggested Uses for the Trustees Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund, US\$50,000
On the Foochow Campus

I. BUILDINGS

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| Library | LC\$150,000 | US\$ 10,000 |
| Agricultural Hall | 100,000 | 6,600 |
| Men's Dormitory | 50,000 | 3,400 |
| Women's Dormitory | 30,000 | 2,000 |
| Gymnasium | 15,000 | 1,000 |
| Dining Room | 15,000 | 1,000 |
| Faculty Apartment House for 16 families | 80,000 | <u>5,500</u> |
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II. EDUCATION

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| Chemistry | US\$3,500 | |
| Agricultural College. | 4,000 | |
| Physics | 3,500 | |
| Biology | 3,000 | |
| Electric Light Plant. | 4,000 | |
| Furniture for above educational buildings | <u>2,500</u> | <u>20,500</u> |
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(Dictated December 31)

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

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Dear Mr. Parker:

On December 24 we received your general letter to the Presidents of the China Colleges, dated November 1, 1940. We appreciate the general news you gave us and the fine Bulletin, Vol. VII, No. 1, you put out. I think the graphic illustrations are very effective. We all hope that your efforts for the Christian Colleges during the present year will be as successful as before, although you may face new difficulties. The Middle West in the U.S. has been giving most generously to missionary work in China. I understand that the Methodist enterprise, which is probably the largest in China, draws much support from that section. If the colleges can enter that field the future is very bright. The Christian friends there have long been educated for the Christian needs in China.

We have just finished our Christmas celebrations and are entering into the New Year season. Preceding Christmas day we had two weeks of special chapel services, one week on the meaning of "The Kingdom of God", and another week on "Whom do ye say that I am?" We had a special Christmas service in the church with our choir singing the Sunday before Christmas. On Christmas Eve we had our usual candlelight carol service which was much better than last year on account of the return of Mrs. Scott who so ably directs the choir of forty voices, made up of men and women. There was also a religious play given which was prepared by Miss Burr and translated into Chinese entitled "A Twentieth Century Lullaby". And the traditional early Christmas morning carolers did not disappoint us even in spite of a very cold rainy night. Both the college and high school students participated in this. They were out from about 2:30 - 5:00 a.m. Our general community Christmas dinner differed from that of last year in that while we had regular tables of food on the lawn, this year we served sweet potatoes and soft rice to about five hundred people. The money thus saved from the meal together with the sale of Christmas stars which we sell every year at this season make up this year's community chest for charity work. There were also a number of Christmas celebrations by smaller groups and student departmental clubs, so the season has been very prominent in the minds of all the people, not only on our campus but in the community near us. A number of projects are under way for the New Year season for mass education and general service to the community by the student body and faculty groups.

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We shall close our semester's work on January 26 and open again on February 1. We are now working on our new estimates for 1941-42 which I will take down to the Board of Managers meeting scheduled for January 21 in Foochow. We shall have a copy of it to send to you to be in time for your study and presentation to our Board of Trustees spring meeting.

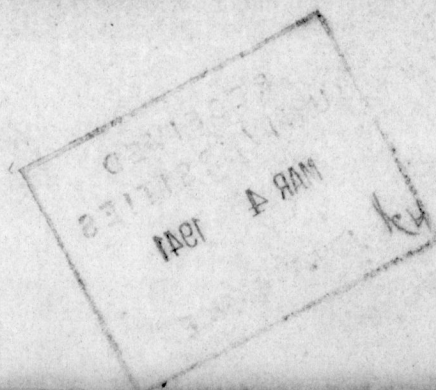
You mention in your letter a candidate for service in China in the person of Dr. (Miss) Woot Tsuen Ng, a graduate of Lingnan University who has done her graduate work at Pennsylvania State College. We would be interested in securing her services if you think she would be suitable for the position of Dean of Women as well as for teaching work. We are very urgently in need of a Dean of Women who can lead and guide our women students in character training and create for them a wholesome atmosphere in the dormitories and on the campus generally. We have tried for the last few years to find a suitable person in China, but have not succeeded. So if Dr. Woot, or other candidates for service in China with whom you may come in contact, appeals to you as being qualified for such work we should be glad for you to enter into negotiations with her for us. To our minds the first qualification would be strong Christian character with leadership ability. In addition to her duties as Dean of Women, we would expect her to give some courses, perhaps six hours a semester, or more. If Dr. Woot is interested in our proposition we should like to know what courses she would like to offer.

For a person of Dr. Woot's training we would offer \$230.00 Chinese Currency per month plus an additional \$30 per month as a special allowance to help with the present high cost of living. If she is in urgent need of aid towards traveling expenses to China we would contribute from US\$100 - 300, outright if she served for a term of six years, or on a proportionate basis according to the number of years served if for any reason she did not serve a full term.

Please urge any new people coming to leave America in time to get to Shaowu in the early part of September. Travel conditions between Shanghai and Foochow are far from ideal, but people who want to come in always find a way. Quite a few have made the trip this fall, and some ten or twelve people just recently. Whoever is leaving America for Foochow should be instructed to get in touch with Mr. Glenn V. Fuller, Associated Mission Treasurers, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, in Shanghai. He has assisted a number of people in getting passage to Foochow and knows quite well the conditions. We shall appreciate any help you people there can give us in finding a Dean of Women to be here for work in September of this year.

Yours sincerely,

G. J. Lin.



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January 13, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

I am writing again regarding the cable of November 14th
authorizing \$100.00 travel to Lin Keng-Hsiang and \$300.00 to Chen-i
Hsuen.

We will report on Lin Keng-Hsiang again, but have been un-
able to identify Chen-i Hsuen.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 1/14/41
c.s. via "President Monroe"

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Dept. Plant Pathology
Cornell University
Ithaca, N. Y.
Jan. 17, 1941

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Mr. C. A. Evans
180 Fifth Ave.
New York City

Dear Mr. Evans:

I have your letter of Jan. 15. President Lin of Fukien wrote me last year asking me to accept a teaching post in his university. In my reply to him I expressed my willingness to accept the job only if conditions permit after my graduation from Cornell. I had never signed a contract with him but I had been hoping that conditions would be such as to permit me to go to Fukien after my return and this is the reason why I applied for the Clergy Certificates last fall.

Since I am interested in citrus improvement project, I have asked President Lin to apply for a fund from the Fukien Government for me to study citrus diseases in California. He answered that he had sent in an application for me but the money has never been awarded as yet. In the mean time Lingnan, having a definite citrus improvement project and being as badly in need of a plant pathologist, has offered me a fund for the said purpose. From my standpoint it makes no difference whether I shall be working in Lingnan or in Fukien so long as I serve my country. Since Lingnan has given me this fund to enable me to study citrus diseases in Florida and California which I consider indispensable if I am going to work on citrus I therefore accept the job at Lingnan. As you probably know citrus is the main fruit crop in both Fukien and Kwantung provinces. Fukien undoubtedly is also focusing attentions on citrus improvement. But if I should be devoid of any training in citrus, what could I do even if I did go to Fukien.

Furthermore due to the war the communication between Fukien and the outside is very independable. A friend of mine finishing his work in Agronomy at Cornell went to Fukien last fall. He got to Hongkong but couldn't proceed any further. He had to return to Manila to join his family who were supposed to meet him in Hongkong if the conditions had been otherwise. Last week I received a letter from him. He said he had come back from Manila but was still waiting in Shanghai for a boat to go to Fukien knowing not when he will actually be able to come to Fukien. On the other hand one will have no trouble to get to Lingnan University since it is in the unblockaded area.

I know that Fukien Christian University has been looking for a plant pathologist for years. But due to lack of trained men in this field she has never been able to get one yet. I feel sorry that I couldn't fulfill her need at present. However, there is a woman here graduating from this department recently. She has her Ph.D. degree and is a very brilliant person. I had a preliminary talk with her about recommending her to Fukien. She seemed to be interested but as I am not authorized to anything, I have not been able to give her any definite information. There is another question and that is that she is an American. I have been hoping that some church might become interested in sending her over to Fukien as it is being done with many others. I shall write to President Lin about the case and see what he will say. Do you have any suggestion?

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I hope that this will answer your letter and that you will understand the situation. However, if you need any further information, I shall be glad to furnish them.

Very Sincerely yours,

/s/ Kung Hsiang Lin
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January 21, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

By cable you authorized us to advance \$100.00 to Kung Hsiang Lin at Cornell University. He was notified to this effect, but in the meantime had secured a gift through Lingnan University of US\$500.00 to complete his work in Citrus Research. We wrote to him for explicit reasons for this change, and he has replied, a copy of which letter we are enclosing herewith.

May I say that the Lingnan Office in New York has nothing to do with transaction, except the payment of the cash which was under instructions from the President in China.

Therefore, Dr. Kung Hsiang Lin will not go to Fukien.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Spring Meeting of the Board of Managers, Foochow
January 21, 1941

RELIGION WORK

I. OBJECT:

1. To deepen religious atmosphere in college life
2. To provide fields for better religious intelligence for general student body
3. To give preliminary background in a systematic course of study on college level for religious workers.

II. PLANS:

1. Provide subjects of study in the existing departments
 - a. History (1) History of Christianity
(2) History of Christian Thought
(3) History of Religions
 - b. Philosophy (4) Christian Ethics
(5) Philosophy of Religion
(6) Comparative Religion
 - c. Education (7) Religious Education
(8) Religious Psychology
 - d. Literature (9) Introduction to the New Testament
(10) Hebrew Literature
(11) Christian Literature
(12) Buddhist Literature
 - e. Religious Arts (13) Rural Church
(14) Religious Music
(15) Religious Drama
2. To consult with the Union Theological Seminary as to providing continuations and orientations for their graduates.
3. To consult the Chung Hua Sheng Kung Hwei (Anglican) Theological School re the possibility of cooperation.
4. To negotiate with Nanking Seminary for further work there by students who select the university's religious course.
5. Publication of a series of religion.

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Work in Religion

Plan II: Christian Middle Schools

I. OBJECT:

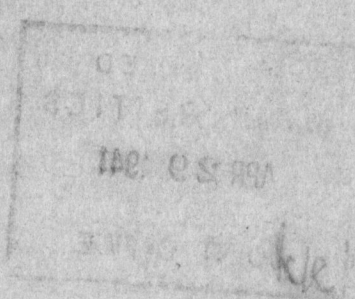
1. To render greater assistance to all the Christian Middle schools within reach.
2. To render help to Christian students in middle schools, and particularly to those going to college.
3. To help alumni securing religious preparation for work among youth.

II. METHODS:

1. Cooperation with the Fukien Christian Educational Association in making regular Religious Team visits, and by sending specialists in Religious Education to schools.
2. Offering special scholarships for school teachers to make work at the University. At present one for each affiliated schools each year.
3. Alumni continuation study fellowship on Religion, one each year at \$700.00

III. Plans:

1. To hold an Institute for religious teachers' works.
2. Teaching fellowships in middle schools.
3. Scholarships assigned to students with cooperation of middle school authorities.



January 24, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Attached hereto are the minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive and Promotional Committees of the Associated Boards held on December 30, 1940.

The principal item is that concerning the United China Campaign and refers entirely to promotional plans in the United States. The details of the plan are not included with this letter in order to save postage, but at such time as the final arrangements are made, any important items concerning the organization which will be of interest to you will be forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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Copy to: Miss Eva M. Asher

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

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January 31, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

I wish to acknowledge your three letters of December 6, 1940, which have arrived within the last few days. We have also received the copies of the publications and the catalogues in Chinese which you were good enough to forward to us. These will help us in any problems which may arise until such time as you are able to furnish us with similar material in English. Thank you very much for this helpful reply to our request.

The letter which concerns the possible visit of a religious leader for work in the various Colleges is being copied for the members of the committee who are dealing with this particular problem. We expect to have a meeting very shortly, and we hope that definite plans can be made for some one to go out next fall.

Sincerely yours,

J. S. Parker
Assistant Secretary

JIP:VW

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

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I don't need to proclaim my interest in the work you folks are doing out here. You know all about that. I am looking ahead to the future usefulness of that work, and to the increasing influence your organization may have in this province. My letter of Nov. 26 indicated the possibility of your having a part in the work of Fukien Christian University. The situation since then has developed beyond my expectations. I was afraid all the time that after what Mr. Bishop has gone thru under the hands of Miss Hartwell he would be unwilling to step down from the Industrial Works and give his time to the Orphanage. Then when more letters came from Miss H. urging the Chinese to kick him out of the orphanage, followed by your letter saying that Mr. Culver was coming back to the Industrial Works and would Mr. Bishop be willing to take the Orphanage, it was just too much, and Mr. Bishop answered the call of Pres. Lin to join the University staff. Then came your cablegram saying that Mr. Culver had resigned but it was too late for Mr. Bishop to back down.

The above paragraph states the facts. Now what can be done about it? Mr. Bishop has called your attention to the fact that the job is not big enough for two men of leadership capacity. (Only he put it more modestly than that.) There is plenty of work for even three men, but for only one leader. On the other hand there should be two men of capacity available on account of furloughs. That is one factor.

The fact that you folks were contemplating sending out Mr. Culver to do ~~de~~ cooperatives would indicate that you have funds sufficient to pay the salary of another man and also to expand the work. Assuming that to be true I make the following suggestion. Send out the second man, either Mr. Culver or a new man. Mr. Talbott is not up to the job of management. Let him the new man work into the job at the Industrial Works. Then instead of going into cooperatives direct, assign Mr. Bishop to the University with a suitable budget to do the work of helping train men and women of college grade to carry on this work of reconstruction and cooperatives in this province. The man at the head of the cooperative movement in this province, under the government is one of our graduates, and he has working with him quite a number of our graduates. This kind of work requires a high grade of person. The opportunity in this field is not only appealing but great. By keeping Mr. Bishop on your staff and assigning him to University you would not only be enlarging your work to a very appealing field, but would have an experienced man handy for consultation and to manage the Industrial Works during furlough time. I wish that I could make you folks fully realize what a valuable man Mr. Bishop has shown himself to be. And he is growing all the time. He is held in high esteem by both the missionary and the business community. In fact there is not another man in Foochow who is so universally liked.

As for the University, I have been its treasurer for eleven years now and I have full confidence in the work it is doing. I also have high hopes for its future. It is constantly growing in usefulness and influence. This year it is celebrating its twenty fifth anniversary and is working for a scholarship endowment - this in spite of the war. We have just received a telegram from the governor of the province promising \$120,000 towards this endowment. Last evening Pres. Lin told me that some merchants here in the city have subscribed \$15,000 and are working to make it a still

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larger figure. The students and faculty are also working to raise \$35,000. I mention this just to show the position of influence the University is building for itself. We are professedly a provincial institution and are working to build up the economic and spiritual resources of this province. To that end we feel that we are having considerable success.

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Foochow, China

February 8, 1941

Mrs. Irene Wilcox
Christian Herald
419 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

I am writing to suggest a plan of cooperation in Industrial Arts Education in China between the Christian Herald and the Fukien Christian University for your consideration.

The University was founded in 1915 by six Christian missions having work in the Province of Fukien at that time. It has a Board of Trustees in America which is incorporated in the State of New York. Its Board of Managers in China is registered with the Chinese National Government, now at Chungking. The University's work is divided into three colleges, namely, the College of Arts, the College of Sciences, and the College of Agriculture. It has an agricultural school of the senior high grade, and a primary school with a kindergarten. We grant B.A. and B.S. degrees which are recognized by the Ministry of Education in China and the Board of Regents of the State of New York.

Our curriculum has strong vocational emphasis. Besides those who enter into the Christian ministry and medical service, many of our graduates are teaching in the high schools and colleges in China and in the South Sea Islands. A good number are serving the public as directors and technical experts in raising and manufacturing some of Fukien's most famous products such as tea from the Bohea Hills, paper from bamboo, oil from pine roots, and porcelain from the Tehwa clay, etc. The most successful Government Bureau of Cooperatives is run by our graduates. There are about five jobs offered to every member of each graduating class during the last few years.

One of our immediate educational projects is the training of teachers in Industrial Arts for the secondary schools. According to the government regulations, all the high schools in this country should lay emphasis on manual education. But there is yet no proper place in this country for the training of qualified teachers. We plan to greatly enlarge our mechanic and wood work shops and to expand our farm product manufacturing experiment and rural extension service. We should also like to organize a university press for the publication of scientific and cultural literature prepared by our staff, alumnus, and students. These would provide additional facilities for laboratory training in practical experience and add opportunities for self-help to financially poor students. This plan will be the first of its kind in China. It is our belief that we shall be able, in a few years time, to help thousands of young men and women to live richer lives and to render greater service to their fellowmen.

We would, therefore, like to propose that the Christian Herald take a leading part in this enterprise by contributing the salary for Mr. Merlin A. Bishop at the University, and an annual work budget of U.S.\$3000.00. These two items will help establish a strong base for the new and urgently needed service in China. Details of our cooperation can be worked out to mutual satisfaction between yourself and our Board of Trustees in New York. I am asking our representative in America, Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell, to call on you in person, and answer any question you may like to ask about our work in Foochow. He will also be glad to report any suggestion you may care to make to our Trustees as well as to us here. Our Trustees' Office is at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Yours cordially,
/s/ C. J. Lin

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NOTE: See letter from Helen L. Thomas

February 14, 1961

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

Dear President Lin:

By way of adding a little color to the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Fund may I say that \$25.00 has been received from Misses Helen L. and Edith Thomas, sisters of Miss Danice Thomas, now at Fukien.

They were tempted to send it to the University, but decided to forward it to our office and same has been credited to the regular account.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/s

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, Fukien
February 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

I have written to our Trustees asking them to send you to see Mrs. Irene Wilcox of the Christian Herald Industrial Missions in China in New York about a possible cooperation between their Mission and our University in the work of Industrial Arts Education in Fukien. Mr. Evans has all my correspondence with regard to this matter.

The Christian Herald has done a splendid piece of work. By the new cooperation it will have a much larger field of service and the University will be enabled to carry forward its new educational program, and both together will make a greater contribution to China. You know well the Christian Herald work in Foochow, so I am sure you will be able to convince Mrs. Irene Wilcox in New York of the great opportunities that are facing us.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of the list of needs of F.C.U. which we worked out here recently. The exchange rate is figured there at one U.S. dollar for ten Chinese national currency. The building plan is to meet the need when we move back to the Foochow campus.

The Governor of Fukien has made a grant of \$120,000.00 toward our scholarship endowment fund. Other pledges to-date amount to about \$22,000.00. There is a good prospect of securing another \$50,000.00 in Foochow in the near future. Our object is to match the Trustees' campaign for a U.S. \$250,000.00 endowment as we proposed with our \$250,000.00 in Chinese currency raised in China before the 1941 is over.

Yours sincerely,

E. J. Lin

Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell
Field Representative
Fukien Christian University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, Fukien
February 16, 1941

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Yours sincerely,

B. J. Liu

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, Fukien
February 16, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

On Feb. 11, I sent you the following cablegram:

**FARLEY'S 1925 WILL NEVA BENEFICIARY ADMINISTRATOR.
FACULTY DEEPEST SYMPATHY. SUTTON LEAVING EIGHTEENTH.**

Your cablegram announcing Mr. Farley's death was retelegraphed to me from Shaowu. It was a great shock to all of us. Only a few days before that some of friends were talking about him. It was a loss to our cause. He lived a straight Christian life, and he was most loyal to China. Mrs. Farley will have some task to bring up those four fine children alone.

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Upon receiving the news we immediately moved his former cook out of his residence on the campus and sealed up the house. We found Mr. Farley's will dated 1925, in our safe. The American Consul in Foochow, Mr. Edward E. Rice, opened and read the will before Mr. Paul P. Wiant, Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Mission in Foochow, Mr. Robert W. McClure of the American Board Mission, Prof. W.J. Sutton and myself. The American Consul has now the original copy of the will. Mr. Rice has since asked Messrs. Wiant, McClure and Merlin A. Bishop to constitute a committee to prepare an inventory of Mr. Farley's possessions here.

If Mrs. Farley should be willing the University would be glad to buy over the museum and all other things in her house here such as books, piano, furniture, etc. Mr. Farley often made the statement that he intended to build his museum for the University. Please negotiate with Mrs. Farley about this, and report to our Trustees for their consideration. We shall send you more details when they are available.

We do not know what Mrs. Farley's address may be now. Please forward the enclosed letter to her for us, (after you have noted its content.) * mailed separately. *off*

Prof. W.J. Sutton is scheduled to leave the campus for the Shanghai ship tomorrow evening. The ship is supposed to leave on Feb. 18th. We have not heard about his passage to America. If he can not get an early sailing from Shanghai he plans to go down to Manila and take any possible boat from there to the United States.

Yours sincerely,

W. J. Sutton

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Fukien Christian University
Foochow, Fukien
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York City, N. Y.

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C. A. Evans

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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

One Hundred-fifty Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

February 17, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Your letter of December 6th is at hand informing us
of the appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop to the Fukien Staff.

This would appear to be a solution for the Fukien campus
and we trust it will work out happily.

Of course, this must be presented to the next meeting of
the Board of Trustees at which time action will be taken.

With every good wish, I am

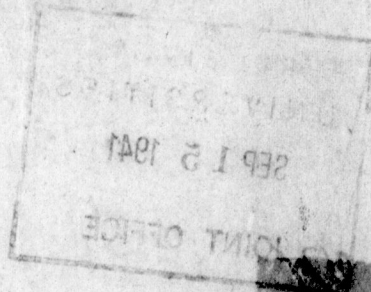
Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS

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



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February 17, 1941
Ack by Asher
4/26/41

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Your letter of November 11th was delayed greatly in transit and in addition to that more than a week has elapsed since I started investigations to answer the various questions raised. I think I have in hand sufficient information to make a partial report at least.

We should be very happy indeed to have your report made to the Board of Managers on October 12th. You are very far-sighted in not sending your Chinese version.

Professor C. R. Kellogg's Return. These items refer to the various actions in the meeting of October 12th and the one particularly in reference to Mr. Kellogg has been followed through with considerable care. Some time ago the Kelloggs decided against returning to China, and the Methodist Board agreed in principle with this decision. As he is too valuable a man to lose from the Missionary Enterprise, immediate steps were taken to place him elsewhere. At the present time, it seems quite possible that he and Mrs. Kellogg will find a place in Mexico where the Methodist Board is carrying on extensive work. As a matter of fact, this has practically been decided, although one cannot say that it is absolutely final.

The Revised Budget for 1940-41. We are grateful for these revised figures and hope that the situation will permit of your keeping within the proposed income. It certainly is a difficult situation. We are beset on all sides with similar stories of rising cost of commodities and the best we can do is to put further pressure from this end for more funds. It is hoped that a united campaign in the United States for China Relief will help toward this end.

Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant. We are amazed at this request after your having received this gift previously from the Rockefeller Foundation. The Foundation quite definitely made these grants through a request of the Associated Boards based upon the needs as set forth in the Emergency Budget. They were not considered on the basis of extra needs beyond those listed in the emergency askings. The Foundation is fully aware that this is a part of our objective for the year and it would be difficult indeed to explain this request to the Associated Boards or to the Fukien Board of Trustees. In every other instance, the gifts from The Rockefeller Foundation have been considered a part of the emergency askings from the various Colleges. At the proper time this request will be submitted to our Board, but I am confident that it will be futile as there are no other funds to replace those deducted as representing the Rockefeller gift.

Shaowu Property. We are greatly interested in the agreement drawn up with the American Board and have received the maps related thereto. The terms of the lease are indeed generous and it is fortunate that this property was available for the use of Fukien. I know it gives the personnel of the American Board great

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satisfaction to know that the plant is being used to such good purpose.

The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. Undoubtedly Miss Asher has told you the progress of raising funds for the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary -- the total cash in hand so far amounting to \$20,184.00. This, however, is in endowment and we question whether it will be possible to raise \$250,000.00 over the given period. Quite definitely it would not be possible at the present moment. Conditions may change and in that event every effort will be made to build up the resources of Fudan.

We are greatly concerned over the return of Dr. Sutton. We wish we could go into all of the details of this situation, but time does not permit.

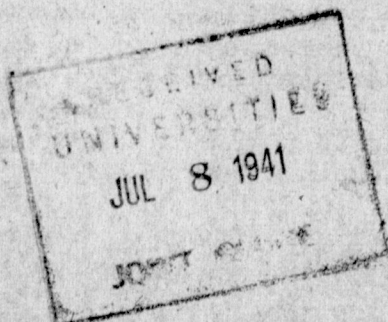
After the next meeting of the Board such action as is taken upon items involved will be reported back.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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



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Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

February 17, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

A short while ago a number of Trustees of Fukien University met in New York at the request of Dr. Elisseeff, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, who wished to present certain matters covering the work of the University in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies. Dr. Eric M. North, one of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, was also present at the meeting.

Dr. Elisseeff spoke at length and in detail, showing that the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees and officials were not satisfied with the way in which the work has been developing at Fukien. You have already received from Dr. Elisseeff a letter which reflects the gist of his feeling regarding the matter.

The urgency of Dr. Elisseeff's presentation was considered and the following actions were taken by the Fukien Board:-

"T-1238 VOTED that a cable be sent to President Lin, of sufficient length to clearly explain the problems in connection with the program of Chinese Cultural Studies, and to call for immediate consideration and action on the field."

"T-1239 VOTED that the cable should be followed by a careful letter to President Lin, and to selected members of the Board of Managers, explaining the need of immediate action."

The cable called for was sent and read as follows:-

"CONFERENCE FUKIEN TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES HARVARD YENCHING INSTITUTE INDICATES NECESSITY IMMEDIATE STRENGTHENING STAFF, LIBRARY FACILITIES, PROGRAM CHINESE CULTURAL STUDIES. LETTER FOLLOWS."

Dr. Elisseeff afterwards stated his point of view that the cable had not adequately reflected his attitude, and that an immediate step should be taken to assure the addition to the staff of an aggressive and well-qualified person to build up the department, to begin work not later than next September. The securing of such a person should be done in consultation with Dr. Hung of Yenching University. We promised Dr. Elisseeff that in writing to you, we would emphasize this point.

The Fukien Trustees were concerned that this problem should have very careful consideration by the administration and the Board of Managers on the field.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Also copy sent by regular mail,
via S.S. "Pres. Grant"
from San Francisco, Calif.

February 21, 1941

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Sometime ago we sent to you a suggested calendar for items which should be sent to the New York office during the year. At that time I promised to send reminders as each particular item comes due. I am writing now to call your attention to two of these matters.

1. Reports for the Annual Meetings of the Boards. The following annual meetings of the Boards will be held during the week of May 12: Associated Boards, Chaeloo University, Fukien Christian University, Ginling College, University of Nanking, West China Union University, Yenching University. Any reports which you wish to make to any of these meetings should be gotten off at once, so that they will reach us in time for preparation for the meetings and circulation to the members of the Boards with the agendas.

2. Lists of Faculty Members to be on Furlough this Coming Year. Will you please send us, so that we may receive it not later than the middle of June, a list of all faculty members, both Western and Chinese, who expect to be in America during the coming year, together with addresses where they may be reached? In the past we have found considerable difficulty in making up an accurate list of those who are in America on furlough, and your cooperation at this point will be very helpful.

Mr. Evans sent to you early in January a request for the budget for the year 1941-42. We hope that this has been forwarded, as the presentation for plans for next year at the annual meeting will depend very much upon the budgets sent in. The presentation of your needs for the coming year is a part of this budget and is necessary for the consideration of our plans for next year which must be acted upon at the annual meeting.

We will greatly appreciate your cooperation in all of the matters mentioned above.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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NOTE: See Minutes of Spring Meeting, Board of Managers, Fukien,

Jan. 21, 1941

Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

We have sent you during the last few weeks the minutes of the spring meeting of the Board of Managers held on January 21, 1941, a copy of my annual report for 1939-40, the budget for 1941-42, a program for the use of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Fund, US\$50,000, and the correspondence with regard to the departure of Dr. Sutton for America and the appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop of the Christian Herald Mission to our staff, together with a copy of some of our plans to be carried out after the Twenty-fifth Anniversary. It remains for me to add a few comments on the votes of the Manager's minutes for your reference.

1. Auditing. M-934. The auditing of the accounts for the fiscal year July 1, 1939 - June 30, 1940 has now been completed, and Miss Asher is sending you under separate cover a copy of the auditor's statement together with the Treasurer's Annual Report for the same period.

2. The Budget for 1941-42. M-935. As I wrote you before our estimates for the coming year can only be very approximate. The prices of things have been going up very rapidly, and today the prices of the most essential things of life, such as rice, etc., have gone up from five to ten times higher than a year ago. The tendency is still up, and quite rapidly too, due to the blockade as well as the shortage of foodstuffs which Fukien usually imports in normal times. There is no provision in our estimates for any increase in salaries or further emergency help to our staff members.

3. Religious Work and Program. M-940. Both the faculty and the Board of Managers consider it wise to work out a program of religious courses which will correlate with the seminary work which is being done by at least four institutions in the Province of Fukien and the regular B.D. course at the Nanking Theological Seminary. Our main emphasis will be, however, to provide a deeper religious understanding and spiritual life for our student body. This, of course, is still tentative depending a great deal on the availability of personnel. It is our hope that most of the courses listed can be offered in alternate years by our existing staff with some additional help. I have had preliminary conferences with the authorities of both the Union Training School of Foochow and the Anglican Seminary of the Fukien Synod as to possible cooperation between them and us with regard to the training of religious workers for this province.

4. Other Projects. M-941. Among the four additional projects as given in Appendices C, D, E, F, only D and E can be

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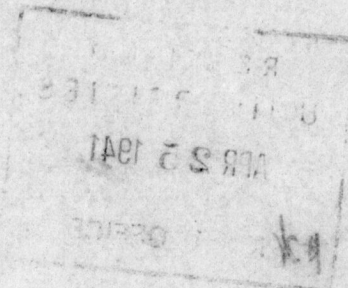
considered as new ones. Although we have done something along those lines during the past years, we have never grasped the opportunity of extending our influence specifically to the South Sea Islands. There are about 8,000,000 people in those regions including the Philippines, Java, Borneo, Siam, etc., Almost exactly half of those people are Fukienese. They still have their homes in this province, although they are real pioneers both in the cultural and commercial life there. We have, therefore, hopes for a closer cultural relationship between Fukien and the people there through the plans we are making. I have already written you about the Industrial Arts Education program in connection with our correspondence with the Christian Herald and the appointment of Mr. Merlin A. Bishop.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary. We are on the eve of our Anniversary celebration. Things are well under way for the happy occasion. The whole faculty and student body are busy getting the exhibition of their respective work in final shape for our guests and alumni. The Governor of Fukien and several additional leaders of the neighboring provinces will be coming tomorrow especially to attend our religious candle-light service tomorrow evening and the anniversary meeting the morning of February 28. Under separate cover we shall send you a complete set of our program and other publications of this occasion, in Chinese. We have prepared a small pamphlet in English which will also be ready, though it does not cover all that is put out in Chinese. We only wish that some of our Trustees could be here. We shall be thinking particularly of the Founders and their successors who are responsible for the work here as it exists now. We are all very grateful for what the university has been able to do, and we look forward to its greater service in the next quarter of a century.

Yours sincerely,

Ch. Lin.

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Cable Address:
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February 26, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my letter to Mr. Ballou with regard to the American Board Missionaries. I am sending a copy of it to Dr. Fairfield for his reference. We hope some of those people will be able to come.

Dr. Willard J. Sutton left Foochow with Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy on February 16 for San-tu, a port along the Northern part of Fukien Province. The boat was supposed to leave on February 20, so they should be in Shanghai before this time, although we have not received definite word from them to that effect. Dr. Sutton was planning to take the earliest boat from Shanghai. In case he could not get the "President Coolidge" which was due to reach Shanghai February 25, he would go to Hongkong or Manila and pick up the first possible boat from one of those places. Both the faculty and students and the Managers have the greatest admiration and affection for Dr. Sutton. A copy of the letter of appreciation of his services from Mr. Wiant, Secretary of the Board of Managers, has been sent to you for your reference. We hope that a happy arrangement can be made for his family and that he will be able to return for the fall of 1941.

Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy have left Foochow for good. They will be staying in Shanghai until the Central Asia Methodist Conference is over, sometime in the early part of April, and then they will go on to America. I know your friends there will get in touch with him. He is ready to help in the interest of Christian higher education in China in general and Fukien in particular. I believe he will be especially helpful in raising our endowment fund building projects from his old friends of whom he has many, and that it will not interfere in any way with the general plans of the Associated Boards. I know our Trustees will work out some plan that will make the fullest use of Bishop Gowdy's service after he arrives in America.

Please follow up the replacement by the Methodist Church of the vacancy left by the retention of Professor Kellogg in America. Bishop Gowdy at first thought he might be able to assign some of the Methodist educational missionaries from North China, but it was learned that the persons whom we considered qualified would prefer to return to America in case of definite orders to evacuate rather than to coming to another part of China. We are, therefore, left without

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any definite candidate to recommend, and it is our urgent request to have a replacement before long, possibly to be ready for service in the fall of 1941.

Lin Kung Hsiang. We have had word from Mr. Lin Kung Hsiang of Cornell University that he is lost to us by joining Lingnan as that institution was able to offer him US\$500 for investigation work in citrus fruit diseases in California. We hope that you will keep in close touch with Mr. Li Lai-Yung of Penn. State. He has repeatedly expressed his intention to return to us next fall. In his letter of November 28, 1940, which arrived here on February 13, after stating that he had received a message from your office with regard to returning in the spring and his inability to leave America until summer, he states:

"My research is coming along in fine shape. I should like very much to spend a month or two at either the California or Florida Experiment Station, to get acquainted with the ways the sub-tropical plant material (particularly fruits) is handled. I am positive that the extra training I get thereby will be of great value to my service in S. China afterwards. However, much depends on my funds as that additional stay will cost around \$100 - 150 U. S. Dollars. There is a possibility of loans but I wouldn't want to do it."

Will you please offer to Mr. Li the sum he may need for his further work before he returns to us. We shall be glad to be responsible for that from some readjustment in our budget. It is very important that we have him to strengthen our growing work in agriculture. There is a strong possibility that he will come for his wife is a Junior here, and too he himself expressed the desire to join F.C.U. before he went to America.

Yang Hsin Pao. A letter from Mr. Yang has just been forwarded to me by his wife, saying that he plans to stay in America another year, and that you have given him the assurance of further financial help for that. I wrote him last November asking him to return for work next fall; this is apparently his response, that he cannot complete the things he wants to do at the Iowa State College. If you friends there can arrange help for him without taking it from our budget we shall be glad to wait for him another year. There is also the problem of his family support. We are extending a loan of \$65 per month to his family until the end of June. We do not want to set the precedent of supporting our staff members' families for a number of years when there is no assurance of them fitting into our educational plans and needs.

Miss Julia Chen (Chen I Hsuen). We also hope that you will get in close touch with Miss Julia Chen of the American University, Brookland, Maryland. We have not yet heard from her definitely when she is coming. Our present Dean of Women is a very fine lady, but she does not like to carry the administrative work. We almost ask her to carry on term by term waiting for a suitable person to come and take her place. She is a good teacher of Psychology and has a fine

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personal influence upon the women students. If Miss Chen can come in time for the fall term it will strengthen our women's work a great deal. We have learned that she, in addition to being a good student, is quite an all-round person, good in music and other social qualities which will make her a good guide to the college women.

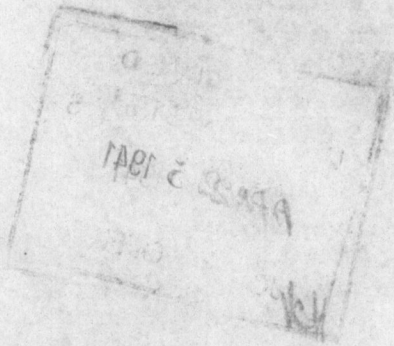
Revised List of Needs. Enclosed please find a revised list of needs. We hope our Trustees will present this for the approval of the Associated Boards, so that we can carry out this campaign in full measure in the United States as well as in China. An identical list of needs in Chinese has been printed for general circulation in China. As I reported to you in my letter from Foochow we have over forty all-free-fee scholarship endowment fund from the Governor of Fukien. The tuition scholarship and endowment fund amounts to about \$30,000 now and there is practically a pledge for a Chair in Animal Husbandry, \$50,000 Chinese Currency. We shall carry on the campaign in China to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1941. We hope that we shall be able to reach our objective of \$250,000 Chinese Currency. It is our hope that the Trustees will be able to raise \$250,000 in the United States during the next five years.

Reports and Minutes. We are asking that your office will please reproduce enough copies of our reports and minutes for the Board of Trustees and the secretaries of the cooperating boards. We do not have the proper facilities here for doing it, and too the postage rate is so high. It is almost impossible to get in additional foreign supplies. We shall appreciate what you can do to circulate the information among our friends.

Yours sincerely,

C. J. Lin.

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February 26, 1941

Mr. Earl H. Ballou
c/o Mr. Glenn V. Fuller
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai

Dear Mr. Ballou:

We have learned that there is a possibility of some of our friends from North China coming to Fukien, both to the Foochow and the Shaowu stations. I want to extend a very cordial welcome from Fukien Christian University to all who can come. We want to assure you that there is plenty of work to be done in connection with the church, educational, and medical work in these two stations of Fukien Province, and the university would be very glad to receive as many persons as you can possibly assign to us.

There will be no difficulty of housing accommodations for those who may come to work in connection with our Foochow campus, and we shall be too glad to undertake to provide the necessary accommodations for those who can come to Shaowu. The American Board kindly loaned us all of their vacant property when the university moved from Foochow. It was a great help to our work. All of the buildings are being used with great profit and we have since built a number of buildings ourselves either on mission land or new land that we have acquired. We are in the process of building several new faculty apartments for our staff members, and we can easily rearrange the buildings so as to furnish sufficient accommodations for the friends who come here.

Please assure your colleagues in the North that our invitation is a standing one and that they can come any time without previous notice. We shall be glad, of course, to be informed as soon as you know how many and who would be coming here, so that we can make more satisfactory arrangements for them. Travel between Shanghai and Foochow is fairly convenient. Mr. Fuller will be able to give you full information. From Foochow to Shaowu there is daily motor launch service for the first part of the trip, that is from Foochow to Yenping, which requires a day and a night. The launches have cabin accommodations and are fairly comfortable. There is a daily through express bus from Yenping to Shaowu, ^{which} requires from seven to eight hours. These details of travel can be taken care of by our people in Foochow and there will be no particular difficulty.

We do hope that some can come here even if the situation is not very tense in the North. Christian work here along all lines is growing rapidly and we need additional personnel very urgently. There are unprecedented opportunities, so your services will be greatly appreciated here.

With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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February 27, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Only within the past few days have we been in a position to answer your letter of November 11th.

We have previously written to you alluding to the impossibility of Dr. Lin Kung Hsiang being able to accept your offer for a position at Fukien. It might be well for you to have in hand a memorandum drawn by Mr. Wammsaker covering this situation. Previous to the writing of this memorandum I became convinced that the American office had nothing to do in approaching Dr. Lin and apparently the whole matter rested upon the advancing of US\$500.00 permitting Dr. Lin to continue his studies.

I am also enclosing copy of a memorandum which I am giving Mr. Wammsaker in connection with this situation and which should exonerate all here in New York from any complicity in the matter.

We are in communication with Miss Julia I. Hsien Chen who cannot leave America until next summer. We are assuming that you will be interested in having her come to China at that time and are acting accordingly.

Your inquiry regarding the salary and travel allowance for people going to Fukien has been a matter of discussion here in the office for some time. There have been times when it seemed that the Chinese members of your faculty were not adequately paid, but while saying that we have always been conscious of the limitations of the Fukien budget. Evidently, however, you have been required to pay more to secure the services of properly educated staff members.

These times, of course, set at naught all wisdom or conclusions regarding any set policy, and it would seem that loyalty and devotion play a major part in the attachment of faculty to an institution. You have had two cases within the last year where money considerations robbed you of well prepared staff members. I am not so sure in either case whether a much larger stipend would have been effectual. It would seem impossible for you to make comparisons with other institutions and set up a schedule of similar proportions. The location of Fukien has a very important bearing upon expenditures and living costs. It would seem, therefore, that you are in a better

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position to reach a conclusion. If I may add one further word, one of the Women's Colleges in Nanking now at Chengtu has had the lowest salary schedule of any of the Colleges, but they have been extremely fortunate in retaining their staff. Whether or not prevailing conditions are different is a matter of debate, but I am not so sure that Fukien has this difficulty after having secured the services of an individual.

With this letter we received accounts of the Dedication of the Library Memorial at Shaozu and are very grateful for having these documents before us.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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MESSAGE TO THE TRUSTEES

AMIDST the alarms, the sufferings, and the stern disciplines of a people in the double task of self-defense and nation-building, -

On this twenty-eighth day of February, 1941,

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Looks back upon the first quarter-century of its career, and sends this message of appreciation and gratitude to you as the representatives of the Founders:

FOR the broad vision with which, twenty-five years ago (1916), the Trustees set in motion the program of expansion toward a full-sized University, with adequate campus, buildings, equipment and faculty, -

FOR the superb courage with which, at a crucial moment (April, 1927), you committed the University to Chinese Administration thus making it one of the first Christian institutions to apply the new principle of national leadership in the Christian movement, -

FOR the steadfast support and encouragement with which, in another crisis (June, 1938), you endorsed the removal of the University to this border town and the present campus in Shaowu, -

FOR your persistent enthusiasm, confidence and unfailing support in the mission of Christian higher education for China in general, and for Fukien in particular, -

WE ADMIRE, WE THANK, WE HONOR YOUR

INSPIRED by this record of your loyal interest,

AND inspired by the success in our Anniversary Scholarship

WE dedicate ourselves to the great cause, and are proud to have a part, and

WE resolve to double our humble effort in the task of providing, through your continued guidance and cooperation, leaders who shall serve and build up the great Republic of China on Christian principles.

FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY: Board of Managers,
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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
Foochow, Shaowu, China

A LIST OF NEEDS

I Scholarship Endowment ^x

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| 50 Tuition Scholarships, each at | US\$ 100.00 |
| 25 All Fees Free Scholarships, each at..... | 300.00 |

II Professorship Endowment ^x

15 Professoral Chairs, each at.....US\$ 5,000.00

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| Agronomy | Forestry |
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| Animal Husbandry | Horticulture |
| Biology | Industrial Arts |
| Chemistry | Physics |
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| Chapel..... | US\$15,000.00 |
| Library..... | 15,000.00 |
| Agricultural Hall..... | 15,000.00 |
| Men's Dormitory..... | 3,000.00 |
| Women's Dormitory..... | 3,000.00 |
| Gymnasium..... | 2,000.00 |
| Men's Dining Room..... | 2,000.00 |
| Faculty Apartment House for 16 families, each at..... | 500.00 |

IV Equipment

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| Agriculture, 6 divisions each at..... | US\$ 1,000.00 |
| Biology, 4 divisions each at..... | 1,000.00 |
| Chemistry, 4 divisions each at..... | 1,000.00 |
| Physics, 4 divisions each at..... | 1,000.00 |

^x The donation is for capital endowment, only the interest to be used annually. Scholarship and equipment funds may be named after the donor.

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Copy also sent by regular mail via
S.S. "Pres. Coolidge" from San Francisco, Cal.

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

March 7, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

The attached letter covers the facts relating to the cable of February 13th, which referred to the work of the Harvard-Yenching Institute. The cable and letter were necessary in order to satisfy Dr. Elisseeff of the interest and concern of the Fukien Trustees.

In considering this special and particular problem, the Fukien Trustees were quite aware that it is only one of many difficult problems facing the University. The marvelous way in which you have steered the University through the perplexing dangers of the present emergency has challenged and won the admiration of every member of the Board of Trustees. They want you to know that they are sympathetically concerned to try and help you with any and all of these problems.

The situation presented by Dr. Elisseeff cannot be solved by any action here, since it concerns program and development on the field. It does have a very serious side for the Harvard-Yenching Institute can withdraw their grants if they feel that conditions are not met. While such a move was not openly threatened, there was an underlying implication of this danger. This fact is presented for we feel that you should be fully aware of it.

The answer of how to deal with the problem raised by Dr. Elisseeff will have to be suggested by you and the Board of Managers. The Trustees here believe thoroughly in your ability to find a satisfactory solution. In support of any presentation you may make to the Board of Managers, copies of the attached letter are being sent to the following persons:- Mr. James L. Ding, Bishop John Gowdy, Rev. Lin Yu Shu, Rev. R. W. McClure, Rev. William Van der Meer, Mr. Paul P. Wiant, Mr. Phillip S. S. Yu, Miss Eva M. Asher, and Dean Roderick Scott.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Also copy sent via regular mail -
S.S. "Pres. Coolidge" from San Francisco.

VIA CHINA CLIPPER

Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China

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

March 7, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

A short while ago a number of Trustees of Fukien University met in New York at the request of Dr. Elisseoff, Director of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, who wished to present certain matters covering the work of the University in the field of Chinese Cultural Studies. Dr. Eric M. North, one of the Trustees of the Harvard-Yenching Institute, was also present at the meeting.

Dr. Elisseoff spoke at length and in detail, showing that the Harvard-Yenching Institute Trustees and officials were not satisfied with the way in which the work has been developing at Fukien. You have already received from Dr. Elisseoff a letter which reflects the gist of his feeling regarding the matter.

The urgency of Dr. Elisseoff's presentation was considered and the following actions were taken by the Fukien Board:-

"T-1238 VOTED that a cable be sent to President Lin, of sufficient length to clearly explain the problems in connection with the program of Chinese Cultural Studies, and to call for immediate consideration and action on the field."

"T-1239 VOTED that the cable should be followed by a careful letter to President Lin, and to selected members of the Board of Managers, explaining the need of immediate action."

The cable called for was sent and read as follows:-

"CONFERENCE FUKIEN TRUSTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES HARVARD YENCHING INSTITUTE INDICATES NECESSITY IMMEDIATE STRENGTHENING STAFF, LIBRARY FACILITIES, PROGRAM CHINESE CULTURAL STUDIES. LETTER FOLLOWS."

Dr. Elisseoff afterwards stated his point of view that the cable had not adequately reflected his attitude, and that an immediate step should be taken to assure the addition to the staff of an aggressive and well-qualified person to build up the department, to begin work not later than next September. The securing of such a person should be done in consultation with Dr. Hung of Yenching University. We promised Dr. Elisseoff that in writing to you, we would emphasize this point.

The Fukien Trustees were concerned that this problem should have very careful consideration by the administration and the Board of Managers on the field.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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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:

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of my report to the Trustees on the conditions of the spring semester of the university at Shaowu. As I mentioned in the report, everything seems to point to the promise of a good semester of work. We are concerned about the rapid rise in the cost of living and our responsibility to help meet some of the most urgent needs of our faculty and staff members. The price of things have gone up from five to ten times in the last year. The rice Shaowu used to sell for less than \$5.00 per unit of 100 catties is now sold for more than \$30, and it is about \$150 in Foochow where quite a number of our staff members have a part of their families. Other essential articles for daily use have gone up about ten times. In the meantime, we have hardly increased the allowances 20%. You can see the disparity between the figures. We are at present even not able to hold the necessary workmen who can command much higher wages in public jobs. We, therefore, urgently request the Trustees at their next meeting to increase our estimated budget income for 1941-42 by at least one-third of the amount which was passed on by the Board of Managers under date of January 21. Conditions have changed considerably since we prepared those estimates.

A copy of my brief account and purpose of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration is also enclosed for your reference, and a copy of our anniversary message to the Trustees. Our English bulletin is probably ready now. It was printed in Foochow and will be sent out to our friends in America. We shall send you sufficient copies for use in the office. We are preparing in English a general account of the celebration, which we will send to you for distribution to the Trustees when it is ready.

Miss Asher has already written you with regard to the cablegram from your office concerning the attitude of the Harvard-Yenching Institute towards our Chinese Studies. We have been trying to do our best to strengthen our work, as you have already seen in our report on plans for strengthening our Chinese Studies both in Fukien and in connection with the South Sea Islands. We have established more than ten centers in the Province of Fukien for a cultural net in studying and collecting material which will be of significance to our work in Chinese. To date we have found over two hundred original manuscripts and out-of-print books which are of great value but not available in any form. Hand-copying of more than ten sets of those

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manuscripts has been completed and several will be reprinted. We have been much concerned about strengthening our teaching staff, as well as for research work, and we hope that the Harvard-Yenching Institute will let us send our men directly to America without going through Yenching. I think our case is much stronger now than before, as we understand that quite a few Yenching professors have evacuated to America or left for other parts of China. We shall make a careful study of the letter which you mentioned in your cablegram, and then write you again, when it comes.

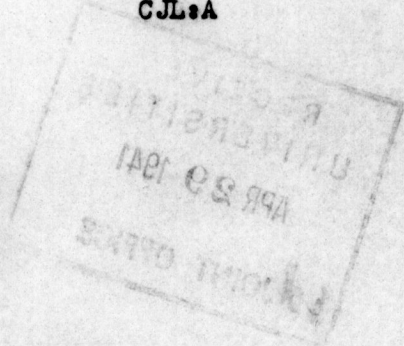
We have not heard from Dr. Sutton since he left Foochow. Our guess is though that he probably caught the "President Coolidge" on February 25. As I wrote you before we hope that he can manage to return to us ready for work in the fall of 1941. We are urgently in need of an additional man in our Chemistry Department to take care of the work in physical and industrial chemistry. If Dr. Sutton should be delayed, we hope your office with his help will look for some suitable Chinese student who is a specialist in that field and send him to us in time for the fall term. I shall appreciate hearing from you about this.

It may be of interest to the Trustees if you report in addition to what I wrote before that we are greatly strengthening our agricultural work by concentrating on the special farm products of this province. Our work on tea is probably one of the few such courses and experiments found in the whole of China. We have a good man in the citrus fruit field who has found a good location of more than 200 mou of land near our rice farm for a fruit orchard, providing adequate material for our students in that field. Our work in rural reconstruction under the direction of the Department of Agricultural Economics is well under way. These are some of the fruits of our efforts for general reconstruction during the war, and I am sure they will provide a good foundation for our future development.

Yours sincerely,

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To the Trustees and Managers:

I am reporting to you the conditions of the university during the first month of the spring semester, beginning February 10, 1941.

1. Students. The spring semester opened its classes on February 10. The faculty decided to refuse a new class on account of the congestion in the dormitory and the lack of teaching personnel. The total enrollment for the semester is now 235, men 184, women 51. This is still a little too large for our present building accommodations. We hope to increase ^{our} housing provision so that we shall be able to take care of a student body of over 300 in the fall of 1941.

2. Faculty and Instruction. There has been only a very slight movement of faculty members. Professor Willard J. Sutton left Foochow on February 16 for America. Mr. Lin Chen Chi arrived with his family in January and is now taking care of the Chemistry courses left by Professor Sutton. Mr. Merlin A. Bishop took up his work with us on February 1. A new Assistant Professor has been added to the Horticulture Department in the person of Mr. Ku Hua Sun. Mr. Ku has been on the teaching staff of the National Chekiang University, and is a special student on tea culture and manufacturing. As the Fukien tea is the best known to the world we are glad to have this field of our agricultural service in the hands of such an authority. Courses offered by the other faculty members are mostly continuations of the fall semester.

3. The Twenty-fifth Anniversary Celebration. The big event of the new semester has been the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the university. Four major meetings were held in commemorating this occasion. The first one was the candle-light carol worship service on the evening of February 27, symbolizing the outgoing of light from the university through the alumni and students to the public. The anniversary meeting on the morning of the 28th was attended by the representative of the highest authorities of the five southeastern provinces, the Governor and the Commissioner of Education of Fukien Province, alumni, and friends. A third public meeting was held in the evening of the same day, the main feature of which was a dramatic presentation by the students. The last general meeting was a worship service of thanksgiving. The alumni held additional conferences both for their own group and with the students and faculty. We published three bulletins in connection with the celebration, one describing the work of the university in general; another by the students expressing their sentiments of love and loyalty, and third, a brief bulletin in English. It is gratifying to notice that the university has so many sincere friends and loyal supporters as was revealed by their enthusiastic participation in the celebration in spite of the pouring rain throughout the entire period, and in their generous response to our campaign for a \$250,000 Anniversary Fund.

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One of the special features of the celebration was the exhibition of our work by each of the ten departments of the university. It was not only valuable for social education for the public at large, but it was a revelation to our own faculty, alumni, and students to see the quantity and quality of our present educational resources. Most of the specimens and instruments have been collected and made since we moved to Shaowu. They show both the ingenuity, effort and creativity of our faculty and students.

4. Building Projects. We are pushing forward as rapidly as we can the building accommodations to meet the steady growth of the university. A building to be used as a chapel and an extension to the library was started in December. It will have two stories, the upper story to be used exclusively for religious services and the ground floor for the extension of the library reading room. This building has mud walls strengthened with brick pillars. A wooden frame infirmary is being built, and the ground is now cleared for two more faculty apartments each to accommodate four families. A plan is also under way to increase the men's dormitory space so as to accommodate 120 additional students. Another building for general Agriculture and Horticulture laboratories and offices is in the process of being built. All of these latter buildings are to be of wooden frame. With our own sawmill in operation we hope to have them ready for use in the fall of 1941.

5. Campus Policy. While doing all we can to meet the growing needs of the university on our new campus, a plan has been submitted to the Trustees for providing adequate accommodations for the university when we shall move back to our Foochow campus. The thought is to use the temporary buildings which we have built at Shaowu together with those which can still be loaned to us by the American Board Mission for the Agricultural High School and a part of our agricultural program in North Fukien. The Arts and Science colleges will do their main work in Foochow because of the better equipment down there. It is with this in mind that our building and agricultural programs in Shaowu are being formulated and carried out.

We are just completing the first month of the spring semester. The general spirit of both the faculty and students is high. Everything indicates that we shall have a fine year of work. The only disturbing factor is the increase in the cost of living, and the consequent hardships on the staff members and the students. The administration would strongly recommend that the estimated budget income for 1941-42 passed by the Board of Managers on January 21, and which we have submitted to the Trustees, should be increased by at least one-third.

Ching-Jun Lin

President

Shaowu, Fukien
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THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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Fukien Christian university celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the institution on February 28, 1941. The purpose was to commemorate the farsightedness and fruitful effort of the Founders who saw the need for Christian higher education for Fukien as early as 1911. Six missions, three American and three British, then working in Fukien, cooperated in this plan. After five years of preliminary planning and with a promised contribution of \$2,500 silver, the college was opened in February, 1916, on rented premises without any equipment in the science departments or in the library. But with deep faith and confident hope those pioneers kept the college going, and made steady progress, in spite of the meager material resources at their command. Their courage and persistency remain as a source of inspiration to those who are continuing their work.

The second purpose was to critically examine the present work. There are now three faculties, namely, Arts, Science, and Agriculture, with ten departments, staffed by fifty instructors. During the last twenty-five years over a thousand students have passed through the college gates, over four hundred of whom completed the whole course. About one hundred persons have participated in the work as teachers or staff members, many of whom have remained here a considerable length of time to make their effective contribution in teaching, research and guidance to the young people. Their record has been recognized by society at large. Among the graduates, most of them are scattered in Fukien and other provinces, and in the South Sea Islands. About 57% of them are engaged in educational and cultural work, 16% in business, agriculture and industrial work, 12% in public service, and about 11% in medical and other walks of life. They have won for themselves and their Alma Mater good reputations for being loyal, steadfast, and responsible for the work they are entrusted to do. But the university is still far short of realizing the hopes which should be expected of a

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university. The students who are sent out can meet only a very small part of the needs of the nation. We are conscious of our weaknesses, and the celebration served to set the needs in sharper relief and to challenge creative efforts of the staff and the student body to work for the university's greater and more valuable contributions to the Church and society.

Thirdly, this university is on the southeastern front of national defense. China is in the fourth year of the war, and the day for final victory is drawing nearer. How to promote national culture so as to advance the spirit of unity, thus increasing the morale of the nation in its war of resistance against aggression and how to employ our science studies for aid in the preservation of our national life as well as to increase production to meet the needs of the people, are some of the more urgent tasks which any institution of higher learning should tackle. In the meanwhile, we are building a new nation in war. There should be no slackness in a university in its higher studies of science, its re-examination and adaptation of the existing culture, the expansion of educational service, and the training of leaders of noble character. Special assistance should be given to promising young people. It is our hope that not only the managers, faculty, and students of the university who should apply greater effort to meet these new needs, but that all the friends of the institution will participate in an increasing measure the great task that is before us in the next twenty-five years.

And finally, it was to make the celebration an occasion for the formal beginning and the first report of the financial campaign for scholarship and educational endowment. Higher education takes comparatively a longer time, and many a promising youth owing to the limited financial resources of his family cannot afford it. The scholarship

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endowment is to make available the kind of education this university gives to those who deserve it. Equality in higher educational opportunities is a guarantee for the progress of a nation and is a necessary condition for true democratic leadership. Furthermore, it costs a great deal to maintain a university. Although there is a fairly good foundation in personnel and equipment in the present three faculties of the university, there are many places which urgently need strengthening. Our educational endowment movement is to establish a new source which will help to conserve the work we have started and to make possible our new educational program. We are especially grateful to our Trustees and friends and to the Governor of Fukien Province that the campaign has nearly reached nine-tenths of its goal.

The celebration reminds us that this university in Fukien should grow to be more Christian in character and ^{furnish} better educational service to meet the needs of the new China. With the continuous prayers and support of its friends, Fukien Christian University looks forward to a very bright future.

C. J. Lin
President

Shaowu, Fukien

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March 11, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Parker:

Your letter of October 24 was two months on the way. I presented the proposition you made, namely, the strengthening of our religious work, to both our faculty for study and discussion and to our Board of Managers at the spring meeting held in Foochow on January 21. We have already sent to your office a copy of the plan in that field, but I am enclosing a copy for your convenience. It remains for me here to supplement the information contained therein on a few questions you have raised in connection with that work.

1. Budget of our Work in Religion. We never had a formal Department of Religion. Religious courses were given in former years as required subjects for the general student body, and later were given under the Departments of Philosophy and Education. We have been doing that during the last few years. It is, therefore, difficult to give a specific amount of budget for the work. We have a special committee on Religious Activities elected by the faculty for the guidance and coordination of religious work for the whole community. And also Bible study classes have been organized, chapel and Sunday services arranged, and special occasions are observed under the auspices of the various fields in charge, such as music at Christmas and Easter, the Dramatic Club in the case of religious plays, or evangelistic work and social service by the Student Christian Association under the division of Rural Service. We feel that we can realize better results by carrying on Religious Education within and through all of the existing departments of work and with the cooperation of the faculty members and the student body. It may be too vague to say that a large part of our budget is, therefore, spent on religious education if we take that in a broad sense of our whole educational program at the university, but it is quite hard for us to give a specific amount for that particular purpose.

2. Supplementing Departmental budgets. You ask us for possible needs to supplement our budget. We need additional income to carry out the program as outlined in our plan for religious work. We need at least two more teachers, one a specialist in Biblical Literature and one in Church History and the History of Religion. If the Trustees cannot secure additional missionaries from the cooperating boards for this purpose, we shall have to look for Chinese personnel in those two fields. In that case, an annual budget of NC\$5000 for

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for each will be needed for salary, and for the first two or three years \$5000 for departmental expenses, making a total of \$15,000 per year in National Currency, which at the present rate of exchange US\$1,000 would make it possible for us to carry out the program for the time being.

3. Student Body. We are making a careful plan to secure the cooperation of the secondary schools with regard to their recommendations for students to our college. We are sending a commission of two or three members of our staff to visit a number of the Christian high schools both in Fukien and in the neighboring provinces of Chekiang and Kiangsi during this present semester. We have secured a contribution from the Governor of Fukien for forty all-free scholarships which we can use as well as the other scholarships we are receiving in connection with our Twenty-fifth Anniversary Campaign, to help promising Christian students from the schools to come to us, and to maintain Christian student leaders on our campus. We shall take the matter up carefully with the authorities of the various schools, and I believe we shall have their cooperation.

4. Cooperation with Seminaries. I held interviews with the authorities of the Union Theological Seminary and the Anglican Theological College in Foochow when I was there last month. They are in favor of a closer cooperation with our university for the training of religious workers. They say, however, that no practical steps can be taken at the present time or in the near future, as both of those schools are located in Foochow and their work is not recognized by the government, as they are not registered institutions, and their credits could not be recognized. But they rather recommend what we are trying to do at the university.

Yours sincerely,

G. J. Lin.

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P.S.. I also wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of December 14, which arrived on Feb. 7. In this letter you sent us a calendar of reports which I am sure will be helpful to us in getting out the material on time. We shall do our best to cooperate with your office in these matters. I think so far this year we are up-to-date.

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

Dear President Lin:

I wish to acknowledge your letters of January 2nd.

In the first of these, you raised the question of approaching Miss Woot Tausen Ng as a possible Dean of Women. I am taking this matter up, at once, with those who know Dr. Woot and will report to you just as soon as we have been able to determine her particular qualifications for this position. She is, of course, in school in western Pennsylvania which makes it difficult for her to have any direct conference with us, but there are some people here in New York who know her personally, and we will be able to get some information about her from them.

Your letter also included a number of news items which were of considerable interest. We are always glad to have these, as it keeps us in touch with your situation.

The other letter refers in detail to actions of the Trustees. We note what you say about the securing of pictures, and we are glad that a special committee is working at this problem. I know we can count on your cooperation in doing the best that you can under the very difficult circumstances.

Thank you for your suggestions about the use of the Anniversary Fund. These will be presented to the Trustees for their consideration. There is no question but what there will be plenty of places that this money can be used to great advantage.

I cannot answer in detail regarding Mr. Yang Hsin Pao. We will have to explore this a bit further before attempting to discuss the details at any length. A letter from Mr. Yang, recently, indicated that he hoped he might be able to continue studies for another year, and we are, therefore, wondering if he has received the offer which you mention as having been made to him for the Fall of 1941. I am writing to Mr. Yang to find out whether he has received your letter of January 2nd. If he has not, I will see that a copy is sent on to him immediately, or press for an immediate answer to you regarding the offer included therein.

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You ask for the address of Mrs. Henry E. Cobb who was invited to join the Committee on Promotion. For a number of reasons it does not seem wise, as yet, to carry out the action of the Committee in regard to this invitation, so perhaps we had better wait before having anything come to her from the field until the matter is cleared up a bit more than at the present time.

Dr. Scott's news letter was of great interest, and we were very happy, indeed, to have it.

The Annual Meeting of the Associated Boards and Fukien Christian University will be held during the week of May 5 this year. This is a bit early, but the multiplicity of meetings in that month make it necessary for us to hold ours during that week. We hope that any matters which should come to the Trustees at that time will have been sent in ample time to reach us for preparation for the meeting.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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

Dear President Lin:

I am taking occasion to answer your letter of December 31st which, in some instances, has been taken care of in other ways.

If there is one institution in China which shares more in our deep concern and sympathy, as well as our appreciation for its accomplishment, I do not know where it is. We are proud of Yenching and what it has done. Lingnan has carried on magnificently under very trying circumstances. West China Union University is an outstanding example of what can be achieved in union work on the frontier of the Chinese border. Nanking has its rich program for agricultural work, and we could go through the whole list of our Colleges citing various attributes applicable to each one. However, we always return to Fukien in the knowledge that it possesses an appeal distinctively its own. The fine Christian spirit, the loyalty to all of its tradition, the solidarity of its purpose all contribute toward clothing the institution with a beautiful background. Those who have gone before you have sown the seed well, but you have done fine work in the sowing and cultivation.

We are looking forward to Dr. Sutton's return, as he should be reaching the West Coast within a day or two.

I know you will be interested in a letter from Mrs. Farley, a paragraph of which I quote herewith:-

"As I wrote you before the doctors were unable to diagnose Mr. Farley's illness. They were trying to build him up so that they could operate the following week to determine what the trouble was. But bronchial pneumonia set in very suddenly, his heart gave out, he was too weak to fight any more and in about an hour's time he took an unexpected turn for the worse and slipped away without ever realizing that his life's work was over. The autopsy revealed that it was cancer of the pancreas with other organs involved and nothing could have been done for him, so it was a blessing that he was relieved from his intense suffering without the additional suffering of an operation which could not have helped him."

The foregoing gives you the situation in very brief form. Mrs. Farley has a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation until June 30th to complete some of the work which Mr. Farley had nearly finished. After that, it will be a matter of new adjustment. The question of the family possessions in Fukien has been raised and after some further consideration by the Board, it is possible that we will get in touch with you seeking your judgment.

President Lin

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Mr. Parker has conferred with me about your letter covering scholarships and, I presume, he will be writing you on this subject.

We are glad to have the information regarding students in the United States and will make a special effort to get in touch with them.

I also appreciate the copy of the letter written to Dr. Cartwright regarding the return of Professor Kellogg. I believe, we have previously informed you of the impossibility of his return to China in the near future. Presumably Dr. Cartwright will write you as well.

Before this letter reaches you you will have heard that Dr. Lin Kung Hsiang of Cornell is returning to Lingnan rather than Peking.

We have been in touch with Miss Chen I. Hsuan of Washington and are collaborating with her in securing reservations for her return to China.

We are up to our ears in the program involving the United China Relief which we hope will answer the question of securing income for the balance of this year and possibly 1941-42. Detailed announcements will be made at an early date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 3/15/41

c.c. via "President Coolidge" - 3/16/41

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

Dear President Lin:

At a recent meeting of our Committee on Scholarships, consideration was given to your application for help for Mr. Chin Yun-min. The Committee was ready to make a grant of \$300.00 for use for the year 1941-42, providing tuition scholarship help could be obtained in some school which has a thorough-going course in Library Administration.

We have not been able to discover this tuition scholarship and we would, therefore, be inclined to advise that Mr. Chin look forward to coming to America in the year 1942-43. We will continue to try to secure the tuition scholarship necessary, but it is almost impossible to get it for the year 1941-42.

It is our hope to secure the amount for the year 1942-43 in ample time for full arrangements to be made. However, in case anything should come up which would make a place available for him in September, 1941, we will inform you by cable.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

JIP:VN

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

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March 19, 1941

ACK by Asher
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Dr. C. J. Lin
Fukien Christian University
Shawu, CHINA

Dear Dr. Lin:

I have before me your letter of February 18th, together with copies of correspondence to Mrs. Irene Wileux of the Christian Herald and to Mr. Oliver J. Caldwell.

Your previous communication indicated that Mr. Bishop was being employed by the University and we were presenting same to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting. This recent correspondence places a much different emphasis upon the whole situation, which presents a problem for more serious consideration.

It would appear as though you are in the process of adding an industrial department including a printing establishment. This is a major proposition, and having had five years' experience in the Orient in the practical management of such an organization, I can testify to some of the headaches which can be developed in such a situation. However, it is not for me to influence the Board in any way, and your statement will be presented without prejudice.

Quite naturally, we cannot approve Mr. Caldwell approaching the Christian Herald without approval from the Trustees. The natural approach to the Christian Herald, of course, would be through Dr. Peling, and personally I would not have made the advances until a clearer picture had been gained of the whole situation from the United States. Surely the Trustees would not desire to take any steps toward organic cooperation without a very thorough investigation.

I have known of this project for many years and have never considered it as representing a very stable venture. It is dependent entirely upon voluntary contributions in America and there have been times when the leadership has not been all that could be desired. The letter which Mr. McClure has written indicates that there are some difficulties involved in the present situation.

The Board of Trustees will meet during the week of May 5th and subsequent thereto you will hear more on this subject.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

via air mail to Pacific Coast
"President Coolidge"

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March 27, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

We have been much pleased lately to have received several letters from you, and we are particularly impressed by the fact that in spite of all the manifold handicaps arising from war conditions, you have succeeded in raising a very substantial sum of money in China in connection with the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the University. Your success is inspiring to all of us.

I am deeply interested in helping F.C.U. to get stronger financial backing. However, I was quite surprised to discover that there seems to be some misunderstanding concerning the amount of money we are endeavoring to raise for the Anniversary Fund. I have discussed your letter with various people in the office, and we are agreed that the goal set by the Trustees was \$50,000, to be made available over a period of five years. You will soon hear from Mr. Evans in regard to the official attitude of the Board concerning the various suggestions contained in your letter.

I was much interested in your account of the negotiations for the amalgamation of the work of the Christian Herald enterprise with the University. This matter has been turned over to Mr. Evans, and you will no doubt be hearing from him regarding this also.

We have found many of the pictures which you have sent us very useful. A number of them have been used in our general publicity program, not only for F.C.U., but for all of the Christian Colleges in China. We are looking forward to receiving any of your pictures which may be available. We are particularly interested in securing pictures which illustrate the daily lives and activities of students and staff members. Action pictures are almost always better than any which can be posed.

I wonder if you have heard of the new campaign in this country to raise \$5,000,000 for relief enterprises in China before July 31. Dr. Garside has left us for the time being to become the Executive Director of United China Relief, of which this organization is now a component part.

It is my belief that the letters which you send out from your office to friends in this country are of great value in our promotional program. The F.C.U. mailing list is qualitatively excellent, and one of the principal reasons must lie in the cultivation which you carry on from year to year.

It is a great pleasure for me to have an opportunity to feel that I am sharing in some small way in the life of F.C.U.

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell

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April 5, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Attached hereto are the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on February 27. A number of items herein do not call for special note. However, you will be interested in the development of the program of the United China Relief. In votes E-1161 and E-1162 you will see how closely related to this work is our own program. Mr. Garside has been given leave of absence in order to direct the United China Relief campaign and is, therefore, for the time being, not available for any of the work in our office. Votes E-1165 and E-1166 indicate the steps which have been taken to take care of the readjustments in the offices of the Associated Boards.

Also attached is the official schedule of the annual meetings of the Associated Boards and several of the individual Boards of Trustees. This, of course, will be reaching you too late for any messages which you may wish to send to the annual meetings, but notice was sent out sometime ago regarding such reports and you no doubt have already sent these to us.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Secretary

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Copy to: Miss Eva M. Asher

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

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April 11, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am referring back to your letter in which you discussed the plans of Mr. Yang Hsin-pao and particularly in reference to the offer for his return next year. Quite naturally, we have corresponded with him on this subject, as we agree with you that in all of these instances there should be clear understanding with the field and with our office.

Mr. Yang has intimated that there is correspondence with the field covering a request for another year of study in America before returning to China. It is possible that this letter was lost in transit and that you are not familiar with his desire. I believe you know the terms upon which funds are granted for scholarships which requires full authorization of the field before a candidate can receive further consideration of our committee here in America. That, of course, is one reason why he had hoped to hear from the field regarding his request.

However, after scrutinizing every possible source of support, we can find no chance of giving him anything from any funds here in America unless it is from those held by Fukien for the field budget.

Mr. Yang wishes to remain at Iowa State College where there is a small tuition scholarship, but there are many other factors to be considered. With that in mind, we asked Mr. Yang to give us a schedule of his financial needs, and he has submitted same to us for consideration. The fact is that, aside from his scholarship, he will need US\$900. for maintenance, travel to China, and support of his family in China. He is quite optimistic in the hope that friends here in America will secure this amount, but I am sure you are familiar enough with this sort of effort to realize that it is a very unstable situation, especially now under prevailing conditions with the United China Relief program going out to seek funds from every available source. I am sure he will find it very hard, indeed.

I wonder if we could clarify this situation by finding answers for the following questions. Let us put them briefly:-

1. Has the field approved the plan for Mr. Yang to remain in America for another year or more? If so, how long?
2. What financial help, if any, is Fukien able to grant Mr. Yang during 1941-42:-
 - a. For his maintenance here in America
 - b. For his family in China
 - c. For his return trip to China

If memory serves us correctly, the support of his family from the University will

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be discontinued at the end of June, 1941.

We would very much like to adjust this whole situation, and, with your help which we hope will be forthcoming by return mail, trust that it can be worked out. Possibly you might write to Mr. Yang directly at: 210 Ash Avenue, Ames, Iowa, and send us a copy of the letter. It ought to be done without delay.

Mr. Yang has done remarkably well. He is a very valuable man; Fukien should conserve him. We would like to do much more than is possible as we believe in him so thoroughly.

Most sincerely,

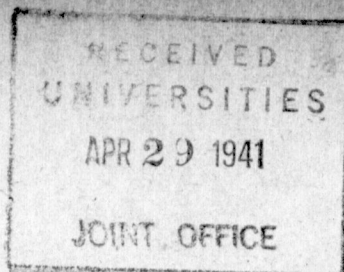
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Secretary

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April 23, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

We are in the midst of a publicity movement with the hope of securing large sums, although totally inadequate for relief in China. United China Relief, Inc. is the organization carrying the burden of publicity and, above all things, they need information and assistance.

I am in receipt of a communication from Dr. B. A. Carside, Executive Director of United China Relief, urging us to ask the foreign members of the staff in our China Colleges to write as many letters as possible telling of the situation and needs in their particular locations, and sending such letters where they will get the widest attention here in America. This also applies to Chinese staff members who have friends in America, and the request is that special attention be given on focusing this work during the next few months. Such letters should be informative as to conditions and needs, not only in the institutions themselves but in the surrounding areas. It might be helpful also if some of these letters were sent to home town editors and other places here in America where they would get the widest distribution and publicity.

If anyone finds it difficult to write to a large group, our office shall be glad to receive such letters and mimeograph them, and mail to such lists which may be submitted to us by individual staff members. SPEED IS IMPORTANT.

Mr. Henry R. Luse, a member of the Campaign Committee for United China Relief, Inc., and his wife will leave on the Clipper which will carry this letter to those in Southern and Western China. They will endeavor to obtain last-minute information for campaign purposes, but the intimate everyday contacts of you good people is necessary to give the right flavor to publicity. Please keep your constituency well informed.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS,
Acting Executive Secretary and
Associate Treasurer.

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Via China Clipper - 4/26/41
c.c. via "President Cleveland" - 5/1/41

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April 29, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am acknowledging your letter of March 11th which came to hand this morning enclosing a copy of your Annual Report which is being prepared for the Board of Trustees next week. We will also note the account of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary celebration which will be presented at the meeting.

We note the comments regarding the Hartford-Yenching situation and have a certain sympathetic feeling with Fukien in its problem to conform to the desires of Dr. Elisseoff. There is no recourse, however, but to do everything possible to meet the requirements as set forth by the Institute. As that is the sole ground upon which the appropriations are made, lacking reports or an adherence to the program, would open the way for a complete cancellation of the appropriation. This is said in all seriousness, as it is entirely within the province of the Institute to declare any one of our participating units as not conforming to the provisions of the Institute and to distribute the income otherwise. I am saying that this is possible, if any university does not conform to the desires of the Institute. I know, however, that you are making very definite efforts to meet these conditions, and I am conscious that some whom you have endeavored to secure have gone elsewhere. I was not at all backward in bringing this to Dr. Elisseoff's attention, although there seems to be an attitude of endeavoring to please him rather than to justify prevailing conditions. By that I mean the making of promises for the future rather than giving a realistic picture of prevailing conditions.

I am writing this totally in confidence to you, and quite naturally it is of benefit to all of us for us to play along with the Institute in every possible way. I have avoided, of course, putting anything in writing which could be construed as unfavorable to the Institute, and I am sure that you feel likewise.

Dr. Sutton did make the "Coelidge" and arrived in Los Angeles on March 16th. He spent about two weeks on the West Coast and then came directly east and spent a week with his family. A very serious dental development kept him confined to the house of that entire week and it was only a week ago that I had the pleasure of seeing him together with Mrs. Sutton. We had lunch together and he promises to attend our annual meetings which begin next week. We will keep in touch with Dr. Sutton and notify you what the chances are of his return. At present they seem to be very remote. In this connection, we will also cooperate in an effort to secure a Chinese to strengthen the Chemistry Department.

It is of deep interest to us to hear further of the agricultural work in Fukien. That work must go on, as out of it will grow a most valuable service

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for the Chinese people in the reconstruction period.

We will write you further after meetings next week.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Confidential Report to President Lin

by Mr. Bishop

May 7, 1941

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

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

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

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

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

When I arrived on the campus, I found the staff and workmen very much frightened but somewhat relieved by my arrival. I immediately had a meeting of the staff and organized things, giving each man something to do. Until that time there had not been much trouble with thieves but knowing what Foochow was having, I was

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expecting it, so prepared. Consequently, as far as I know, we have not had anything taken, although several attempts were made.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

Also copy sent by regular mail-
via S.S. "Pres. Coolidge"
from San Francisco, Calif.

May 15, 1941

ACK by Asher
6/26/41

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

Yesterday we received your cablegram sent on May 13 concerning Miss Huang Siu-chi. Unfortunately, the cablegram has two or three words in it which apparently had been garbled in transmission, which makes it difficult for us to be sure of the entire meaning of the cable. However, we have been able to determine sufficiently the message to notify Miss Huang that you are expecting her to return to China this summer to teach at the University, and that the University will pay up to \$250 for travel expense.

I quote hereunder the wording of the cable as we received it:-

"INFORM HUANGSIUCHI CROZER RETURN MANY TEN DEACH PCV PAY
TRAVEL DOLLARS 250 REQUEST DOLLARS 1000 RELIEF STUDENTS
FROM NEWLY OCCUPIED TERRITORY."

Will you please let us know what the original form of the cable was, so that we may further interpret the uncertain words? The three words that are underlined are the ones on which we need some further light.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Cable Address:
Hsiho, Foochow

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SHAOWU, CHINA.

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Treasurer's Office
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May 15, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

On May 13 we sent you the following cable:

"Inform Huangsiuchi Crozer return marry Tan Teach
FCU Pay travel \$250 Request \$1000 relief students
from newly occupied territory."

Miss Huang Siu Chi is now studying at Crozer Seminary. We wrote you about her sometime ago. She served as a Student Secretary of the National Y.W.C.A. before she went to America. She is engaged to Dr. Tan San Wei of our Education Department, but was planning to accept a job with the Y.W.W.W. before returning to Fukien. Dr. Tan now thinks it would be better to have her come back this summer, and we would offer her a teaching job here for the first year at least. We shall settle the travel expenses, US\$250, which we authorized you to pay her in the same way we are planning to do with Miss Julia Chen whom we also expect to return this summer. We shall be glad to hear from you as soon as you know the sailing date of these two ladies.

Miss Asher has already written you about the recent occupation of Foochow and other coastal cities in Fukien and Chekiang by the Japanese and its effect on our students and staff members who are cut off from their families and relatives. A number of students are already asking us to help them financially for their daily needs, and the next two or three months will be even worse as we still have no communication with those newly occupied areas. Altogether there will be about 100 students so affected, and we shall need \$100.00 Chinese Currency for each to carry them through the summer. Other students are also coming here, including the graduating classes of Foochow College and Wen Shan Girls School, both of the American Board Mission. We have, therefore, requested for a possible emergency fund of US\$1000.00 to meet these unexpected needs. We do hope that you will be able to secure what you can towards this urgent need either from the United China Relief Fund or some special friends who are interested in this work.

We have not heard from Teddy Chen about returning. We understand that Mr. Cheng Chung Fu, also of the University of Southern California, was planning to return this summer, but no word has come from him. We hope that you will be able to find out from them definitely when they expect to come and let us know. There would be no serious difficulty in getting to Shaowu even at the present time. There are boats running to South Fukien, such as Kulangsu, near Amoy, from which place there are small boats to the mainland. Or one can surely get to Fukien by way of Hongkong from where there are boats to Fookshingou, and air service to a point in the northern part of Kwangtung, near the southern border of Fukien where connection with bus lines can be made to come to Shaowu. Of course, it would not be advisable to bring too much baggage.

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We have heard about the arrival of Dr. W. J. Sutton in America and hope that his family affairs are improving. If it is at all possible, we would be glad to have him come back this fall or next spring. We are in urgent need of additional teachers in our Chemistry Department. Bishop Gowdy might be in America by this time. He will inform our Trustees, and particularly Dr. Hill, that Dr. W. Y. Chen, formerly Dean of our Arts College, has been elected Bishop of the Methodist Church and assigned to West China.

Your air mail letter of March 19 mentioned the question of our appointment of Mr. Bishop. There are really two separate things. One is our employment of Mr. Bishop after he had resigned from the Christian Herald Industrial Mission to take Dr. Sutton's place on the Foochow campus. We are especially glad that that was done before the occupation of Foochow. The other question is our proposed approach to Mrs. Irene Wilcox, the executive of the Christian Herald Magazine, suggesting that they support Mr. Bishop at our place, as we learned that they had recently received a large legacy for Industrial Arts work in Foochow. This has nothing to do with the taking over of their printing department, orphanage, etc. I think our Trustees will agree that we need to have additional sources of income and a larger group of supporters. Neither the Board of Managers nor the university administration can see anything wrong in having a larger number of supporters, and we think it is our duty to give the Trustees some specific plans so that they can help carry them out, always with their approval and any modification which they may see fit. In approaching the Christian Herald for cooperation we had no thought of any amalgamation of their work in Foochow. As to just who are the proper persons to approach, you people there would know better, but we know that Mrs. Irene Wilcox is the person who has been carrying on business with the field in Foochow.

Mr. Parker's letter of April 11 asks about the support of Mr. Yang Hsin Pao in America for another year. We were expecting Mr. Yang to return this summer. Then we heard that he would stay on for another year on the basis that you people there had given him the assurance of further financial help. Please refer to my letter dated February 26, 1941. With our present financial difficulties I do not see how we can help Mr. Yang to the extent of US\$900.00 for his maintenance in America from our regular budget. Therefore, our answer to the points raised in Mr. Parker's letter is that we would approve of Mr. Yang staying in America another year if he does not depend on us for financial help. (a) We cannot take anything from our 1941-42 budget grant for Mr. Yang's maintenance in America; (b) we have not heard from him about his family support, although I wrote him definitely about this on January 2. We promised to make a loan to his family at \$65.00 per month to the end of June, 1941. (c) For his return trip we have already written you and Mr. Yang about it. We shall be glad to make the same arrangement for him as we did for Dr. Tan Jen Mei, namely, advance him US\$250 - 300 for his passage to the China coast, and pay the entire travel expense from the coast to Shaowu.

Re Mr. Caldwell's letter of March 27 about the confusion of our request for US\$250,000 endowment, we understand that the Trustees have gone ahead with the US\$50,000 Anniversary Fund for the next five years. We have asked, and hope the Trustees will approve, to present our plan for an endowment fund of US\$250,000 for Fukien, either through the Associated Boards or other agencies, within the next twenty-five years. We do not mean that they must produce that amount, but they should work towards it. Or how else

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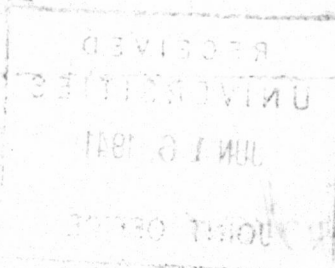
would you suggest that we can carry on our work with the meager financial resources we have at the present time? We have already sent you a list of our needs for the US\$250,000 requested. You will also find the list on the last page of "25 Years in Fukien" a copy of which we sent you by first class mail and fifty copies by parcel post sometime ago.

Miss Asher has written you about conditions in Fukien after the Japanese occupation of a number of coastal cities on April 21. So far, Shaowu has not been affected, except by a large number of people pouring in as refugees. This city is, apparently, thought of as a safe center from the military point of view, and there is ~~in~~ this important fact, that we have plenty of rice to support a much larger population than we have even at the present time. During the last two weeks about 80 students from Foochow College and several girls from Wen Shan Girls School have arrived here. We learned indirectly that both schools plan to move the entire student body here. Although we have had no direct word from the school authorities, we are doing what we can to accommodate them. We have also extended our possible service to both Hua Nan and the Foochow Union Christian Middle School, should they need us, but we have learned recently that the Middle School has moved to Changloeh, a city forty or fifty miles South of Shaowu and that Hua Nan has resettled herself at Yenping as the Japanese have been pushed back to Foochow. Things are going normally with us, although we expect more difficult problems in connection with accommodating students during the summer.

Yours sincerely,

B. J. Lin

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May 15, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter from Dr. Theodore Chen dated April 29th. Undoubtedly you have received word ere this from him along similar lines.

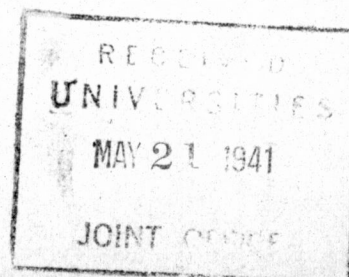
I have sent a copy of this letter to Bishop Gowdy, but without question nothing can be done to change the situation now. From two sources, I have learned that Teddy is exceedingly well thought of and probably can have a life position if arrangements can be made for his staying in America. I am hoping, however, that he will see fit to return to China at no distant date.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 5/19/41
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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
University Park
Los Angeles

April 29, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for your letter inquiring about my plans and offering to help arrange our passage back to China. More than a month ago, I wrote to inform President C. J. Lin that I had promised to remain at the University of Southern California for 1941-42 and that I could not very well change my plans after having given definite promise to stay. About Christmas time, when plans were being made for the new bulletins to be prepared for the coming year, I was asked to indicate my intention for the next year. Not having definite word from President Lin at that time and after considering all factors involved, we decided to accept a renewal of our contract with the University of Southern California.

I appreciate your offer to help arrange the passage. When we decide definitely on our time of return, I shall surely write to you and ask for your help in the arrangements to be made.

A couple of weeks ago, I was asked to speak at the annual dinner of the Chamber of Commerce at Visalia, about two hundred miles from Los Angeles. Since this town is only about fifty miles from the Sequoia National Park, we decided to take this opportunity to visit the big old trees for which the Park is famed. We also saw plenty of snow -- quite a new experience for people from South China. This was the first time that Mrs. Chen had an opportunity to leave Los Angeles ever since we came here more than three years ago.

We saw Dr. Willard Sutton when he passed Los Angeles. You must have seen him more than once since then. We also saw a good deal of President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University when he and his family were here in Los Angeles. They lived next door to us, and so we got to know each other quite well.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Theodore H. E. Chen

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May 23, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Lin:

The statistical and financial blanks for the University of the State of New York have just been received, and we are forwarding them to you at once. The slowness of mail to and from China these days makes it more than ever important that these blanks be filled out and returned to us immediately so that we can put them in the hands of the Board of Regents as early as possible.

There are two blanks, one financial and one statistical, and we are sending three copies of each so that you may retain one copy for your files and return two copies to us, one of which remains in our office and one goes to Albany. One set of blanks with a covering letter from Albany accompanies this letter; the other two sets are being forwarded by another mail so that you will be certain to receive one or the other of the mail.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Encl.

~~Via "SS Pres. Pierce"~~
~~from San Francisco~~

Duplicate sent via

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER

May 26, 1941

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

Dear President Lin:

Miss Huang Siu-Chi is planning to sail from San Francisco on July 11 for China, and she expects to come to Shaowu to take up her work at the University. We have accordingly advanced \$250 for travel.

In a letter from her, she asks that you write a letter of explanation to the National Committee of the Young Women's Christian Association in China, telling of her plan and saying that she will not be able to become a member of their staff.

Sincerely yours,

J. I. Parker
Assistant Secretary

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Copy sent via: "SS Pres. Pierce"
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Mr. Guy A. Thelin
Foochow Union High School
Tsiangloh, Hsien, Fukien

Dear Guy:

I am beginning thus formally because although I am writing in response to your letter of May 25 to Mrs. Storrs received here yesterday afternoon, I wish you to share this letter with your principal and others of your local responsible group. It is really addressed as much to them as to you, and we hope will be treated by all of you as definitely serious a proposition as a western middleman can make it.

First of all let me thank you for the fine Christian spirit your letter shows regarding the possibility of consolidating, at least temporarily, the educational programs of Union High and the Agricultural Vocational Middle School of the University. I am sure we shall not be far from God's plan for us if we all start off on that foot. It seems we are.

Largely due to what you wrote, President C. J. Lin called six or seven of the most responsible heads of administration in the university together in his office this morning. The whole matter was gone over quite carefully and thoroughly and with much of unanimity of plan and purpose.

It was agreed that I should write you this letter. It is to propose that Union High move forthwith to Shaowu and there conduct its school life and program along side of and with the university middle school as "Lien Hsiao" for the period of the war, or as long as you see fit. Both schools will carry on with their present staffs, organizations, budgets, etc., with their separate signs on the school gate. Both will share equitable and free use of the properties, class rooms, library, laboratories, dormitory space, equipment, land, etc., which have been accumulated and developed for and by the university school. A "lien hsiao" administrative committee shall be formed with equal representation from the two schools; your principal is asked to be chairman of that committee. The committee is to assign the common, or alternating use of class rooms, shops, laboratories, chapel, etc., aiming to obviate duplication of class work and teaching where consolidation is feasible and to offer students wider choice and more effective work by the schools being thus yoked in their common service. The details of administration, I suppose, will need to be worked out with some care, but the purpose is to keep as much of the individuality of each school as is possible while they pursue their similar and often common tasks.

As soon as we hear that your group thinks favorably of some such plan President Lin of the University will send you a formal

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invitation along these lines; we should appreciate any supplementary suggestions for outline of such plans coming from you.

Christian friends, it seems to me that this is a most generous and Golden Rule proposition, and with the spirit with which it is inaugurated can be carried out in successful and effective programs of work.

Before you get too deeply planted in any new location will you not consider it carefully and prayerfully and let me know your thought as soon as possible?

It would seem to me that with conditions what they are, you in the field and with responsible leadership are fully competent to make this first decision. Details and supplementary features from absent colleagues or boards can be worked into the authoritative agreement as it is framed. The future is not tied, not even weighted, it would seem to me, by this plan, but lies freely open to God's counseling Spirit. Believe me, this is not a Storrs brainwave, but the cordial good will and wisdom of the best minds in the university administration. I think I can speak for the Synod friends in saying that the move will be welcomed by them.

It does not seem so imperative as when with finances in mind primarily, I telegraphed "Urge, come, confer," that some of you should be here and realize just what can be done; but we should welcome such consultation both on the mission and on the university side. My second telegram sent today reads, "Propositions coming". I hope you will even telegraph some reply when you get this.

You may feel that I am too hurried, but with more than 100 Foochow College boys already in town, their principal and some of their staff expected today, and with definite word from Wen Shan that they are moving immediately to Shaowu and wish our help about plans, we want not to make plans that might embarrass plans for you. F.C. will probably be here only temporarily; locating maybe eventually in Ho Ping, or Kienning. Wen Shan most likely will be here "for the duration."

Pop's letter of May 21 received on the 28th had this sentence, - "I didn't realize until the other day that Tsiangloh was not a part of Shaowu." For that rather long and expensive telegram to A.M.T. re finances about which I wrote you in my last we are taxing each name \$3.60. You can send me or Miss Asher a treasurer's transfer credit slip for the amount if you wish, lest I forget it.

Kind regards and best wishes to all your group,

Loyally,

Charles L. Storrs

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May 31, 1941

Miss Lucy Wang, President
Hua Nan College
Nanping, Fukien

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Dear Miss Wang:

Maybe if I relate something of what has been happening with us here, you'll not be so surprised to receive a letter from me. I hardly need to report on general conditions and outlook, you can easily imagine them. The dislodging of so many of our church schools from their usual habitats, and the search for safer and better supplied locations have brought a number of them into our field actually and in prospect. Fukien Christian University, as you know, for the past three years and more has been functioning happily and effectively in the buildings of this mission and in buildings and properties it has itself acquired.

Yesterday a number of the more responsible administrative heads of the university met purposely to consult on a number of questions that have arisen because of these newly dislocated institutions. As a representative of both the church and the mission groups, and long keenly interested in all educational projects, especially as they impinge on the churches' enterprise, I was asked to sit with the group.

We spent some hours in going over carefully and constructively aspects of various problems that had presented themselves. Then before we adjourned and partly because a cable had been received from home including the suggestion, - "Do what you can for Hua Nan in an emergency", (not quoted) it was agreed that I should write you this letter as a kind of unofficial middleman. Yet it expresses directly and very sincerely the propositions that group would like to make as preliminary to a formal invitation to cooperate along these lines if your faculty and advisers are found favorably minded.

If Hua Nan finds it expedient to move we ask that you consider seriously and prayerfully bringing your college department here to Shaowu. The University on the basis of "Lien Hsiao" () will make available to your use all its class rooms, libraries, laboratories, assembly halls, dining halls, kitchens, etc. It will allocate for your building of suitable dormitory, or dormitories, the most convenient of the open gardens or lots under its control. (You know the American Board has loaned to the University all its properties not in Synod use.) A "Lien Hsiao" administrative committee, with each institution equally represented, would arrange details and programs for use of properties thus jointly or alternately used, and might even hope to find courses where actual consolidation might obviate duplication and provide wider opportunities of choice for students of both institutions. The aim would be for each institution to preserve its own individuality, organization, staff, budget, etc., while making what common use of property equipment could be practically arranged.

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For your middle school girls, some such "lien hsiao" program would need to be planned with Wen Shan Girls' School with dormitory accommodations, probably in the city. Wen Shan is definitely moving to Shaowu, indeed is already on the move. A few of the girls are here now. Some possibilities of common use of mission and university properties there in the city are apparent. More will doubtless appear as Wen Shan gets to setting its house in order. It is a new road for all of us.

Will you not share this letter with your colleagues and let us have some reply as soon as possible? While things are in flux it will be so much easier to make some of the necessary accommodations and plans. God may be setting before us this special opportunity to show the stuff of which we really are made and so rally wider enthusiasm at home for our Christian educational program. Recently President Felix Morely of Haverford College said, it is "by pooling facilities while preserving autonomy, that small colleges can give their students university advantages without in any way sacrificing the inestimable advantages of the small college."

Believe me, this is not a mere Storrs brain-wave, but comes to you at the instigation and with the sincere Christian good wishes of all your friends here. God keep us all in His counsel.

Very loyally,

Charles L. Storrs

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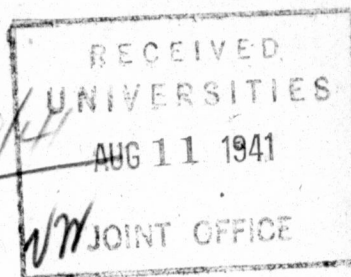
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President's Office
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June 4, 1941

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Under date of May 30 we sent you the following cable
in reply to yours of May 23 re Yang Hsin Pao:

"Yanghsinpao request impossible. Grant two hundred
fifty travel return summer."

From my letter of May 15, and an earlier one dated February 26, you will know our attitude towards supporting Mr. Yang in America. We are willing for him to spend another year in America, but we cannot finance it, not because we do not want to help him but because we are not able to do so. As I wrote in the letters referred to above, if you friends there can make financial arrangements for him without infringing upon our budget income it would be worthwhile for he really is a good man. You know our financial conditions. We are counting on every cent from the Trustees and still have a big deficit since we cannot count on the Rockefeller Foundation grant in addition to the Sustaining Fund, as is included in the income section of the 1941-42 estimates which we sent you in January, and a duplicate copy by Clipper on May 15. US\$400.00 means nearly LC\$8,000, from which we could support two full-time Chinese professors, or build an urgently needed student dormitory. From our proposed budget you will see that we are expecting at least US\$15,268 from the Sustaining Fund. Then we are counting on the exchange rate at about 20:1, which still leaves a deficit of over LC\$15,000. The cost of things have been soaring from five to fifteen times former prices, and we can barely increase salaries 20 to 30% for our staff members. During the last year or so. With a number of coastal cities falling into Japanese hands during the last few months, many of our students are homeless and are entirely cut off from their families. Hence our cable request for US\$1000 immediate student relief. It will be very hard for us to pass through the summer. As the majority of our students have ^{no} place to go and are likely to stay on the campus, we are planning to give them some work to do for self-support, but it will cost money to do that. There are no other wage-earning jobs in Shaowu except what we can offer. It is our hope that this \$1000 student relief fund could come from some outside source rather than from Sustaining Funds or other regular budget income. I hope you can appreciate our difficulties and explain the same to Mr. Yang. why we are not able to do as you suggest.

We still do not have direct postal or telegraphic communication with Foochow. Mr. Bishop and Mr. McClure managed to send word to us, however, through a personal messenger coming to "Free China". Miss Asher sent you a copy of Mr. Bishop's letter

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under date of May 26, from which you will have learned that our Foochow campus is intact and that the people there are still at their jobs. We have no idea how Mr. Yang Hsin Pao's family has been affected. The reports about conditions in Foochow under Japanese control have been quite bad and the cost of rice remains at over \$300 per load. Mr. Wang should consider seriously the support and care of his family. It is our opinion that it is not worthwhile to spend so much money for staying in America just now while there is such great need in China at present, not only financial but for service. It would certainly be better for Mr. Yang to return as quickly as possible. Our offer to him to join our staff is still good.

We have learned that Mr. Kellogg is definitely not returning to China. Bishop Carlton Lacy, newly-elected Bishop to take the place of Bishop Gowdy, has cabled for us to the Methodist Board for the return of Professor Dyson to China to join our staff. Professor Dyson has been a leading member of Soochow University, but since the Board is not likely to send missionaries back to occupied territory they might send him to fill the vacancy left by Professor Kellogg. Professor Dyson is a Botanist and would fit in nicely to fill one of our urgent needs. He is also a religious worker and is interested in Music education. We hope very much that both the Methodist Board and Dr. Dyson will be favorable to this proposition. Please use your influence to urge him to come and join us in September.

Amoy

There are ways of getting to Shaowu even under the more strict Japanese blockade. American missionaries can come through Amoy by way of Changchow by bus to Shaowu. One can also go from Hongkong either by land or sea to a point South of Fukien Province and from there by bus to Shaowu. Travel for missionaries between Foochow and Shaowu is permissible, and we understand that boats are running under Japanese protection between Shanghai and Foochow. So missionaries could come in that way so long as Japanese-American relations are no worse than at the present time.

I wrote you under date of May 15 about our offer of assistance to Hwa Nan College and Union High School in general terms. Recently Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Storrs have on their own initiative carried on correspondence with those two institutions. I am enclosing a copy of Mr. Storrs' letter for your reference. As yet, there has not been time for us to have replies from either. We have discussed the problem with several possible propositions in mind, ranging from the one suggested in Mr. Storrs' letter to more thorough collaboration of work, but it was thought that the one suggested would probably meet the least objection as it assured absolute independent administration and institutional integrity. Anything further can be worked out through experience. We shall, of course, report further progress to you if there is any. For the time being you may like to report this to our Trustees for their reference.

Sincerely yours,

C. J. Lin

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