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Fukien Christian University
Shaowu, Fukien, Nov. 11, 1944

Dear Miss Asher:

No words could express how glad I was to receive your nice letter of August 1. It contains good news about you and all the other friends had arrived safely at their respective destinations. I suppose you are now enjoying the peacefulness and quietness in your home land for a change.

Foochow had once again fell to the hand of Japanese on the 4th of October with a severe fighting near Ba-Liang (north mountains) for few days and nights. Foochow College (senior part) moved to Wuntai on the 2nd, and many other schools evacuated after the falling, still many schools had no time to evacuate had to close. The people in Foochow believed at first that the only cause for Japanese to land again is for food, not for any other purpose. Also at the time of landing there were few Japanese soldiers, most of them are pirates and robbers from coast. To this end, the merchants as well as the civilians nor the schools had planned to evacuate Foochow until the last minute. According to what we heard, at the time Japanese entered Union Hospital the doctors were still working.

There was a sad news and it shocked us all to learn that the parents of Mr. Lin Chin (Mr. and Mrs. Lin Yu Shu) both had been brutally killed by the robbers who took the advantage of the chaotic moment entering Mr. Lin's house and demanding to hand all the mission properties and many impossible demands. Failing to fulfill the demands, Mr. and Mrs. Lin Yu Shu were brutally killed and then the house was burned. This happened on the 9th of October. It is unbelievable, when one heard at first, to have such a calamity befall so good people like Mr. and Mrs. Lin.

There is no ending looting and robbery in Cong-Chen Shan. Almost every foreign style residence had been robbed once. the Union Hospital (in city) was robbed to its limit, and a few doctors had been seized by Japanese. Even now the condition in Foochow is in a terrible state.

Our Foochow campus according to a man who live across the river, evacuated from Foochow, reported that there were about 300 Japanese soldiers living on the campus. A large building and at the highest place was burned, although he could not identify exactly which one (Science Hall or Arts Hall) from the other side of the river. All he could see was the great fire across the river early in the morning of his leaving.

So far for Foochow. We had a large enrollment this semester with a total of 580 students. Almost every corner of the men's dormitory was filled with double-decker-beds. Finally we had to turn Mr. Bishop's Industrial Arts Lab. into sleeping rooms in order to accommodate the late comers. Besides, President Lin received a request from the Ministry of Education to start another class for Agronomy beside our regular one.

The electric light has been improved greatly. The power house is using an 8-cylinder engine to pull the dynamo instead of the 4-cylinder one. Many bulbs have been added. Two large class rooms in Building No. 3 have been furnished with lights in order to take care of the over-flow from the main library.

The school is going on very well. The campus activities are in full swing. Everybody on the campus is keeping busy and well.

Yes, beginning with July 1st, the university was giving rice to faculty and staff members as a part of their salary. The price of rice has gone down considerably.

In Fu-shan there is a broadcasting station, and our faculty members as well as students have participated in the broadcasting program in the evening.

Dr. J. M. Tan had a new baby boy added to his family two weeks ago.

I received a letter from Miss Thomas about the same time I got yours. I do not know where she is in the States. If you happen to write to her please remember me kindly to her, and tell her I circulated her letter to those who knew her. Thank you.

I moved to East Gate compound last summer and live in Dr. Scott's house. Mr. Norton lived in Dr. Leger's and Miss Thomas' building.

With best wishes, Di Ai and children add their greetings with mine,

Very sincerely yours,

Y. C. Lin

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