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January 6, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am acknowledging your letter of December 31st and note your suggestion regarding the remitting of US\$50.00 to Dr. Sutton until instructed otherwise. I had hoped we would receive definite word from him ere this but presume your suggestion is the best we can devise at the present time.

You have been on the field and know the requirements, and also know your own needs so you may proceed as outlined.

We have ordered the Minpro Feldspar and Powdered Quartz through Robert Sherwood of the United Feldspar Corporation and same will be forwarded with the three cases which you sent from Alfred.

I am looking forward to reading the article which Dr. Sutton wrote when he visited the Tehwa Potteries. It has not come to hand as yet.

You raise the question as to making reservations for return to Foochow next summer. If you can give us an idea when you expect to leave, we will take steps to make such reservations, although there are possibilities that sailing may be delayed a bit. The reason for the return of the Brewster and Downie families was that they agreed to remain in protected areas such as Shanghai or Hongkong. Mrs. Downie is remaining in Shanghai, having taken an apartment there. The Brewsters passports were still intact and, as he is a doctor and was urgently needed at Foochow, they sailed without other credentials from the United States Government, and when they arrived in Hongkong they were allowed to proceed to Foochow. Mrs. Brewster was very reluctant to remain in America in view of the anticipated addition to the family.

I do not recall the status of your passport, but if you will let me know, I will take the matter under advisement still further.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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See letter fr. Mrs. Sutton 4/31/38 with pers. paper attached
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January 10, 1939

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Mrs. Sutton has sent us a paragraph from one of your letters asking us to get in touch with Mr. Robert Sherwood of the United Feldspar Company which we have done. He has promised to send us 100 pounds of Minpro Feldspar and 100 pounds of Powdered Quartz. As soon as he receives the analysis from the factory, he will write you personally.

He very generously donated this shipment together with the freight costs, and in addition I had a very delightful visit with him.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Alfred, N.Y.
Jan. 17, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans,

at last word has come from Dr. Sutton about our salary division. I will quote the paragraph about it. "Our salary is now settled - for the present status. It is our regular third term salary in "gold" + allowances for children and rent, and amounts to just U.S. \$100.00 less than we got last year. I will draw \$25.00 U.S. out here and you can keep the rest for the family." He does not mention which month he began drawing his money there - so things are rather mixed up. Perhaps he has written you in the meantime.

We obtained our last passport (a family one) in June 1937, from the American consul in Foochow. Willard took it back with him last September. I understand passports are good for two years and may be renewed for one year more. Would you suggest that he send it (renewed) back for us or should he keep it there in case he needs to use it? If the U.S. govt. decides that I must remain in Shanghai with the children, like Mrs. Downie, then I will do so until such

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time as it seems feasible to go on to Foochow. Perhaps if my passport is sent back we could proceed to Foochow as the Brewsters have done. I would like to sail in the early part of August, on the Pres. Coolidge if possible, from Los Angeles.

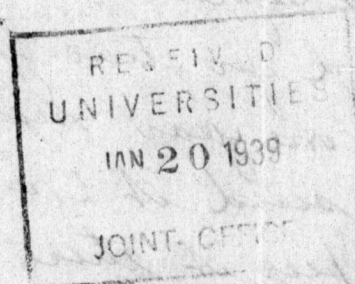
If all goes well, I may bring the children down to New York for our physical examinations during Easter vacation, April 14-24. We will stay with my sister in Brooklyn.

I am glad the feldspar order can go out with the three boxes of freight.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton

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January 20, 1939

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of January 17th, more particularly dealing with the salary, is at hand. After figuring out last year's payments, we have concluded that the schedule attached to the check would seem to be proper. Will you not kindly study same and let us know if you feel this is the correct answer.

The question regarding passports is usually answered by your own suggestion, i.e., to have it returned to be again used by you on your outward trip. Were you to secure another one, it would require a double payment, which does not seem to be necessary. If the passport is in such condition that he can renew it in Foochow, it would be better than having complications arise over renewing it here in the United States. In writing to Dr. Sutton you could inform him of the time you expect to sail, and allow him to keep it as long as possible.

It might not be out of the way to let us make reservations on the COOLIDGE as soon as possible, as there are heavy sailings on all of the boats going to the Orient. It will be necessary for us to have the ages of the children in making this reservation.

We will look forward to the time when you will be down with the family for physical examinations, and hope you will let us know in advance so that we can make reservation of time with the medical office.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, New York

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Alfred, New York
Box 594.
Jan. 30, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

Thank you for the Jan. check.

I think you have figured our salary correctly. Since I sent Dr. Sutton the \$50.00 draft, I have written him that perhaps it would be better for him to straighten out our salary payments prior to Jan. 1, 1939, with the F.C.U. office.

It takes so long to get word back and forth.

I have also written him about our passport and suggested that, if we can use it, he send it by someone leaving for America in the spring and then have it mailed to me in U.S.A.

Our children's ages are as follows:

Margaret	15 yrs.	date of birth	Jan. 11, 1924
Louise Jane	11 yrs.	" " "	July 30, 1927
Willard Holmes	9 yrs.	" " "	Jan. 12, 1930
Marion Ellen	4 yrs.	" " "	May 29, 1934

I believe the Pres. Coolidge only stops at Shanghai on the return trip to U.S.A. Since Margaret should attend the Shanghai

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American School we ought to have
 reservations made on a ship stopping
 there on its outgoing voyage. I would like
 to leave early in August so that she will
 not be late for school - preferably from
 Los Angeles.

If we can come to New York in April
 I will let you know in advance, so that
 arrangements can be made for our
 physical examinations.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton

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February 2, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

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I am glad to get your letter of January 30th giving an outline of your sailing plan, and, as a result, I have secured space on the "President Pierce" sailing from Los Angeles August 7th and arriving in Hongkong on September 2nd. I have made the reservation through to Hongkong, although you may prefer to change at Shanghai and take coastwise steamships to Foochow. The boat arrives in Shanghai on August 30th and apparently stays overnight.

I am enclosing a sailing schedule herewith.

I should be very glad to see you in April if the opportunity is presented.

With sincerest regards, I remain

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Dear Mr.

Alfred, N. Y.

March 11, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

I wonder if you could
get a sailing for us on the Pres. Pierce
leaving San Francisco, June 16. A card
from Mr. Wiant came yesterday saying
that he is taking his family back
on that boat. Mrs. Worley also wrote that
she expects to be on the same boat, with
two children.

My husband isn't very anxious to
have us go out at this time but perhaps
he would be more willing if we could
travel with others going to Foochow. He
wrote that he intended to renew our pass-
port this spring. If there is room on the
June 16 steamer I'll send an airmail
letter asking him to forward the passport
right away.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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March 14, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am writing you further regarding your letter of March 11th. As you referred to passports, I am wondering on what date your passports were issued.

Your returning may bring about complications if it is necessary for a new application to be made for passports, or if they are to be renewed. In either case, it will be necessary for us to write to the State Department requesting permission for your return. If there is enough leeway in the date of the passport for you to arrive in China, it would be better to proceed rather than to make the effort to have them renewed at this end. In the latter case, the renewal could be made through the Consulate Office in China.

The steamship company is making reservations in Rooms 6 and 38 on the "President Pierce" sailing from San Francisco June 16th, but are endeavoring to get rooms closer together.

Possibly you have heard of the decision of the field not to invite the Farleys to return. The Board of Trustees met and confirmed the action, subject to further investigation. Meantime, Mr. Farley cabled the field urging reconsideration and sent a clipper letter. Saturday we received a final word from Dr. Lin stating, "FARLEY DROPPED." *Please keep this quiet for a day or two at least* C

Apparently, this is the final and definite action of the field for which we are devoutly sorry, but there seems to be nothing we can do about it.

Hope to see you sometime in the near future.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Alfred, N. Y.
March 20, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Our passport was obtained in Foochow June 1937 and is to be renewed this June for another year at the Am. Consulate there. I do not know if it could be renewed before this June and sent for us to use by the 16th. I wrote Dr. Sutton a clipper letter about it.

I am planning to be in Brooklyn with the children during Easter vacation April 14-24. There is a five day post graduate medical course given at Columbia University April 17-21, that I would like to attend. If we leave here April 13, Mr. Perry, my brother-in-law, plans to drive us down to Washington, D.C. that week end for a couple of days of sight seeing. That leaves Friday A.M. (possibly p.m. also ^{April 14}), and Saturday A.M. April 22 for physical examinations.

I am exceedingly sorry to hear of the decision concerning the Farleys. They have

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always seemed like part of our family.
 We never missed having our Christmas
 dinners together. all the children have
 always been such good friends and we
 will miss theirs very much indeed.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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March 22, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Thanks for your letter of March 20th giving us information as to your future plans. We will be looking for you during the Easter Vacation.

We have made a reservation with Dr. Vaughan's office for April 21st for you and the children, as I do not think that they will be available on Saturday the 22nd. You state in your letter that you will be here on April 14th but that does not seem possible, as you are leaving for Washington on the 13th. We take it for granted that you will be available on the 21st and 22nd of April for physical examination.

We, too, are exceedingly sorry about the outcome of the Farley negotiations. We have, however, gathered together a mass of information which makes it appear that he has just about made the situation himself. We are a thousand per cent with anybody who has a good life-size hobby on the mission field, as I believe that usually they are stimulating and helpful. When one rides them, however, to the exclusion of regular allotted tasks and uses oneself up to the extent of affecting other duties, it gets to be another story.

From all sources of information available, it appears that Mr. Farley made life miserable for C. J. Lin in his constant requests for a two-year furlough with pay. This was refused, but looking back over the past eighteen months, I can see earmarks of where Mr. Farley actually planned to wangle two years, if it were at all possible. The field feeling the same way apparently decided to close the issue and, as a result, Mr. Farley will not return.

With sincerest regards to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. The Medical Department has requested that we send you the enclosed blanks to be filled out.

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Alfred, N. Y.

Mar. 29, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

In my letter I must have mixed up the dates. My plan is to arrive in Brooklyn late afternoon of April 13, and have our physical examinations on Fri. April 14. Do you think that will be convenient? The rest of our time is taken up until Sat. A.M. April 22nd, when we would be free again - but I guess the mission offices are closed on Saturdays. So if convenient, may we have our physical examinations on Fri., April 14 instead of April 21?

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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March 30, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of the 29th is at hand and I have checked with the Medical Office and they have changed the appointment for physical examinations to Friday, April 14th beginning at 11 o'clock. There are two appointments ahead of yours on the same day, but they are reserving the hours following 11 o'clock for the attention of your family.

Mr. Farley has written me that he expects to be in this vicinity during the latter part of that week. It is possible that you will have a chance to see him.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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April 20, 1939

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Sutton:

That fine family of yours has been in New York this week for medical examination. How I do envy you! A man could not have greater wealth than those four splendid children and a devoted wife and mother.

Right now there is a problem confronting us from the health standpoint, as there is a small fibroid growth which is being checked by a specialist before any definite conclusions are reached.

Meanwhile we have cancelled the June 16th sailing which we have reserved, but are making preparations for a later trip which should get them in China around the first of September. This would give opportunity for Margaret to get established in school at Shanghai before the rest of the family continues on south. Barring adverse reports on today's examination, the return is authenticated by the Medical Department and upon its advice.

It is quite natural for the Associated Medical Board to recommend the return of a family, as the missionaries going out for the Methodist Board and Christian Missionary Alliance are taking back their families.

Upon rather careful study, it is the general opinion that there is less danger in Fukien Province than in North China, even though the Japanese may take Foochow which they could readily do any time. It would, therefore, seem the better part of wisdom to have your family united with which, I am sure, you will agree.

I have asked about passports and find that the one for the Sutton family is in your possession and that it expires soon. It probably would be best for you to have it renewed, if it is necessary, before sending it to the States which will avoid the necessity of our communicating with the State Department. Of course, such cost is a legitimate charge against travel.

I can pretty much imagine how you feel about this whole problem and of your desire to protect your family from possibilities of becoming involved in an invasion of the Japanese. Up to the present time, however, the

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missionary casualties in China, due to the invasion, have been about nil. I can only recall one foreign casualty as a direct result of the war among the missionary force. Whereas, two years prior to July 1939 there were four violent deaths in China. One could say without hesitation that there is more danger in America from the automobile menace than in China with its war. And, when it comes down to accidents, there are more in the home than in any other place, and a large percentage of these is chargeable against getting in and getting out of bed. So, reduced to normal averages, the missionary in China is better off than being in America.

As the unity of the family must be preserved at all cost, it would, therefore, seem advisable for you all to get together, and I hope to that end you will have the passports renewed and returned as soon as possible.

Before seeing Mrs. Sutton off to the Medical Center for examination, I had the pleasure of having lunch with her and was deeply impressed with her strong faith and her enthusiasm for those four splendid children.

With sincerest personal regards to you, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. Medical examination very satisfactory. No cause for alarm.

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April 24, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I have just communicated with Dr. Vaughan's office and finally secured an interview with him.

The report from the specialist who examined you last week is now in hand and Dr. Vaughan has promised to write you today. Apparently this situation is not at all serious and Dr. Vaughan will be making some recommendations as to the use of X-ray equipment.

You are to be congratulated and I am sure that you appreciate the situation even more than a lay mind can do. I certainly would not want to see you have an operation before returning to China.

Of course, I realize that one's peace of mind has a great deal to do with such situations and to that end, I beseech of you to lay claim to all of the spiritual forces which you possess. Possibly I have not stated the case properly. Spiritual power is possible to attain and is attainable to the extent that we claim it. Its possession, therefore, depends upon our ability to claim the promises of God.

I frequently think of you and that beautiful family and devoutly hope that problems which seem to be problems will vanish in the light of your fine faith and trust.

I wish to assure you also that under stress or strain, please do not hesitate to write, as I am more than anxious to be of service to you.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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NOTE: See letter to Miss Asher, April 27, 1939.

April 27, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 594
Alfred, New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

The medical report from Dr. Vaughan has been received and we are sending you a copy herewith. Another copy goes to the field and a third copy is retained in our office

Dr. Vaughan has also sent us copies of his letter to you of April 25th and one to Dr. MacFarland of the same date.

I am suggesting that in connection with Dr. MacFarland you ascertain the cost of such a program and let me know what it will amount to. The University, of course, will render some assistance in this treatment, but before stating the amount I would like to check with members of the Finance Committee. On the other hand, of course, for a very nominal amount this could be taken care of in our office.

Trusting this will not cause you a great deal of trouble,
I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 1, 1939

Dr. F. W. Goddard
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Goddard:

Your note regarding Dr. Ellen Sutton (Mrs. Willard J.) is before me and I shall very gladly give you such information as we have available.

Mrs. Sutton was born of missionary parents in China where she lived for fourteen years and upon returning to America with her parents she attended the Alfred Academy and Alfred University at Alfred, New York, and immediately thereafter she took a four-year's medical course at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania where she obtained her medical degree. During 1921 and 1922 she served her internship at the St. Margaret Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Regarding her work, Dr. A. H. Caldwell of the hospital staff states:

"Her professional equipment and ability are of exceptionally high quality. Dr. Sutton has taken every advantage of her hospital training and is an accomplished physician."

"She has been probably the best medical assistant I have ever had."

"I cannot write too highly of Dr. Sutton. Had she not been determined upon missionary work, I should have counted myself fortunate to have had her associated with me in practice as my professional assistant. Perhaps this will give you as concrete an idea of my regard for her personality and professional ability as I am able to convey."

Since Mrs. Sutton has been at Fukien late in 1922, she has carried on the medical work for the students at Fukien Christian University, served the community in a large measure, as well as the faculty, and has done it cheerfully and gladly, although the president's wife was also a medical doctor but refused to take any professional responsibility.

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As you probably know, Dr. Willard J. Sutton is in China and Mrs. Sutton and the four children plan to join him so that Margaret, the oldest child, can begin school the first of September at Shanghai. This is dependent upon Dr. Sutton having the passports renewed and returned here in time for the sailing of the family early in August.

Whether or not you will be able to secure Mrs. Sutton's services is a question.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 1, 1939

Memorandum to: MR. EVANS

We are in search of a doctor who might be available as camp doctor at Ocean Park, Maine, for the first two weeks of August and we wonder whether possibly Mrs. Sutton of Focchow now on furlough, we understand, at Alfred, New York, might be available.

Will you kindly give me any information that you may have as to Mrs. Sutton's medical qualifications and also her present address in order that we may write her?

Sincerely yours

F. W. Goddard
F. W. Goddard, M.D.

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May 4, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I presume that you have noticed from the daily papers Foochow has been in for serious bombings by Japan. No damage has been done to any foreign property and the Pierce Memorial Hospital in the city is carrying on as usual.

I presume that Dr. Sutton realized that these dispatches would be in the papers here in America and consequently cabled us that the University is safe. He also suggested that we cancel sailings for the family.

I am wondering if you have received any communication and if you have received other letters, particularly personal ones, different from the type which was written on March 13th and of which you so kindly gave me a copy. In other words, are you getting regular personal letters from him?

I have done nothing about the sailings as I do not think that Dr. Sutton has had opportunity to receive my last letter.

In case there did seem to be some necessity of delaying your sailings, what would you think of coming down to New York and taking some graduate study in medicine for a period this summer? One reason which brings this to my attention is that I had occasion to go through your papers the other day and the recommendations of those with whom you worked before going to the field were of such a high character that it seems you should maintain your grip upon the profession and its progress. This is merely by way of provoking a little thought and I should be greatly interested in your reaction.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

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Mr. C. Evans, Sec'y,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Ave. New York, N.Y.

Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, China, May 5th, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Yesterday I sent you the following radio message, deferred:- ABCHICOL,
NEW YORK, CANCEL FAMILY SAILING. UNIVERSITY SAFE. (signed) SUTTON.

For the last month we have had bombing in ever increasing intensity, and the last few days they have come in planes averaging three times a day. While I do not anticipate at present any attack on foreign property, nevertheless it is hard on the nerves of some people. Dr. Brewster has been living in the Methodist compound where the planes fly closely over the buildings, and being on a hill, overlooks the bombing which has been most concentrated on the opposite bank. His three small children were scared, especially the middle one, and on May 2nd the bombing was still nearer on the Middle Island so that a three-inch metal bomb fragment came over and landed near their servants on their back veranda. Mrs. Brewster and the children immediately moved to the Union High school a country place two miles up river from the city. I am very sorry Mrs. Sutton changed her sailing to an early date, as I thought conditions might be changed by August, and I know it is hard to cancel sailings at the last minute so I sent you the above message. *** The Shanghai, Manila and Hong Kong radio news announcers have almost completely overlooked Foochow, - as a matter of fact we are getting off easily compared to Canton, Ningpo, Chungking etc. and so do not deserve any special mention, but on the evening of May 3rd the news from Chingking announced that Foochow had been levelled and that there were a thousand dead. This makes up for lost time and exaggerates with a vengeance, and I thought that if this gets in American newspapers people would be unduly worried so I added the words UNIVERSITY SAFE. Amoy University now located at Changting (formerly Tingchow) inland in this province to the S.W. about as Shaowu is to the N.W. as rather heavily bombed, I have never heard if they are still carrying on. Shaowu is watchful and Pres. Lin went right back in case of anyone getting too excited, - but I feel conditions with the Shaowu school are considerably different, and so, even though much nearer to Nanchang, I feel there is no special danger just now, and I know they are on the alert. Just now the Japanese are attacking Ningpo quite heavily, and it is quite possible that we will have a vacation of uncertain duration. For the first five months of my return, there was peace and quiet for the most part and Foochow shipping was booming, a condition which lulled many people into too much optimism. Just now warehouses have been destroyed by bombs, over a dozen cargo boats burned or sunk and quite a number of Greek, Norwegian and Portuguese ships have been boarded or seized. British vessels carry armed guards, but even so one company has cancelled all its Foochow sailings, so people here commenced to fear being shut off from outside. All business in Foochow ceases during daytime hours, customs and post office forces now work from six to ten P.M. and our river boats go mostly at night. Also practically all our fine roads have been destroyed as a precaution, and all junior and senior middle schools have been ordered out of the city. So business and travel is about paralyzed. I imagine that if the bombing lets up it will soon recover, only to go thru all again, as the Japanese are determined to keep the coast closed as much as they can.

I was glad to see Pres. Lin safely back from his conferences in Hong Kong and on up river. He reports 12 of the 13 mission colleges were represented which is very fine considering how widely scattered under adverse conditions, and with travel as it is. *** Miss Asher left for Shaowu for a three week visit and contact with treasurer and office work up there. She was held up by the military at Yenping until Pres. Lin came along and got here thru. They report schools are ordered out of Yenping, so Hwa Nan may have to move too.

Will rush this to the mail as our service is very uncertain these days.

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P.S. Will add this as I see I still have a little weight allowance.

My freight came thru in good shape, -please accept my thanks for getting it off for me. I have written Bob Sherwood and thanked him for his donation of feldspar and powdered quartz which I was very glad to get, as I am keeping as many hours a day on clay and pottery work as I can. With Miss Asher gone I look in on the office each day as well as keep the Business Managers work going. We have a beautiful campus just now and a fair morale, -I hope we can somehow keep it up until such a time as all can return. We are losing two of our fine young chemistry teachers who have opportunities to study in the USA. They have been devoted as well as capable teachers and will be missed more than their ages would seem to indicate, and I do not know what Prof. Wang will do. -I really ought to be in Shaowu to help Prof. Wang keep up the morale there next fall, even if we are able to get new teachers. But there is no one in sight to handle the work here, and a foreigner is absolutely essential just now, in case of occupation.

Again, with best wishes to you all in NY, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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May 6, 1939

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your cable has just come to hand and, of course, we are glad to get news from Fukien. I wish you could have given us a word or two covering reasons for cancelling the sailings.

It was my understanding that the family would go out this Fall and I agreed with Mrs. Sutton to make reservations. As it is not necessary to cancel the sailings immediately, I am holding them temporarily. I could not pass the cable on to Mrs. Sutton because of the way it was worded. In writing to her, I alluded to bombing at Foochow and of your cable saying everything is all right, and of your suggestion to cancel sailings for the present. I stated that I was not doing this until I had received her reaction.

I have been tremendously impressed with the magnificent piece of work your good and capable wife has done in bringing up those splendid children of yours. It has been greatly enhanced by remarks from the Medical Staff on the Sixth Floor. Voluntarily several have come to me and told of how wonderfully they conducted themselves during the examination period when they were required to stay pent up for a number of hours. Their resourcefulness in providing entertainment for themselves and fine play of interchange of ideas was remarkable. One of the ladies in the office said, "I dread to see children come in as they are usually such a nuisance, but the Suttons were different and were a real joy to have around."

Dr. Vaughan of the Medical Office has suggested that the family be gotten together as soon as possible, as it is strictly against the recommendation of their office to permit of long separation in a family. There is special reason for you taking this course, because of the splendid children which you have. They are at an age when they surely need you -- Mrs. Sutton having brought them along with your help in a perfectly beautiful manner.

I am hoping that you will make arrangements for keeping up this unity of the family and that upon receipt of this letter, you will cable me to re-establish the sailings, and that you will get the passports in readiness.

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We are looking forward to having Miss Asher return during the Summer which presumably will leave you pretty much in charge of the campus at Fukien.

As the bombings have not destroyed any American property up to date, and as none of our teachers have suffered any casualties, it would seem to be a fairly safe place on the campus.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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VIA "CHINA CLIPPER" 5-9-39

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

I was glad to hear about the cable from Dr. Sutton. It looks like the Japanese want to reduce Foochow to a mere shell as they have so many other Chinese cities. In view of the bombings he probably wanted the June 16 sailing cancelled as there wouldn't be time to send a letter. Perhaps things will be cleared up by August or September. He suggests that we stay on here another year but I feel very strongly that our family should be reunited as soon as possible, if not in China, then in America. I am willing to stay in Shanghai as long as it seems necessary, so I hope you will reserve a sailing for me on the same steamer Bishop Gowdy plans to take. Yes, I think the mail, while somewhat irregular, is coming thru all right from Foochow.

I appreciate your suggestion about medical work this summer. While there is almost nothing I would rather do, I believe it is best for the children to be here. Alfred is a very lovely place in the summer time and we live practically in the country. If circumstances changed

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prevent an early reunion of our family I would plan to move down to New York with the children, and take up some medical studies in September.

I am not worrying for we are all in God's hands and He is taking care of us. I want to thank you and Dr. Vaughn for your letters of encouragement. The homesickness and insomnia still persist. Something must be wrong with my sleeping center. I plan to see Dr. MacFarland this week and I am also working on Dr. Vaughn's other recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

Do you have applications for clergy tickets?
I have my old one here - for 1937.

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I am not sure what this paragraph means in your letter, which I quote:

"I am wondering if you have received any communication and if you have received other letters, particularly personal ones, different from the type which was written on March 13th and of which you so kindly gave me a copy. In other words, are you getting regular personal letters from him?"

Was there something else in the cable or have you some other G.C.U. news?

If you can I have some more of his letters, I will send them.

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May 9, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of May 7th is at hand, also your note of the 8th.

As you have suggested, we are allowing the sailings which we have made for you to stand pending further correspondence with the field.

I did not have in mind that you would leave the family during the summertime, although I may have written it that way. In case things do turn out so that your sailings will be delayed, you could, as you state, take up some medical work in September.

It gives me a lot of reassurance to have you say that you are not worrying, and accordingly I take on more faith. I was hoping that the insomnia would be relieved somewhat and that you would get better rest. Frequently, if I feel that I am not ready to sleep, I will take a walk which will bring on enough fatigue to induce sleep - but, you know your situation best and far be it from me to prescribe.

No, there is nothing more in the telegram than I indicated (answering your special note). As a matter of fact, the cable was so brief that I had in mind the possibility of your receiving letters which might have had something to do with the situation.

Letters which you have received from Dr. Sutton probably would be out of date, but any new ones, we should be glad to have and could return them to you after reading same.

We are enclosing herewith clergy application blanks, and we are recommending the following answers to the questions:-

1. "P"
2. "Fukien Christian University"
3. "Fukien Christian University Catalog."
4. "Neither"
5. "Salary"
6. "Yes"
7. "No"
8. (Give the facts)
9. "No"

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10. "Married - member of the staff of Fukien Christian University."
11. "White"

And sign as indicated down to "Endorsement of Resident Clergyman" and we will take care of the rest.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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May 22, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 584
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

The enclosed letter came to hand this morning and I am hastening to get it off to you immediately. You will note it is a copy and I am sending also copies to the President of the Board, our Promotional Department and Bishop Gentry.

Apparently the June sailings were the ones which Dr. Sutton had in mind when cancelling by cable. The others are still intact.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Eastern & Western Clergies applied for 5/24

Alfred, N. Y.

May 23, 1939.

ack 5/24/39

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I am enclosing the clergy certificates.
Thank you for suggesting the answers.

Dr. Sutton wrote that he can't send
the passport as he may need it there.
An airmail dated May 2nd arrived
today, telling all about the bombing
of Foochow. He said he had written you
so probably the news is about the
same.

It is too bad to bother you but
will you please try to get a passport
here? Do you know when Bishop and
Mrs. Gowdy are sailing? ^{only Aug. 1st} We'll probably
have to live in Shanghai for a while.
Prices are high but with the exchange
so favorable for us we can manage if

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rent allowance continues. I have figured out living and school expenses in detail using the prices listed in the Shanghai American School catalogue.

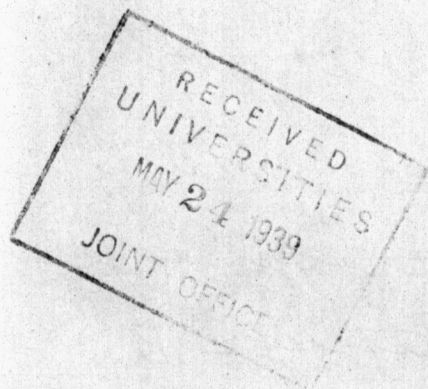
A card from Miss Eunice Thomas says she is sailing for China Aug 11. It is good news to hear that she is fully recovered and is going back to F.C.U.

Mrs. Theo. Chen wrote that they are staying on in California another year. This surprised me as F.C.U. has been expecting them back this fall.

I wish I could help out in the medical work in China. She needs it now more than ever before.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.



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May 23, 1939

ack 5/26/39

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

The Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China invite you to their Annual Dinner, which is to be held at the Hotel Commodore, New York City, on June 2nd.

You will see from the enclosed invitation that the program promises to be of an unusually high order. We hope that you will find it possible to be with us and by your presence to contribute to the pleasure and success of the evening.

Will you be good enough to let us know at your earliest convenience if we are to expect you. It is understood, of course, that you would be coming as our guest.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, New York



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May 24, 1939

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that Mrs. Ellen H. Sutton is a regular member of the staff at Fukien Christian University.

Fukien Christian University is a missionary institution founded and chiefly supported by the following Mission Boards:-

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions
Church Missionary Society
Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Ch.
Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in Amer.

We believe Mrs. Sutton to be fully entitled to receive a clergy fare certificate.

Very truly yours,

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May 24, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
24 High Street
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am acknowledging your letter of May 23rd enclosing applications for Clergy Certificates. These have been forwarded to the Bureaus.

I had previously thought of some difficulty arising which would cause Dr. Sutton to require the use of his passports and of being in a foreign country without any passports whatever. The only answer to that is for you to secure a new passport including the children, making a statement at the time the application is placed that another passport has been issued and that it is now in use in China and that same will be corrected to cover only Dr. Sutton as soon as you arrive in China.

One must make application personally for passports and, you will note from the enclosed blanks, they may be executed before any clerk of the United States District Court. As the enclosed blank is not sufficient for an entire family, I would suggest that you get in touch with the nearest office which will issue the passports and have same duly executed. As you know, it will require a group photograph of those who are to be covered.

Dr. and Mrs. Gowdy sail on the "Coolidge" August 21st from Los Angeles. Undoubtedly that will be too late for you, as it will be desirable to have Margaret in Shanghai before the "Coolidge" arrives there. I think you will be able to get along even though the prices are high.

Yes, Miss Thomas has sufficiently recovered to return, although I have not had word as to the date. Theodore Chen wrote us recently of his decision to stay on for another year, as he had secured a position and it would permit Mrs. Chen to secure her Masters Degree.

I will get in touch with you if anything new develops.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Most sincerely yours,

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P. S. Your room at the present time is No. 12 on the "President Cleveland" sailing July 28th from San Francisco.

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Alfred, N. Y.
Box 594.

May 26, 1939.

Dear Mr. Garside:-

It was very kind of you
to send me an invitation to the
7th Annual Dinner of the Associated
Boards for Christian Colleges
in China, on Friday, June 2, 1939.

I am trying to make arrang-
ments to accept and will let you
know as soon as possible whether
I can come or not.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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May 27, 1939

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Thank you for your letter of May 5th. I have talked with Bishop Gowdy a couple of times since the receipt of this letter and he has seen a copy of it. He and Mrs. Gowdy are sailing for China early in August and he was greatly interested in the news which your communication conveyed. It is gratifying to know that the campus is still intact. We are sorry to learn of the bombing of Amoy University and are surprised as we have not seen anything of this in the newspapers. Certainly living under these conditions is not ideal and must be a strain on one's nerves.

We are looking forward to having Miss Asher back with us for a while and are glad that she has had the opportunity to visit Shaowu.

I am greatly interested to know that the freight came through in good condition, and, of course, I am grateful as well.

I presume the teaching problem will become more acute as this war continues, but I know of no solution at the present time. There are possibilities, of course, of things happening which will bring an end to the struggle, but they are not apparent at the present time.

A representative of Montgomery Ward & Company informed me last week that a Catholic priest who had spent his entire professional days in China informed him that the Japanese are already on the run and that the morale of the Japanese people is exceedingly low and they are antagonistic to carrying on this war. You may take that for what it is worth, as we have no means of checking the truth of the statement and it may be just an opinion.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Alfred, N. Y.
June 3, 1939.
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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you for the copy of my husband's May 5th letter to you. It is the latest word that I have.

From a recent Buffalo paper I gather that the Methodist Mission buildings in Kaitien have been destroyed by bombs. That is where my sister, Marion Holmes, was working. She leaves for China this month.

Thank you also for the passport blank. The clergy fare certificates arrived promptly. I understood that we had a tentative sailing on the Pres. Pierce leaving Los Angeles Aug. 7. Was it changed to the Pres. Cleveland sailing from San Francisco July 28th?

As the Shanghai American School opens on Sept. 11, the Pres. Coolidge on which ^{Bishop & Mrs.} the Goudys sail would arrive only one day late for school. If it is not too much trouble to you - I would rather sail with them.

A card from Mrs. Stone says she has a sailing for there, Sept. 5. on the Pres. Taft. That would make Mary Lou - who is in the same class as our Margaret - very late for school - But she said they might leave here here in a boarding school in Ohio.

Dr. MacFarland's fee for 8 x-ray treatments is \$50.00. ^(Covers a period of one month) Doesn't that seem high? Usually physicians have given me their services free. The local doctor here and Dr. Kysor of Hamell, who removed Margaret's appendix, have always refused fees from us. I will not begin the x-ray treatments until I hear from you.

Sincerely yours

Ellen H. Sutton.

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June 7, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am answering your letter of June 3rd in between meetings of the Associated Boards and individual Colleges, but surely your inquiry demands immediate attention.

The first thing that is necessary, of course, is to give authorization for you to proceed with the x-ray treatments. I am not particularly impressed with the price but, nevertheless, I would not press for a reduction. This calls for eight treatments of course, and I have known instances where specialists of this kind charged a great deal more. You may, therefore, proceed according to the price that you have secured.

As to the sailing date, we are not at all optimistic on changing to the "Coolidge." Both the Canadian Pacific and the American President Lines are sold out with big waiting lists, but I have put it up to the companies with the hope that something will be secured more to your liking. Meanwhile I am holding the July 28th sailing.

I am wondering if you have sent your passport application in as ordinarily we are sending accompanying letters requesting the Department's special consideration in granting the request.

We read the news item regarding the bombing of Methodist property and understand that it was an effort to secure one of the leaders of the Central Government, but fortunately for him he had left the previous day.

Please let me know if there is anything further which I can do to be of service.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO. FOOCHOW"

處事辦任主務事
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

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FOOCHOW, CHINA.
州福國中

CODE:
"MISSIONS"

June 13, 1939.

ack 7/24/39

C.A. Evans, Ass't Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your good letter of April 24th made unusually good time even for peacetime delivery, -it must have made unusually good connections at all points. It is the last mail I have received from USA and Mrs. Sutton's last letter was dated April 11. Our port has been closed over three weeks now and there is no prospect of its being opened, as far as any of us here can see. Other ports are opened at least nominally, Wenchow which can be reached by a roundabout bus trip of perhaps 500 miles, and Hinghwa and Chuanchow, 70 and 120 miles to the south, respectively which are reached only by walking or riding in chairs as all roads in and around Foochow have been systematically destroyed. Tonight I am writing this by a lantern and tiny oil lamp as we are again in the dark ages. I was in Foochow on May 26th and saw very clearly the plane dive and drop a bomb making a direct hit on our new electric plant. I am sure we will not have lights on the campus for months or perhaps years, and I doubt if the City will be any better off. For two weeks ending yesterday we had frequent visits of planes but no bombings, but today the spell was broken again and five planes, three new high powered bombers, came and bombed the City and Mamoi which are about six miles from this campus, in opposite directions. Dr. Stowe left the campus last week (from Shaow u) and has gone to Wenchow hoping to get a boat for Shanghai. He sails for a quick round trip to USA, leaving about June 26th if he can make connection with his steamer. We had hoped to see him here and he had much to do before going out, but it all had to be given up, as there was no assurance of a boat. We are all looking forward to tomorrow as there is supposed to be a British boat leaving for Hong Kong. It is coming in against advice from its agent and will probably be here just long enough to receive passengers. The last time a boat of that line was here the steam launch taking down the passengers was fired on and driven back by Chinese soldiers, even though they were in sight of the steamer, they had to give it up. That was at least two weeks ago. But as there is nothing else in sight and Miss Asher ~~does~~ not want to travel alone overland with heavy baggage to some other port which may be closed any time, she has decided to try to get out tomorrow and so has hurriedly packed up and leaves in the morning. If she is successful this will be mailed in Hong Kong and you will get it in a little over a month, -if she has to turn back, it will have to go out via the devious and uncertain route the Chinese Post office may decide to use that day, and I don't know when you will get this.

It was decided here that I should take over the Associate Treasurer work while Miss Asher is on leave, starting June 15th. Things have been rather hurriedly turned over and I feel somewhat confused. I will try to keep things straight, but would suggest that you be in your guard

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and perhaps you can ask Miss Asher if you find any ~~hint~~ ^{hint} of doubt. I am now acting business manager here as we have a fairly good Chinese staff for Chemistry in Shaowu. I have been able to get quite a lot done on pottery work in between times, but suppose that will be cut down somewhat from now on.

For four months before I arrived and nearly five months afterward Foochow was very peaceful and had a remarkable degree of prosperity with shipping going on at a much greater pace than in the peace years of 1936 and 37. It was quite natural that many people, Chinese and foreign, assumed that Foochow was not marked for attack or destruction. many expressed the theory that the Japanese wanted this place especially for themselves and so left it alone. That theory has been blasted in the ~~last~~ ^{last} two months. On March 21st the first bombing took place, scattered locations were hit and the damage and casualties were small. The bombings of a year ago were, I understand, very spectacular but with relatively few casualties. It is hard to know just what is going on but there are nearly one hundred wounded in local mission hospitals right now. The dead from recent bombings in Foochow was estimated as 500 sometime ago and is certainly above that now and if the boats attacked at Sharp Peak, our present steamer anchorage, and other nearby places are included over a thousand deaths could be reported. One of the lowest things recently committed was the bombing of a large river launch about ten miles above Foochow and then swooping low and repeatedly machine gunning the passengers. Thirty-two were killed at the time and of the approximately forty wounded several died later. All this is, of course unimportant in comparison with what is happening at Chungking and even Chengtu. For myself I have no fears, our campus road, and boats in the river have been machine gunned on a number of occasions, so we are all careful and only travel after dark now.. There is an anti-aircraft gun emplacement on one end of our campus and machine gun emplacements dug at edge of our property on the other end. ~~and~~ Planes visiting or attacking Foochow almost always pass directly overhead, and frequently dive on boats, road or village as they did today, so that these emplacements are easily visible. Then with seven bombs dropped on American Methodist and Anglican property in nearby Hinghw a, foreign property is not immune. I have conferred with our American Consul about these gun positions when I sent in a protest against digging up our roads so that we could not move heavy boxes etc out to the river. The Consul and I agree that altho the diggings might easily draw fire, at the same time considering our location and all we cannot try to stand in the way of needed defense measures. I mention all these things to show why I do not think that Mrs. Sutton and the children should come out now. Some days we have planes five or six different times, and you cant study or work under those conditions and to a number of people it has proven trying on nerves. I sent you a radio message on May 4th and also a confirming airmail saying "Cancel family sailing" and as time goes on I am more convinced that it is right. I have heard from no one outside who has mentioned hearing about our Foochow bombings etc. so I do not know what reaction there is or how much has been reported.

My work here is primarily to care for our fine buildings and property and I am not worried about bombs and machine guns, but actual occupation would be difficult or almost impossible to hold. We have lots of space to cover, Mr. Kellogg and I, if we had to act as "police guards" against looting etc. --- Hoping this reaches you promptly, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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June 16, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred, New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

We greatly appreciate your very kind thought as shown by your gift to the Associated Boards. I am enclosing receipt herewith with the assurance that it is upon gifts of this nature that the stimulus is given to our work. We appreciate it deeply.

I am enclosing also a receipt for \$3.00 from Mr. Sherman Watson which I trust can be passed on to him without difficulty.

With added thanks, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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州福國中

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 20, 1939.

Mr. C.A. Evans, Ass't Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your airmail letter of May 6th had just arrived on June 15th the day after Miss Asher left here for Hong Kong taking a letter to you which will be mailed (in Hong Kong.) It was written hurriedly and late at night so as get off and possibly save time as we have been partially cut off from the outside. As a matter fact today and yesterday mail is very erratic, a few pieces get in quite promptly and others are very slow. So I want to apologize for the sketchy way in which the letter was written.

We have been very busy here getting off a big shipment of boxes and supplies to Shaowu. It took weeks of purchase, collection, making boxes and packing, and then a big flood came along to hinder sending them to Foochow. Fortunately the airplanes, so active the previous few days were all away, and if we can get the things safely up river I will breathe easy as it means a good year assured for our laboratory and building program. I of course know little about other schools but I am sure very few of the other China schools are as well fitted to carry on as we are. I am proud of our Chemistry staff to the way they have improvised and met the new conditions. They may have to try to make their own alcohol for fuel. Kerosene is now Mex\$13.00 a 5-gallon tin up there and with the blockade and drop in exchange it will undoubtedly be still higher. I used to think it expensive when about \$4.00, so that I designed another oil burner in 1937 to use cheaper oil in my pottery furnaces.

In addition to this shipment I have been busy learning what is needed to keep this office going as explained in previous letter. I will take this opportunity to notify you that Pres. Lin has sent word meant for Miss Asher to sell a check for US \$2,000.00. As my signatures have not yet been acknowledged by Shanghai banks, I am hesitating to put anything through on a large scale just yet. I also want to warn you that I might sometime put wrong account number on New York check through ignorance, altho I will learn as quickly as possible to keep things straight. This check has not yet been put through but I am giving this first notice that it probably will be soon. I will send this ordinary mail, as Mrs. Sutton reports my practice of sending by airmail saves little or no time.

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letters addressed to Miss Asher, dated April 25 re: Farley travel acct. and May 25 listing numerous financial items including a welcome Rockefeller grant of US\$4,000.00. All these items were immediately reported to Pres. Lin and the financial office there, so I trust they will be promptly attended to.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton
Willard J. Sutton.

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Alfred, N. Y.
June 22, 1939
ack 6/26/39

Dear Mr. Evans:

In view of the recent serious developments in China, do you think it would be better to cancel my sailing for July 28th? Things may be calmer by Sept. In case they are not perhaps application should be made now for missionary apartments in New York City. I can take work at Union and also medical work at Columbia. I would appreciate it very much if you could help me make the application for the apartment.

I have not received any word from Dr. Sutton about the physical examinations in April.

I hope that you folks are able to keep cool during this hot weather.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

June 26, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Suttons

I am sorry that I could not get a letter dictated on Saturday in answer to your letter of the 22nd. Apparently it is just as well as this morning the following cable was received:-

"SENT PASSPORT - SUTTON"

This will obviate the necessity of your applying for another passport and contains something of acquiescences toward your sailing.

I shall be very glad indeed to make application for apartments, although I am confident that it will be a miracle if you can secure anything in the missionary group up at Union Theological Seminary. I will not do anything further until I have received your reply and reaction to this cable.

Apparently the Japanese have intentions of tying up all of the larger seaports of China which means that probably Foochow will be the next to fall. Your guess is fully as good as mine and I will have to leave it to your good judgment to reach the decision. Surely this complicates the situation no little.

With sincerest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:

"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

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*followed up
8/2/39 by Sutton*
CODE:
"MISSIONS"

June 26, 1939.

C.A. Evans, Ass't. Treasurer,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

*Accepted 8/1/39
No 3173 a
dy 1938/39*
Today I have sent to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai, care Mr. Glenn V. Fuller, one check on New York for US Two-Thousand Dollars. This check is No. 1966 and is marked for "1938-1939 Budget", it is according to Pres. Lin's request, so that he can establish a fairly good sized fund in Shaowu. As I stated in my letter of June 20, my taking over of this office was rather hasty and also I have no special instructions from Shaowu. There is some uncertainty in my mind about this designation of the check, -you will therefore please be on the look out for it and will mark it properly as to proper account, in case I am wrong. Pres. Lin wishes, among other things to make extensive repairs with this money.

A radiogram has just been forwarded to you as follows:-

ABCHICOL, NEW YORK, SENT PASSPORT, (signed) SUTTON.
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*Invited to
Mrs Sutton
7/25/39*
I still feel doubtful about the advisability of bring small children out into what all must admit has possibilities of real danger. But as I have already explained everyone seems to think different than I do about it, and so that ends it. Our Consul S.J. Fletcher has just left and he has consented to take it out safely and mail it, possibly from Hong Kong. I already reported to you about the airplane machine gunning our property. When I had time to investigate I found nine bullet holes in our gas tanks and five more on the ground. I have recovered four of the bullets and have sent samples with my report, to the American Consulate. I forgot to add the Consul left on a US gunboat, there are still no steamers stopping here. The British seem confident that they can get some special arrangement so that trade may open up again in about two weeks. Many common commodities are now very scarce here and almost impossible to obtain. A large shipment of mail sacks for Foochow is expected very soon from Santuo, a small port north of here. Rumor goes around this morning that that port has just been attacked.

In my previous letters I have already acknowledged receipt of your letters dated May 25th, stating that I have promptly forwarded to Shaowu the information they contained covering financial matters.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton
Willard J. Sutton.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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CODE:
"MISSIONS"

June 27, 1939,
2:00 P.M.

Dear Friends:-

This is just a hurried note to state conditions as they are here at present moment, with a hope of getting letters put before it might be too late. At 12:15 Consul Ward phoned me (he has just arrived from home leave yesterday). He said that the Japanese have already landed and taken Sharp Peak Island at the mouth of our river. They have given notice to foreign shipping there to withdraw as there would be fighting, before two days, and also for all foreigners to withdraw from Foochow. This may mean real trouble or it may not, no one can tell just now, depending whether the Japanese really intend to try to come in. There are five Japanese boats there, and just now we had over half an hour's visit from nine planes. I have advised the two women with their small children to leave as soon as possible this evening. Consul Ward wanted me to leave at once for Foochow for fear that we might see fighting here along the river. I told him that my job was just beginning now, and that I could not think of leaving but that I would suggest to Mr. Kellogg that he go up, as a matter of fact there are several important errands that he can do in Foochow. I have promised Consul Ward that if there is serious fighting I would leave, - in the meantime he has asked me to put up all flags and Consular notices. The people on the campus are calm and with exception of a few small Chinese children could all move quickly if they had to.

My main worry is to keep Shaowu provided with cash. Miss Asher left somewhat hurriedly and the Shanghai banks have not yet acknowledge receipt of my signature. So I do not know whether to be able to provide money by check or if I will have to wait still further. Possibly if I could somehow reach Miss Asher she could be in touch with the Mission Treasurers (Mr. Fuller) as her steamer, the Pres. Pierce goes through Shanghai. That might solve part of the problem, except of course, for the part that requires quick action, as the Pierce will not be there until about July 17th.

I am trying to get in touch with Dr. Harry Worley and the Methodist Mission in Foochow to see if they could somehow help Shaowu. Also I will notify Mrs. Christain in the American Board office in Foochow.

In any case there is too much of value here to even try to save it, and all we can do is our best, no matter how little that may be, things have a way of coming out all right. We will pay the workmen tomorrow and if necessary they can leave. And I will always be glad that I hurried that 69 boxes out, in spite of the flood and other delays.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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P.S. The irony of all this is that I have just mailed out (via Consul who left for home yesterday, S.J. Fletcher) because so many people have urged me to do so to let Ellen and the children come out, which has really been against my better judgement.

W. J. S.

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Alfred, N. Y.
June 28, 1939.
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Dear Mr. Evans:

Since the passport is being sent from China I think it would be best to leave a tentative sailing date in September or October.

In the meantime I will get things packed up here ready to leave Alfred. If by Sept. 1st., prospects are poor for sailing in the immediate future we will move to New York where I can take up some medical studies. Many of the courses are arranged for one, two or three months. I don't suppose there would be an apartment available at Union. Do you know of any others? Perhaps I could find one near my sister in Brooklyn.

Dr. Sutton seems worried about finances in China. Could you tell me what our salary would be out there?

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

Pres. C.J. Lin,
Shaowu

Dear C.J.:-

Things are getting a little more exciting today and I am trying to keep cool physically as well as mentally. Everyone expects an attack tomorrow or tonight, including the Consul, but there is a slight possibility that the Japanese may be content for the present, to hold Sharp Peak, which they have already occupied. It seems to me that if they move on Foochow the city will surely be burned. The Consul tried to persuade Kellogg and I to go to Foochow. Many British are leaving at once on a gunboat. Claude went up last night and handed Worley checks etc for FCU so he might carry on in case I am tied up here and can't communicate outside. I have just received Mr. Li's letter of June 22 with all reports etc. I am very doubtful about sending savings to Bank of China as suggested. I will at least have Chi-Ting call them up and see what can be done, and what their own plans are.

A telegram has just come from Hong Kong which I do not understand. "Principal Lin Letter Follow Cant Come" no signature. Under date mark it says "20" so I can't see what has happened to it.

A delegation of workmen has just come in asking for salary plus a loan for rice. I told them we would pay salaries early as we had the cash, but couldn't possibly plan for more for a few days at least.

Mrs. Chen Hwa-Liang has gone to Kuliang this AM. I advised postmaster to move his family out yesterday but they are still here.

I have decided to send Chen Wen-Hsun back to you. We can't use him much here and he is needed as a special messenger as I am not sure if mails get through now. I am sending some money or crossed checks etc to you by him have not decided exactly how much yet, but will include in this letter later. I am desperately trying to get some money through to you. The check to Assoc. Mission treasurers was sent through for \$2,000.00 but it may be very slow or even stopped.

The native banks in Foochow are already closed, and I have rumors that the H & S Bank may close also so I am trying to get cash out first. I have to depend on Worley for everything and you can communicate with him perhaps.

I have just talked with Fa Tung and told him to send out notice to postpone the entrance examinations. If possible to hold later, we will announce it. Perhaps you can make some announcement for candidates to go to Shaowu if credentials are in order for these times are very special.

I am sorry I have no time to work with contracts just now. Perhaps this afternoon we can do them. I hope there will be no airplanes. We had nine yesterday, mostly over Hek Dau and the river below Foochow.

There are other matters which I will try to write to you about later. The boats may stop going to Yenping, -an other rumor. Wen-Hsun will go via walking if no other way presents itself. I hope all goes well in Shaowu.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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