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Foochow.
July 4, 1939.

Pres. C. J. Lin,
Shaowu.

Dear C. J.:-

Chou Chu Shen came in last night with your letter of June 23. I had already received your letter of the 27th which explains why I did not know about your previous references to Kuliang. As far as I know no one of the foreign group is even planning to go up just now. It makes me recall how Mr. Wiant planned to bring his family there for the summer. Mrs. Brewster had planned with Kellogg for his house but has had to cancel. I am optimistic enough to think that with present show of resistance, if nothing happens in next two or three days, we may have three or six months more of freedom altho no one dares make any plans on it. Mr. Topping may go up later and if so I will ask him to look at the house. Li Tang goes up frequently as that is his father's home, and now we have goats and hens there, I may ask him to look at the house next trip. Any minor repairs could be made at once, if really needed. Of course we will put no money on it until we are sure there is to be no immediate trouble here.

We have already applied for a huchao for some boxes and so will soon know if it can still be obtained locally. Then we will plan about shipping up the many other things needed. Will make no attempt on the piano until we are sure that it can be properly handled and that there will be no immediate attack on Foochow. The workmen today really started to work again. Chu Shen will go back up river tomorrow and so may as well take this along. He saw Chen Wen Hsun in Yenping. Wen Hsun could not get on because of the flood destroying bridges but I shall hope that he will get through in a few more days. As I explained were under a great tension here for two days and had many things to think of at once. Possibly more careful thinking would have shown some better way out of meeting the situation. I still think you will get your letter and check but know that you have not gotten them by this time yet.

Chou Shen will be able to take the twelve new diplomas up for signature. Also I think it best for you to have files for Charles C.H. Ch'eng, new Chemistry teacher, and I.C. Kuo of Calif. Inst. Technology, applicant for Physics. I have no idea how any man will be sure to get in now, but conditions a month later may permit you to telegraph Dr. Cheng how to come in. ~~Who~~ I do not know how to reach him, I would write him too if possible. I enclose separate letter about Dr. Cheng and a copy for TH Wang. You may care to return these applications to files here at some later time.

There is no further activity here as to gun positions and they have left a 15 ft way out from our gate to jetty so these things are settled for the present, altho I am sure our position is considerably more dangerous for having them. Still even the Consul does not wish to interfere with defense program where needed.

When the merchant arrives will pay him as you have suggested, \$2,000.00 Foochow. Just now Shanghai money is at a premium, since there is no export business here. I will decide before afternoon if I can or should send you a \$2,000.00 check on Shanghai. It would be valid at once, where the \$10,000.00 check by Wen-Hsun must wait still, until I get a telegram from Shanghai.

Perhaps if things will quiet down Chen Siao Peh can stay here and go on with canning of lichees. We have 500 of the 2,000 tins all ready to use. He is due today.

With best wishes to you all, - we are somewhat relaxed but not entirely so.

W. J. Sutton

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

July 5th, 1939.

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

All acc. & file

Dear Mr. Evans:-

A few days ago I sent you a hastily written copy of our feelings here for the moment, now I am glad to say we can relax again, altho no one can say just why we should. The present event was just a dress rehearsal, for which I am very thankful in spite of the fact that it came at a very awkward time, when I had just started to get onto the financial work here; and so I was greatly worried for fear I would fail to keep Shaowu in funds. It took a month for Shanghai banks to ~~send~~ acknowledgment of my signature. I will hope now for a short spell when I can look over New York reports and try to understand them, - I depend on Mr. Li in Shaowu as it is now.

A few days ago I mailed you a letter reporting all US dollar checks on New York which were issued in June. Special mention needs to be made of two:-

No. 1966 \$2,000.00 Assoc. Mission Treasurers, Shanghai. Pres. Lin writes this should be on Harvard-Yenching fund, I wrote it "1938-39 budget". I suppose we will do a lot for our library up there with the proceeds.

No. 1967 \$500.00. Dr. Harry W. Worley for exchange and dep. Foochow bank, for current funds.

It is very likely that I will have to write another large check soon, partly to get a good reserve, as this threat will hang over us now indefinitely; and it is partly to meet repairs etc. at Shaowu. If I do send out another check it will not be for over US\$800.00 and I will hope not to write another for a long time. In any case I will notify you promptly. I still welcome suggestions from you.

On June 26 I wrote you that the passport was sent out and I also radioed you to that effect. June 27 to 30 were days of great tension here and I regretted very much having sent out any encouragement for the family to come here. Not because of the added physical burden and expense of getting a new passport when my time was so urgently needed to keep things going, but because the picture was more vivid as to what we may really expect here. Europe has not blown up yet, and may even calm down again, as Foochow will apparently do until next time. And I regard Shanghai as just as likely to be a bad spot as Foochow. It is that, more than the expense. Stowe has written that Fuller, Methodist, in Assoc. Treasurers, Shanghai now pays US\$80.00 a month for rent alone, and conditions everywhere are intolerable. I last heard from Mrs. Sutton May 10th, and as mail is slower than ever, I will be in the dark from now on as far as family plans are concerned, unless I get a radio message. Mr. Wiant is arriving in Shanghai today, there may be a way for a man with light baggage to get here, but if a woman and children attempt it, it is out of the question. I cannot leave work here, even for a short trip to Shanghai, assuming I could get there.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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Foochow
July 5th, 1939.

Mr. Glenn V. Fuller,
Associated Mission Treasurers,
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road,
Shanghai.

Dear Mr. Fuller:-

Enclosed please find a letter to deliver to Miss Eva M. Asher. She is due to go through Shanghai on the PRES. PIERCE on or about July 16th. Mail is very slow these days not only on account of the local tense situation and the roundabout way it must follow, but also because we have had bad floods and bridges are out. It is therefore quite possible that this may not arrive in time for Miss Asher's boat. I therefore enclose a twenty-five cent stamp to forward the letter to "Brookneal, Virginia". I have purposely left the letter unsealed so that you, or any other friends such as the Mains might read the Foochow news, altho it will not be very new when it reaches you. I am sure you have heard all about the bombing of the Foochow Union High school. We had nine planes at the time and one or more went out in that direction, beyond West gate. The first bomb as I understand it hit the corner of the building, but the second one, an incendiary bomb went right through the big flag painted on the roof, and the whole structure burned down. It was the one big building of the whole school, the others are residences and a small agricultural building. The students are away forty to sixty miles inland and I understand that the young primary students were sent away the day before. Two young children were killed and a man seriously wounded. Mrs. Brewster was living in one of the buildings, a residence about 250 yards away, but she had, fortunately, moved to the Methodist compound the day before the bombing.

Our situation here has quieted again and we hear the Japanese boats have all gone away. The uncertainty as to when they will come back will, I hope, keep every one on the alert. We had three days of tense anticipation, and it was hard to keep the workmen from running away.

On June 26th, the day before the alarm, I mailed you check No. 1966 on our New York office for US \$2,000.00, which I asked you to sell at your convenience and deposit to our account in Shanghai, with the Shanghai branch of the H & S Bank. Due to the trouble here etc as explained above I doubt if the check has reached you even now, but will hope to get your telegraphic confirmation, at our expense, within a few more days.

I believe today is the day that Wiant arrives in Shanghai. Give him our best greetings and wishes for a good trip down. I am sorry that I haven't the least suggestion now as to how he might make the trip.

Hoping that all goes well up your way, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

W. J. S.
Willard J. Sutton.

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July 6, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I have not answered two questions raised in your letter of June 28th - one is regarding salary in China and the other is regarding the possibility of getting an apartment. I am afraid that I cannot be of very great benefit.

The schedule as set up for the current year is as follows:-

Salary @ G\$750 @ 3	2,250.00
Salary G\$750 @ 2	1,500.00
Children G\$400 @ 3	1,200.00
Children G\$400 @ 2	800.00
Insurance G\$200	600.00
Medical	50.00
House Rent	600.00
Sub. Reserve	600.00
	<u>7,600.00</u>

What interpretation the field will put upon the exchange situation, I do not know and that is the most important question to be answered before a solution is found to your problem. If the rate for \$750 was set at 5 to 1 the gold required would be reduced to \$450, but meanwhile commodities might have advanced two or three hundred per cent.

It would seem as though Dr. Sutton would be nearer to having the answers to these questions himself, outside of President Lin. I wish I could be of more help, but in this respect I feel exceedingly impotent.

It is a similar case regarding the apartment situation. I find that Union Theological Seminary is prohibited from renting to anyone excepting students taking a full course at the Seminary. This, of course, is impossible with you. The next best solution is to find some apartment in the vicinity of Columbia and in this respect Mrs. Bliss of the University is in charge of rentals. She states that it is almost impossible to do anything around Columbia under \$75.00 per month and suggests that if there are any other methods whereby you could secure accommodations even by living at a distance it would be much more economical. Here again I am sorry that I cannot be

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of more help, but if you have any definite plans in mind and wish me to carry through on them, please let me know and I will follow instructions.

Thanking you for the letter from Dr. Sutton which I will return to you after having passed it around the office for consumption.

Very truly yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

July 8, 1939
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 29th addressed to Miss Asher, and also your airmail of June 12th, which arrived at the same time.

I have reported to Pres. Lin the balance unspent of US\$208.00 on the 1938-39 Rockefeller emergency grant, and also notified him that the Foundation expects a full accounting of this in their hands by Oct. 1st of this year.

In the June 12 letter were enclosed financial statements etc. sent by air-mail to aid in the closing of our books. Having no knowledge of this business whatever, I immediately forwarded them to Shaowu where Mr. Li can handle them very well.

We hope to have direct connection with Shaowu soon. The second big flood came at the time of our great excitement over the expected invasion. A special messenger whom I sent out June 28th has not arrived yet and probably will not until about July 12 or 14. Mail comes through in from five days to a week and a telegram took four days, a trip normally would require three days up and two days down, as the river has lots of dangerous rapids and requires an extra day going up.

We have purchased, or rather order to be made 2,000 tin cans. If conditions permit we will can lichees to this amount. -we originally planned a much larger number of tins. Last years pack, in quality and popularity was "tops" as the boys at home might say. This year sugar has more than doubled in price and the same for tins. The tin can factory which served last year was blown up by bombs, and I consider it remarkable that there was any tin plate to be had. Other imported commodities have already disappeared from the market, and prices have soared not only due to exchange but also to the blockade. We have plenty of eggs and vegetables so can survive quite well, I hope.

At last word has come through from Hong Kong that Miss Asher has notified you of my taking over her work, by airmail. I am sure you have received her letter about the same time as I received her general news to us all. When she left she did not plan to spend the year in New York. I greatly regret this, as I feel we need more contacts and understanding with our New York office.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton
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July 12, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am quoting a paragraph or two from Miss Asher's
letter dated May 31st:-

"Focchow continues to be bombed. Most of the raids of the last few weeks have been carried out by one lone plane each time. But it keeps at it steadily and keeps traffic and business tied up the greater part of the day. It makes from one to five trips a day, on an average of about three, the days it does come, and usually unloads four bombs each trip. Machine-gunning goes with much of the bombing. Boats on the river are often machine-gunned. We dare not travel on the river at all during the day. Most of the boats run at night, and practically all business is carried on in the evening - everything closed up during the day. A boat fifteen or twenty miles above Focchow, going up river, was bombed and machine-gunned two days ago, killing thirty-two on the spot and wounding some fifty or sixty, some of which have since died. Only three people on the launch escaped being wounded. After the bomb hit the front of the boat, the hydroplane lit on the water and machine-gunned at close range. So far as I have been able to find out, the boat was just an ordinary passenger boat running between Focchow and this village some twenty miles up the river."

At best we feel a bit cut off from the general public, and at worst we really are cut off! With the road gone, river travel impracticable, and the telephone often out of order, there is little communication of any kind between here and Focchow. There are so few missionaries in Focchow, due partly to the schools moving inland and partly to people being on furlough, every person is responsible for more than one person can easily look after, and therefore every one stays put more closely than would otherwise be the case."

I thought you might be interested in these intimate accounts

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and opinions by Miss Asher.

I am enclosing Dr. Sutton's letter as I promised a few days ago.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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

AIRMAIL

F.C.U., Foochow.
July 14, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

There is a mail "closing" for Hong Kong today at 4:00 P.M. in our post office. That is to say it will be carried overland at least two days to Hinghwa or more probably north to Santuo where it is expected to make a steamer for Hong Kong. So I am going to make one last desperate attempt to reach you by airmail in a reasonable time. We are expecting a large number of people in from Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Wiant, Mrs. Worley and their children, also a Mr. Hendry who is to take over Union Hospital Supt. from Mr. Lacy, Mrs. Sites, and two children of the Topping family about Peggy's age. The steamer is expected in Hinghwa about July 17 and then they will come overland to Foochow in two or three days. Last night the radio told of a Japanese announced attack on "three Fukien ports" where they requested all foreign ships to be out of the ports before 8:00 A.M. tomorrow. I called the Consul this morning and he says the ports are Chuanchow 120 miles south of us and two other small places near Amoy. For a time I thought that our Shanghai friends would not get in. I think they will make it but I very definitely expect that these other ports will be closed eventually. The Japanese navy is really unopposed and wants some publicity. Foochow is effectively closed and the Japanese in addition to occupying Sharp Peak Island in the mouth of the Min river, have sunk a lot of junks as a barrier. The Chinese are laying down another one in the river and so now there are three different barriers to keep out ships. Sharp Peak is just fifteen miles from this campus, as the crow flies. Altho there is still much uneasiness here, I don't think we are due for immediate attack. I think that there will be considerable resistance and very possibly destruction of the city, so there is little to gain, and that at a price. On the other hand the port is effectively closed and no military or other supplies can come in, so there is an additional economic squeeze applied as well as the usual military blockade.

This does give me concern, -if these last two ports are closed we will really be shut off from mail contacts with outside except by very long devious routes. During the alarm of two weeks ago I was much concerned about getting money through to Shaowu. Inland banks refused checks and all the usual arrangements were stopped. From letters I see the tension still holds more than it does in Foochow, but I expect it will ease and money will go thru. Nevertheless I must face the fact that Foochow may be attacked and I will not be able to help Shaowu. We have a sort of understanding with Mr. Glenn V. Fuller in the Associated Mission Treasurers Office, Shanghai, where in case of Foochow being cut off, he might be able to help. But that was when Chekiang ports were open and mail might go that way. Ports up there are just as liable to closure, and have been attacked like Fukien. I might suggest the following, however, to run we will need ordinarily US\$500 to \$1,000.00 per month depending on exchange rates. I prefer to sell it in Shanghai with Mr. Fuller but mail is now so uncertain that I probably will have to sell in Foochow. I sent him NY check No. 1966 for US\$2,000.00 asking to acknowledge by telegraph. It is now 18 days and no word has come, and mail connections are definitely going to get worse! In case you know Foochow has definitely been attacked or taken, I suggest you wire to "Fuller, Treasurers, Shanghai" \$1,000.00, with the hope that he may somehow get money through. Our present practice is to accept cash from Shaowu merchants generally about \$2,000.00 at a time, then when they get to Foochow I give them a Shanghai or a Foochow check. It is an arrangement to the advantage of each as long as conditions are about normal.

No word has come from Mrs. Sutton since her letter dated May 12th, we are always hoping to get a good mail from home. I will not know if she still insists on bringing the children out until some letter or wire comes through. Even the above mentioned trip via Hinghwa is strenuous and possibly even dangerous, and I feel almost sure things will be closed tight by September. If she does come out, I would want her to go on to Baguio in the Philippines where there is an American school for the children and houses or cottages can be rented all furnished. I still insist that with present conditions in the International settlement of China things will get worse. She must have plenty of money for any emergency. I must add in closing I have just sold check No. 1969 US\$300.00 to HongKong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Foochow, - I now contemplate another \$1,000.00 check just to have a fair reserve on hand. I hope you can confer with Miss Asher about this Shaowu money problem. With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours, Willard J. Sutton.

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Alfred, N. Y.
July 15, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Thank you for the paragraphs from Miss Asher's letter. By this time you know that she was able to leave Foochow on June 14, for a letter came from Dr. Sutton this am. enclosing a copy of a letter dated June 13 sent to you.

It is a good thing that I did not send in my application for a passport as I was waiting for a letter from you to enclose with it.

You might be interested in these letters from Mr. and Mrs. Mann. that were forwarded to me, and also my computations concerning expenses in Shanghai, which I enclose on a separate sheet of paper. The prices were taken from a ¹⁹³⁸⁻¹⁹³⁹ ~~1939~~ - Shanghai American School catalogue. Unless they have advanced since its publication it seems to me that board for our family ought to be cheaper. Couldn't our present salary be used in Shanghai at current rate of exchange instead of here? In fact I don't think we would need so much there. Perhaps

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Miss Asher can help out in this matter.

I am enclosing a receipt for \$100.00 which I paid Dr. Frantz, a dentist in Harnell, together with Dr. Vaughn's recommendation concerning it. The bill was \$50.00 less than I understood it would be.

I have another plan which would be easier if I should take up medical work at Columbia. I could leave the children here with their two grandmothers for a month or two this fall and stay with my sister in Brooklyn while studying. This is an alternative ^{of course} for going to Shanghai this fall. It is hard to know what to do. But with the passport coming and permission granted from the State Department the way is open. I am wondering what the new Neutrality Law (when it is passed) will bring forth.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton

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July 16.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

It was good of you to send the special delivery letter which just arrived. It was a copy of this letter that came here yesterday. Dr. Sutton often sends me copies of his letters & same time in writing, but sometimes they are long in coming.

If anything should happen to him I feel that I ought to be in Shanghai even if it is impossible to travel to Foochow for the present. If it should become necessary for the foreigners to leave Foochow then he could live with us. Thank you for getting the Sept. 22nd sailing. I would like to plan to sail then. The cable that came from Dr. Sutton about sending the passport was sent after this letter was written, was it not?

A Mrs. Thorngate of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission here is sailing with her three children on July 19 to join her husband

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in Shanghai. He is a physician there.

Word came over the radio (Esso news reporter) the other day that three Americans were injured in a boat which was machine gunned by a plane, on its way down the Min river to Foochow. Their names were given - the first one I did not get but the other two were Miss Margaret Bissonnette and Mr. Lawrence Schilling - people whom we know well. Have you had any news of this?

E. H. S.

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

REGISTERED BY
AIRMAIL

F.C.U., Foochow, China.
July 21, 1939.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

I want you to have some of the China-USA stamps, quite unique among stamps and of interest because the US flag appears on the stamps of China. I will see that you get the two lower values too \$.25 and \$.05, on an ordinary letter. There seems to be but little use in using airmail because everything is slow. The last letter I have received from Mrs. Sutton was written seven weeks ago and some earlier letters are still missing. It looks as if Japan has every intention of completely blocking our coast, - Foochow is shut absolutely tight as a port. I have not seen a Shanghai newspaper for weeks and of course the coffee addicts will have to suffer. We have been anxiously waiting for news from the Wianta, Mrs. Worley, Mrs. Sites and some others trying to come in from Shanghai via Hinghwa. The steamer was supposed to come in several days ago but we have had typhoon weather and then the Japanese announced their offensive to close all the remaining Fukien ports and warned away all British, American and other ships. We have not of course, the story yet, - but I understand that the steamer arrived at Hinghwa and had to go away. Finally it landed the passengers at Sing-A, a small seaside village in the Diongloh area. How they got ashore and what they will do with baggage is more than I know. But the American Consul received a wire 8 Americans and two Canadians landed, and that fits the party exactly. We are all glad they are in altho they have typhoon rainy weather. I do not know if there is trouble with bandits there, but think not. Messrs. Topping and Worley went to Hinghwa to meet their families, and also Larry Schilling who hoped to get out on the steamer. I imagine these people missed altho I did hear that the steamer went back to a place about seven miles from Hinghwa in an attempt to unload. Now we are hoping the party will put in appearance soon. I can easily picture myself worrying with the rest because for quite a time my family was planning to come with the ~~rest~~ and this trip would certainly be hard on the small children and any mother who came with them. As it is the youngest of the five children is fifteen. Altho conditions here change surprisingly from time to time, I do not see how my family can get in now. It appears more certain that the Japanese definitely plan to close all ports, and can more or less succeed. With the exception of Mrs. Sites and possibly Clara Jean Worley, this party is physically fit to travel this way overland and to meet whatever situations come up. With Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy and the small children, and also lack of younger experienced men, I don't care to think about such adventures.

We seem to have no particular news just now. Agriculture is expanding a little by canning 2500 tins of lichees. Last year the department put up more, and they were in great demand but now the price of tin is high and also of sugar and I am afraid they will not appear so well as the sugar is off color and is all that can be obtained. I hope the price will not be prohibitive.

The European situation and the situations in China and Manchuria are very tense. We are all watching radio reports closely. A second typhoon is approaching and I hope it does not cut us off from the news. Exchange is very bad for China now too, nearly 8 to 1 in Foochow and a news despatch quoted 10 to 1 in Shanghai.

Herewith I will report US dollar checks written so far in July.

No. 1969	July 11	Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Foochow	1939-40 Budget \$800.00
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At last I have a wire from Assoc. Mission Treasurers Shanghai, that No. 1966 for \$2,000.00 (to be charged to Harvard Yenching Fund, but not to budget as first reported), has been received and exchanged. I may have to write a check on the Rockefeller fund for emergency, but it will be less than \$500.00. I hope now that I have met all the heavy demands for funds for some time to come. Pres. Lin has one of your New York check books and one for Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Shanghai, so he could carry on perhaps, even if I were to be cut off. Pres. Lin has also gotten a good reserve on hand now too, so let's hope for the best. With best wishes, I am,

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Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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July 25, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am quoting herewith the following paragraph from a letter from Dr. Sutton dated June 26th:-

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

ABCHICOL, NEW YORK, SENT PASSPORT, (signed) SUTTON.

I still feel doubtful about the advisability of bringing 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."

I want you to know all that is going on and Dr. Sutton's attitude, while at the same time I am trying to get sailings definitely booked for you. If I can be of service, please do not hesitate to write me.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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處事辦任主務事
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

July 27, 1939

Recd 8/31/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Perhaps you would like to know the latest news about our Foochow travel. Mr. and Mrs. Wiant and son Allen, Mrs. Worley and Clara Jean and Jimmy, Mrs. Sites, Rena and Muriel Topping, and Mr. Hendry came in via Diongloh arriving in Foochow Friday, July 21st. They were on a steamer bound for Hinghwa, a little port about sixty or more miles south of us, and if sailing plans were kept, were expected to arrive there about July 17th. This would bring them right into the announced "attack" by the Japanese on several Fukien ports, as apparently they intend to close all up tight. As it was the steamer arrived near Hinghwa and was warned away by the Japanese. It started for Santuo, which was also threatened. Mrs. Sites, many years ago had been a missionary in the Diongloh field, and she recommended a stop at Sing-A, a little coast village. She knew personally some of the older people there, and so allayed the fears of these people who are in constant fear, not only of raids by the Japanese but also of sea thieves and bandits. There had been the effects of a typhoon and so there was rain and a rough landing, and Mr. Wiant alone had 101 pieces of baggage one of which weighed some 600 lbs. I understand a very few pieces were lost in the landing, but the party generally got into Diongloh (Mandarin Changlo) a distance of seventy li (about 22 miles) without special trouble. Fortunately there were no bandits then. Mr. A. O. Rinden at Diongloh kept them for nearly 24 hours and then the steamer company's launch came and took them to Foochow, a distance of about sixteen or more miles by river. The sequel is that now mail etc are going out on the steamer. Mr. Li I-Ying one of graduates of ten years ago who has been teaching with us, hopes to go to US where he has a full scholarship, at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. There are also four Hwa Nan College girls wanting to go out and I suppose lots of others. It is necessary to leave in the night on the regular river boats, and take the uncertain trip overland. I am sure Mr. Li has started, no one can tell yet the outcome. He cannot go abroad until he gets a Government permit, and they are both slow coming and hard to get, but to get out of Foochow is the main obstacle. No one knows if there will be more boats like this or not.

There is tragic news in this connection. Mr. Larry Schilling, a bright young man out from Carleton College, was trying to go home on this boat. He went down to Futsing about ten days ago, to meet this steamer when and where it came in. Late last night he was brought to Foochow by Dr. Skinner, his legs paralyzed from what seems to be infantile paralysis. We have very little news yet. It was an 18-mile trip overland and then another fourteen or more miles on small steam launch. He may not live, or if he does may be permanently paralyzed. He was on his way home, hoping to study at Union Seminary. *Consul radioed for Iron Lung to come in by gunboat (?)*

I have received some mail from Mrs. Sutton, for a time I was six or seven weeks behind, and the last letter was written June 19 and came by air, and do not expect to keep any closer than six weeks from now on except for an occasional lucky accident. I have received four Shanghai newspapers in about six weeks. I understand they are "censored". Hoping this reaches you without too much delay, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

There may be a U.S. gunboat here in a couple weeks, bringing in supplies. Kellogg is talking some of going out on it, as he doesn't want to be trapped here. W.J.S.

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

TREASURER'S OFFICE

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.
州福國中

CODE:
"MISSIONS"

Spencer Lens Company,
19 Boat Street,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Re: Refund credit of US\$9.55.

Gentlemen:-

As per your statement of August 31, 1937 we have a credit of \$9.55 for return of cord, plug, switch and bulbs for model E #29783 Spenceer Delineascope.

To use this credit our Biology department wishes to order a pair of field glasses for bird study. I am sorry that I have none of your catalogs at hand and so cannot order exactly and will have to ask you to decide what is best within the limits set. I would think that a 5x or 6x power would be best. The Biology department has suggested a binocular, prism type glass up to US\$20.00 or \$30.00. It may be however that they will have to content themselves with an "opera glass" type.

Due to the fact that we are under blockade, it would take at least three months to get your reply, and possibly considerably more than this. I am therefore sending this letter to you via Mr. C.A. Evans, our Secretary-Treasurer, at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Mr. Evans is authorized to consult with you as to what should be ordered, and to pay any difference that might be due you. Please also send the glasses to him, as at present I see no safe way that we can get them delivered out here.

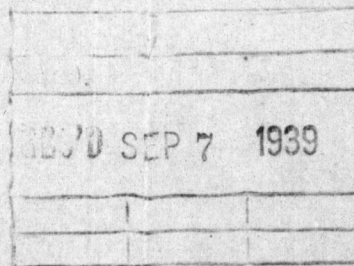
I will be glad to see this item removed from our records.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton
Willard J. Sutton.

Assoc. Treasurer, Acting.

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CODE:
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Mr. C. A. Evans,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York

July 28, 1939.

Acc 8/3/39 WJS

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Note Spencer Lens Co. 7/6

Our Biology department holds a credit with the Spencer Lens Company for US \$9.55. To use this credit I have been ordered to get a pair of field glasses for use in bird study. I enclose the letter to the Spencer Co. herewith, in duplicate, and would like to ask you to forward it after reading. Quite obviously I can do nothing at this distance, with my lack of information. Knowing the value of good prism binoculars I am doubtful if the Spencer Co. can offer anything under \$30.00 which would be suitable. Possibly they have something of the old "opera glass" type. Personally I would say it is better not to risk too much in the investment because just now I do not see what can be done about getting them out here. This gives a broad field for your judgement to act in, but I would say do what you can without too much time on the subject, make your best decision which might possibly be to cancel the order for the present, -and then forget about it. It will probably be necessary for you to hold the glasses until some one is coming out or until the situation clears up, a very vague suggestion, I am sure.

I have received several days ago, your letter to Miss Asherby airmail enclosing the the Minutes of our Annual Trustees meeting, and accompanying letter which I am forwarding to Pres. Lin, as he may not receive his copy.

The exchange has dropped alarmingly so that it is now 11 to 1 in Foochow. This is good fortune from the point of view of selling US checks but it looks bad when you think of China's struggle. I feel that Britain's giving in has been a main cause for this, and that the British, in the end will see that they have made a mistake, even though they yielded under great pressure. I will be glad if our own country does not allow itself to be influenced by this action.

A few days ago I reported to you the US dollar checks written up to date during July. I now repeat, giving for the entire month. The previous letter was an airmail and had on the new stamps which are desirable for collectors, and it is certain they have to run the gauntlet of the occupied territory as well.

No. 1969	\$800.00	Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. Foochow, 1939-40 Budget
No. 1970	\$1,000.00	ditto 1939-40 Budget
No. 1971	\$25.00	W.J. Sutton, Sutton salary

I always prefer to sell through the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai, but in June mail was slow and now is still more uncertain as our blockade is much tighter. A check mailed to them June 26th did not receive telegraphic acknowledgment until July 17th and no letter has come through yet reporting the rate obtained etc.

I enclose herewith a few Dufay color films of our campus. They ought to be viewed against a bright sky. Mrs. Macmillan in your office, first mentioned them to me, and then I got one for trial just before I left the USA. It has been many months of trial before I could get any such film in Hong Kong but at last I have succeeded. They had to be developed when the solutions were nearly 85°F.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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August 2, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I greatly appreciate your letter of June 26th informing us that you have drawn US\$2,000.00 through the Associated Mission Treasurers. We will charge this to Accounts Payable and more particularly to the Harvard-Yenching balance.

We received your radiogram and forwarded the word to Mrs. Sutton immediately.

We are all doubtful about the situation in China and wish that we had some special wisdom on the situation. We are doing some very thorough investigation of some rumors which have been rampant and it is possible that something will evolve from them. If so, it will be in ample time to hold your family here in case of necessity. I most thoroughly appreciate your position and your value to the institution, but on general principles I am averse to having families broken up. I have been on the field myself and know a great many missionaries all over the world and we have quite a few in all of our institutions and my conviction is that the missionary movement has nothing to brag about when it comes to the point of separating families.

I will keep you informed insofar as possible with events at this end, and hope as opportunity offers you will write us. I am trying to get away at the end of this week for a vacation, although I feel like a slacker in leaving when conditions are so upset. However, I plan to keep in touch with the office from time to time and will not entirely lose track of passing events.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

*via air mail to Pacific Coast
"Empress of Japan" - 8/5/39*

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August 8, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am answering your letters of July 8th and June 20th by "absent treatment." That is, - I am absent from the office, having actually started on a vacation. However, as I left the office yesterday, I took along some personally addressed letters and did not have a chance to read them until today.

Your letter of June 20th dealing with certain letters which I had mailed, also alludes to the draft for \$2,000.00 which has come through and been paid. Miss Asher saw Glenn Fuller in Shanghai on Sunday as she came through and authorized a draft if your's did not come through. As your's had been received and paid, no other was needed.

It certainly gives us all occasion to be proud of the way Fukien is carrying on. The splendid spirit, in spite of inconvenience and lack of equipment, has been remarkable. I note that you are sending other equipment up the river which will help very materially in their facilities. War does funny things. It makes devils out of some people, while others are converted into angels of mercy, while still others are challenged to their noblest instincts. The mere fact that necessity existed because of a war has inspired your students to invent new ways of carrying on.

Your letter of July 8th deals with other letters which we had sent through, all of which have been cleared. It is interesting to note the progress you are making in canning, but I presume none of your "pack" will be exported. Lichees are readily procurable here in the States and are greatly appreciated to those who have been initiated. We like them immensely. So the hens keep on laying and the vegetables growing in spite of foreign invasion. May the Lord restrain the war hand from further devastating your campus.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via China Clipper - 8/15/39
c.c. via "Empress of Asia" - 8/14/39

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 12, 1939, *ack 9/25/39*

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Today I have received your two letters of June 29 addressed to Miss Asher, one of which was more general and personal. I expect Miss Asher will call at your office long before I could get any of these letters to her by mail. I will forward the letter mentioning the US\$52.48 on the Farley account which you cannot reconcile, to Pres. Lin in Shaowu, in case I cannot trace it here.

All other items in the letter seem beyond my ken and I am sure a session with Miss Asher will settle them. I greatly regret that she is not to be in New York for the year as it seems to me that we in Foochow have altogether too few personal contacts with our New York office.

A letter was just received from Miss Asher while her steamer stopped in Shanghai on July 16th. In response to my appeal she called on Mr. Fuller of the Associated Mission Treasurers, and tried to get things moving so that I could draw funds from the bank etc. I sent in a check for US\$2,000.00 on the Harvard Yenching grant as I previously reported to you, that was on June 26th. I heard nothing from it until Mr. Fuller telegraphed me after Miss Asher's visit, that my signature was honored and that the money was received and exchanged and then deposited. However even at this date I have no report from Shaowu that that money has been received up there, altho I know a bank check was mailed in, expecting a telegraphic order to the bank in Shaowu as soon as the check was honored in Shanghai. So I have had to send funds unexpectedly from here and have had to sell US money far faster than I ever expected to. It is poor business to sell to the local British bank as the rate is never high, but with mail delayed and possible failure to get checks to Shanghai, I have just sent an additional US\$500.00 to the Associated Mission Treasurer, this being unhurried, on general principles, I feel will be received in time and sold at a better rate to meet future demands. Pres. Lin has had lots of calls for money for equipment etc. to be met right now, and I feel he is soon to be satisfied and settle down to a lower level of demands for funds from me. The August drafts on New York are as follows:-

No. 1972 US\$800.00 Aug. 1, 1939. Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation
Foochow, Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant.

No. 1973 US\$500.00 Aug. 4, 1939 Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai,
Rockefeller Foundation Emergency Grant.

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pd. 9/25/39
No. 3185a
accts. Payable
Rockefeller*
I have just looked up your letter of May 25th and find that these latter items are on "Requisition No. 3903" I failed to put this on the checks marking them Rockefeller Grant 1939-40. I hope this will cause you no trouble when these drafts come in. Please feel free to make any suggestions as to my conduct of affairs. I have already warned you how ignorant I am.

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Your second copy of Minutes of Trustees meeting June 6th has just arrived. Pres. Lin has had first copy for some time. He personally extended the invitation for Hwa Nan to share our Shaowu location, as recommended or suggested by both boards. I doubt if anything will come of it for altho we are on cordial personal terms with many of the faculty, - Cooperation is a delicate subject which we dare not mention, except on rare occasions. It is for outsiders to bring it up.

Very truly yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

處事辦任主務事
OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

學大和協建福立私
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FOOCHOW, CHINA.
州福國中

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"MISSIONS"

August 12, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

This morning we had a plane come and look us over, it seems like home, after so long a period of quiet. I feel quite sure that as long as we are in blockade that we will not have much trouble unless for some reason the Japanese decide to come in. About July 20th a steamer landed on the coast and let in Mr. Wiant and family, Mrs. Worley and a party of about twelve foreigners. The steamer was headed for Hingwa, to the south, but was finally forced back by the Japanese, and Mrs. Sites who used to be an American Board Missionary there remembered the little village of ^{Singia} ~~Diongh~~ about twenty miles from Diongh. It was a hard time getting off the baggage, with typhoon like weather, but without too much hardship they all got to Foochow. The steamer had 400 tons of flour to unload and several thousand pieces of cargo to go out, but the Commissioner of customs (British) for some reason refused to let it through. I suppose he feared the bombing would start all over again, and we feared reprisals against the little seaside village. There was a tragedy in this too. Mr. Larry Schilling a young man out teaching at Anglo Chinese college, was trying to get out on this boat to go home for study. He was at Futsing expecting to get the steamer at Hingwa, and spent a large sum moving under difficulty with his baggage, trying to find the boat. He was finally brought back to Foochow in advanced stage of infantile paralysis and died the next day. The steamer finally sailed about Aug. 2nd and took out Mr. Li I-Ying, one of our graduates who had been teaching chemistry here for a long period. He has been offered a full scholarship, room etc at Dickinson College, Carlisle Pa. and is very anxious to go in spite of very unfavorable exchange and also I have pointed out that he has already gone past the course-work which Dickinson might offer. It is hard for us Americans to understand the Chinese. When we were in college we saw large numbers of men leave for active military service, both as officers and in the ranks. Here there are fewer men of this type and they are being carefully conserved, they seem to feel little call for actual fighting service altho some have gone into related services. The Chinese are right, but it shows the great difference in tradition between the two races.

At about 3:25 A.M. August 10th Prof. Kellogg left our campus on the Standard Oil company launch Mohawk, to go down river with Mr. Sandstrom, manager of the company and Rev. Henry Lacy and Miss Margaret Bissonette, the latter are from the Methodist group here. About daylight they landed somewhere near the mouth of the river and went overland about four miles where they boarded the USS Tulsa, which sailed promptly. Miss Bissonette and Kellogg got off at Kulangsu, Amoy where they will very soon get a steamer for Shanghai and then they hope, before long some kind of a sailing for home. Lacy and Sandstrom had reservations on the Pres. Taft and the Tulsa expected to get to Hong Kong early in the morning and the Taft sailed at 8:00 A.M. making very close connections today (Aug. 12th). I am glad to see Kellogg get home with his family. He hasn't seen his son for three years, and his daughter for over four. He now has a year-old grandson, and the life here has been somewhat wearing and disappointing, so altho on the whole he was cheerful and carried on, some of the time ~~he~~ he was moody and greatly wished he could join Mrs. Kellogg at home. He often talked about going, but since the Scotts left in December of last year he felt he should not leave me here alone. He was pulled

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between two great forces and one day he would tell me he had written to New York to go home this summer, then he would cancel and say he couldn't leave me alone, or say he would stay on until November. After the port was completely closed he became more anxious to get out for fear he would be trapped here indefinitely, and knowing his own special physical limitations he became quite interested when he heard an American gunboat was coming in to bring supplies and to take out any of the American community who wanted to go. In an enthusiastic moment he put in his name, then on reflection greatly regretted it fearing he would be called a quitter. This rather forgivable oscillation caused Pres. Lin to send down a young man who altho rather inexperienced, is really a hard worker and good general farm manager, he is one of our first agricultural graduates. Before this I was doubtful how I could manage the work but now am sure it will get by. So for the last two or three weeks with the help of others we have persuaded Claude that he must go, that it was the right thing to do. He kept changing his mind and refusing to go, so that the last few days, I had to stay right with him as much as possible and encourage him to pack. He feels miserable for fear he will be criticised, but I am sure all who know will agree that he is doing the right thing. His nerves are worn probably more than he realizes, he has seen two years of the war here and has been away from the family far longer than any others.

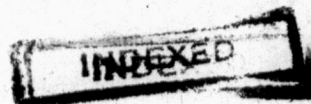
Just now I am in housekeeping for myself, before this I was boarding with Kellogg and it had many advantages both as to economy, keeping him cheered up, and also as business manager it was a good thing that I walked the width of the campus three times a day. There was a package of "silverware" in the cedar chest, but when I opened it it consisted of nutpicks, mustard spoon, butter knife etc. etc with hardly a teaspoon in it. I sent a hurry call to Mr. Wiant in Foochow to buy sets of common alloy table ware and now am going strong.

Mail is very strange and unpredictable these days. Last ^{week} ~~we~~ I received three separate lots of mail from Shanghai on three successive days. The first lot was postmarked July 5th, the second June 28th and the third July 17th. Today I again received mail from Shanghai and in it were only two newspapers, dated June 25th and July 28th! Today I also received two letters from your office which I will acknowledge later. That was all the mail from USA. I last heard from Mrs. Sutton on June 20th and had only two letters the previous six weeks, she also complains about the scarcity of my mail in a period when I wrote quite a number of letters to the children and all. So I guess from now on we will expect much mail to be greatly delayed, if not actually lost.

I still have no idea if Mrs. Sutton is coming out with the children, or if she has made other plans. The last I knew there was a sailing with Bishop Gowdy on the Pres. Coolidge at the end of August. So now I send copies of my letters to the family to the Coolidge, and also to my Mother at Andover N.Y. I address the letters to the Pres. Coolidge care of Bishop Gowdy so I know he will get them and get the news, and if my family is at home they will get the letters from my mother (assuming they get thru safely).

I think Pres. Lin has done right in radio-ing Miss Thomas and Stowe to come on. I can see no way of their getting in, but they are greatly needed in Shaowu, and if they do not get in, Pres. Lin runs the risk of an expensive travel account. But if an opportunity should present itself for them to come in they must be in Shanghai and ready quickly to take advantage of it. Just now our campus is very quiet with little to disturb our routine, -it may go on this way for six months, and at the same time, we ought to be ready for something to happen every day. I am sure that if the Japanese come in here they will not give three days notice.

With best wishes to you in your New York end of the line, I am, Sincerely,



August 26, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Mr. Evans is on his vacation just now, so I will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 14th, which arrived this week.

We are sorry that the closing in of conflicting armies and navies has intensified the problems which you are facing there in Foochow. As we have followed the newspaper dispatches of recent weeks, we have surmised that you may have been confronted by additional difficulties, though there has been no news of any major clash in that area.

During the weeks since you wrote events have been moving rapidly both in the Far East and in Europe. Almost anything may happen during the next few days and weeks. Things may get much worse before the crisis is over. But if this present crisis can be surmounted without the world-wide conflict which has threatened all this week, there is a possibility that conditions may begin to improve. We will have to wait and see.

During the last few weeks we have accepted a number of F.C.U. drafts on the 1938-39 and 1939-40 budgets, so we suppose that you have been successful in getting sufficient funds to keep your work going for the present. Draft #1966, which you mention in your letter, was presented to us on August 4th, so apparently the Associated Mission Treasurers office in Shanghai received and forwarded it promptly. Draft #1969 for US\$800. was received on August 26th.

Mrs. Sutton was in the office two days ago, discussing the question of her return to China. Mr. Evans has been able to secure accommodations for her and the four children on the "President Cleveland" sailing September 22nd. In view of the difficulties in reaching Foochow, and the probable dangers of staying there under present conditions, Mrs. Sutton has been considering the possibility of leaving the four children here in her mother's care, and going out to Foochow alone. She feels that she could be of real help to you in the very heavy responsibilities you are carrying; and of course we all appreciate that this prolonged separation is very difficult for you both. Whether it would be wise for her to make the trip in

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this way is a problem that is very difficult to answer because none of us can know all of the facts and possibilities involved. Dr. Cartwright, with whom I have consulted, has suggested that perhaps it might be wiser to urge her to remain here with the children for a while longer, with a definite promise both to her and you that we would not ask you to continue the present separation more than one additional year at the longest. If by the summer of 1940 it is not possible for Mrs. Sutton and the children to join you in China, then we would be responsible for your travel expenses back to America. I am also consulting with Dr. Fairfield, both because of his familiarity with these same problems in connection with the American Board personnel in Fukien Province, and also because he is the President of the Fukien Board of Trustees. Within the next day or two we will probably be sending you a cablegram.

All of you who are carrying such heavy burdens in China these days are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. We realize that the weeks and months ahead may be filled with even greater difficulties and dangers than have been the last two years. But we do hope that the crisis may pass before long, and that out of it may come brighter days for China.

Very sincerely yours,

B A GARSIDE

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48-72 nd St. ^{over}
Brooklyn, N. Y.
Aug 27, 1939
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I hope you and
Mrs. Evans are having
a quiet, restful
vacation.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter came too
late for me to answer it
before your vacation began.

About ten days ago I
drove the children down
for a visit with my sister
here and to take them
to the World's Fair. Altho
it has been quite hot, they
have been enjoying them-
selves very much.

Mrs. Scott wrote me
that Mr. Scott will stay
in California another year
to study for his Ph. D.
Their furlough is up in

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November and that he
would be going back to
carry on at the F.C.U. campus.
Dr. Sutton felt him to the
managers job when he
left and now besides trying
to do his own work he
has Miss Asher's work
thrust upon him. Mr. Kellogg
has been trying to come
home for a year now but
does not want to leave
Dr. Sutton alone. What
would you think of my
going out alone to help
him and leaving the
children with my mother
in charge? They will be
among many friends and
relatives. As my mother
has chronic arthritis she
could not do much house

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work, I would have to get
some one ^{to} do it - of course
the children would help.

I spoke to Mr. Garride
the other day about this,
when I went to consult
him about the passport
that came from Dr. Elton,

but I found I had bro't
the wrong one - You know
by this time that he had
to obtain a new one for
himself. Mr. Garride that

it best to cable ^{him} about this
plan and so is keeping

my sailing for Sept. 22 and
cancelling the children's.

I don't know what the
best and cheapest way
of uniting the family
would be. That would

I am returning to office Sat. Sep. 2.

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have to be worked out
later. It is hard to know
which needs me the most -
Dr. Sutton or the children -
I do feel that under all
the suspense, the work is
too much for him - more
than one person in China
has broken down under
just such similar
circumstances.

Sincerely yours,
Ellen H. Sutton.

August 31, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton,

Mr. Evans is still on vacation, so I will acknowledge your letters of July 27 and July 28.

We have read with interest the account of the travels of the latest arrivals at Foochow. The fighting and blockades have certainly made it a difficult and dangerous business for anyone to get into or out of Foochow just at this time. We are very sorry too, to hear of the illness of Mr. Schilling, and only hope that it will not prove as serious as the first diagnosis indicated.

We are taking up with the Spencer Lens Company the purchase of the pair of field glasses which you are asking them to supply. We will keep you informed as to our progress. If Mrs. Sutton is able to go out next month as she has been planning, it may be possible for her to take the glasses with her.

All of the drafts to which you have referred have come to us quite promptly. The exchange situation in China is certainly chaotic these days, and it may grow worse before conditions improve. It is of great advantage when we have American funds to convert into Chinese, but we realize that there are many compensating disadvantages for the colleges, and even more disadvantages for the Chinese people as a whole.

Thank you for sending us the Dufay color films. I have passed them along to Mrs. Macmillan, who is very happy to have them. Thank you also for sending us the new air mail stamps.

Dr. Sutton

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We are still giving very serious study to the question of what is the wisest thing for Mrs. Sutton and the children to do. If Mrs. Sutton and you feel that it is wise for her to come out alone next month, our office will do everything we can to help her. But if you feel that it would be too difficult for her to come out, and dangerous for her to bring the children, then we must find some way in which the Sutton family can get together again within the next year at most, either in China or here in America. We have waited a few days before sending the cablegram suggested by Mrs. Sutton when she was in our office a few days ago, stating that she is planning to sail on September 22 alone. During this time we have been consulting with men like Frank Cartwright and Wynn Fairfield, who are keeping in close touch with the situation in Fukien, and who are facing other similar problems with regard to sending out their own missionary personnel. Both of them realize the difficulties and complexities of the problems involved, but do not wish to take any position contrary to what you and Mrs. Sutton may feel to be the wisest course. We are therefore sending out to-day the cablegram Mrs. Sutton suggested, as a part of a somewhat longer cablegram to the University.

Mr. Evans will probably be back in the office again next week. Both he and I will keep in touch with Mrs. Sutton, and will do everything we can to help her plan wisely, and then to carry through the plans she may make.

With all good wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

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Sept. 5, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred, New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of August 27th was forwarded to me, but as I was returning to the office today I decided to wait before replying.

I presume you are back in Alfred as you stated you were returning on Saturday. I would like to have seen you personally as I think that some other solution can be worked out aside from having you separated from the children for any great length of time.

Please bear in mind that I have your whole problem at heart and can realize how you feel. However, the conditions have altered considerably and at the present time there is no justification for thinking that there will be a material change a year from now regarding personnel in China. I am in thorough agreement with you that such separations are impossible and should be avoided wherever practical. The whole phase of the question, however, must be considered, both as related to your own personal welfare as well as your children's and also financial conditions.

I remember saying something about the possibility of your doing some medical work in New York City and I wonder if you have taken that into consideration. Personally I do not think that the work Dr. Sutton is doing is of the nature that will cause any serious physical handicap. The bookkeeping is largely done at Shaowu. The only work which is required at his office is that of drawing checks or drafts. Apparently the Japanese are not making Foochow a major objective and there are many reasons for this attitude.

I am wondering if you will not have many heartaches at leaving the children here, as after all they are a magnificent family and should be a delight to any mother's heart.

In what I have said, I have been trying to frame in words the thinking which is in my mind and which possibly I can best put in the form of a question - i.e., Are you convinced that you will solve the difficulty by going to China? I am not clear that I see it that way, and if you have definite convictions I certainly would be glad to receive them. I can see, however, where you may be of infinite benefit to your own family by staying here with them. Just at the present time, however, I am at a loss to understand how you can improve matters by going out alone.

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The President Lines are so swamped for applications by way of the Pacific that they are requesting that we pick up your tickets today. I am gaining a little respite, however, but will cancel the children's sailings at once. I hope this gets to you promptly so that you can get a reply in my hands within a day or two so that we can give the Steamship Company definite word regarding your own sailings. Just at the present minute I am inclined to recommend that you put it off for a time at least, especially in view of world developments as no one can tell how far-reaching this conflict will be.

With assurances that I am endeavoring to find the best possible course for you to follow, and with sincerest personal regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Alfred, N.Y.
Sept. 6, 1939.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Your letter came today. I have troubled you a great deal and I do appreciate your sympathy and help very much indeed.

A letter from Dr. Sutton dated Aug. 9, told about Mr. Kellogg's departure for U.S.A. and also of Mr. Schilling's death from infantile paralysis just as he was leaving for America.

When I wrote you the European war had not developed and I felt that Dr. Sutton and F.C.U. needed me more than the children - as it would not be difficult or impossible to arrange to leave them. Nothing short of a united family will solve our problem and any kind of separation is full of heartaches.

Considering all the circumstances, I think Dr. Sutton should be here - couldn't someone be found to take his place? My insomnia is no better and since April I have lost another ten pounds.

May I ask you to please explain this sentence more fully in your letter,

"However, the conditions have altered considerably and at the present time there is no justification for thinking that there will be a material change a year from now regarding personnel in China?" Does this mean that all who have returned to U.S.A. will not be going back even a year from now and that all there will not be coming here?

I have a fall catalogue of post graduate medical courses at Columbia University but the tuition is prohibitive. I also sent for a scholarship application blank. This scholarship, if granted, ^{would} ~~might~~

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pay up to one half of the tuition. If you think best I will send the blank in to Columbia - Courses start at the beginning of each month for the most part.

I hope that you and Mrs. Evans are all rested for the work of the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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Sept. 8, 1939

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred
New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of September 6th just came to hand and I was about to write you as the following cable was received from Dr. Sutton this morning:-

"ADVISE POSTPONE SAILING. ARRIVAL FOOCHOW DOUBTFUL."

It bears out our recent understanding that practically the whole eastern coast of China is pretty much blockaded.

I do not think that you are troubling me greatly with these problems of travel as it is a part of the work in which we are so deeply interested to be of as much assistance as possible to all those concerned.

I am thoroughly in agreement with your position that a united family is the only way that a family can be actually happy and contented, and I am sorry beyond expression that this separation has caused so much care and anguish. It is just too bad that under these circumstances you are losing weight as you know only too well yourself the necessity of keeping up your physical wellbeing.

I too have been wondering if there is not some way of arranging for Dr. Sutton to come home, but I have not reached a conclusion. The Stowes are on the way out and as Miss Eunice Thomas is not allowed to return for the present, they will be needed for English work at Shaowu. The Scotts have another year to go on furlough, and Mr. Kellogg is returning. Mr. McClure is allowed to return in January, but in conference with the American Board they refuse to permit him to be used as the sole American representative on the Fukien campus. Miss Asher, of course, is home for an entire year. Our thoughts turn to Dr. Leger whom the field has requested the American Board to appoint to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Beach's death. I learn, however, that his appointment to Fukien is not entirely clear, as the American Board will not give consideration to such a request until the individual has returned from the field and the regular applications and papers are filed. It is quite possible that under the circumstances Dr. Leger may not desire to go to Fukien. Surely if he does they will wish to have him at Shaowu. In this case, Mr. Stowe could be relieved possibly of work at Shaowu to take care of the campus at Fukien, but this involves education to carry on the small amount of treasury work required. In any event, this could ^{not} be carried through until Dr. Leger returns to China.

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You will see, therefore, the situation does not bear of much change for a year in the future unless Dr. Sutton definitely resigns of his own volition and returns from China. Under the circumstances, I cannot see how the situation would be improved to any extent by your taking the sailings on the 22nd as they have been reserved. The next boat with tourist open reservation is November 17th and about once a day I receive a call from the Steamship Company asking me to pay for your ticket and pick up the reservation. I have good naturedly succeeded in putting off a definite commitment, but cannot do so much longer. No one regrets more than the undersigned the conditions which have worked out incidental to Dr. Sutton's return to China, but war throughout the world has burdened many people far beyond even the matter of separation and it is unfortunate indeed that it comes to you under the prevailing conditions.

You will have to judge best as to the course you desire to take at Columbia or elsewhere for that matter. Surely it would be a fine thing if you could see your way clear to do this. Meanwhile kindly let me know if it is satisfactory to cancel the September sailing and establish one for November if we possibly can.

With sincerest best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Sept. 9, 1939.

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

ack 10/24/39

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your welcome letters of July 24 and August 2nd arrived this morning. Five and a half weeks is good time even with airmail across USA. For some reason all Mrs. Sutton's letters seem to travel slower than yours, - the last I have from her is dated July 13th. Also both her and my own letters seem to be held up and not delivered. Her letters of the previous two or three months are dated about three weeks apart, and she acknowledges but few of my letters and those to the children, altho I have averaged about a letter a week during that period. For a time I registered almost everything, and then I let it slide feeling it was not necessary, perhaps it was a mistake. There is of course a censor in our city Post Office but I doubt if he would take out any letters. Our mail all goes out now by truck - about five or six days north to Ningpo, where it is transferred to Japanese controlled territory, or it may go on men's shoulders about six days south to Amoy where the same kind of transfer is made. I am told that very few bags of first class mail are opened in these places however, altho I understand no Chinese newspapers are allowed to go through. The Chinese post office being international in its organization serves all of China regardless of its ruler and so the same stamps are used and the same postal system crosses, in a sense, the fighting lines. *** I am sure mail is missing because most of my newspapers from Shanghai fail to arrive, also Chemical journals etc. which should come regularly come through slowly in small quantities.

I have just received a radiogram from Dr. Garside announcing Miss Thomas' postponement again, and that Mrs. Sutton now plans to come alone Sept. 22nd. As it was dated before the war broke out in Europe I hope this will be reconsidered. I have just sent the following reply: - ADVISE POSTPONE SAILING. ARRIVAL FOOCHOW DOUBTFUL ". I understand Dr. and Mrs. Stowe are on the Empress of Canada now, - it is probably a good thing, as if a way opens to come in, you must be out here in Shanghai to take advantage of it. All ports on our coast are now closed so that Dr. Stowe could not go out via Wenchow as he did in June. All the British boats have given up any attempt to land goods or passengers on our coast except one which is more adventurous than the others. I believe I have already written you how the Wiant family and others, eleven foreigners in all, came on this steamer from Shanghai, and arrived off Hingwa just as the port was closed by the Japanese. They were turned back, but being acquainted with the local country and knowing the language, as well as having country travel experience, - they landed at a little place on our coast. They had to travel about 25 miles overland with their baggage to Diengleh (Mandarin, Chang Le) where it is about eighteen miles to Foochow by river launch. I understand the Japanese planes or gunboats came and bombed the village later. Just now the boat is supposed to have left again carrying out a few passengers to Shanghai. It is entirely an experiment, and may get by or be completely stopped or even attacked on next trip, no one can tell. In any case it will be strenuous and there is some bandit risk to think of. The cable you mention in your letter of August 24th undoubtedly means my "SENT PASSPORT" cable, and the day after it left port I needed it the worst way, and had to scurry round, make my own pictures in the heat and excitement of the days when 30 or more Japanese boats were off our coast. I had to have a special passport issued about 10:30 P.M. at the Consulate. - June 29th.

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I have just called Mrs. Christian, of the American Board. They sent a radio advising Miss Thomas and Miss Allen to defer coming. This was sent perhaps a month ago as these two ladies are not supposed to be perfectly well, and somewhat nervous. There are a number of other people supposed to come and these are expected to come in first and give the trip in to Foochow a try-out, ~~and~~ and if all goes well to send for these ladies. My feeling is that conditions are constantly changing (I have never seen Foochow more quiet than these last few weeks!), - the first parties may come in most peacefully, and the later ones might have a terrible time, or vice versa, - no one can tell.

The reports persist that the Japanese intend to take advantage of the war in Europe, to get the British soldiers out of Shanghai. I am truly thankful that my Peggy is not there now, and I am commencing to feel that as a prophet I am somewhat of a success.

Just now I can almost boast that I am the only foreigner on our field staff. Stowe hopes to get back, and Mrs. Storrs taught a few classes of English in Shaowu, - also one of the German Catholic fathers taught a course in German. On the campus I am the only foreigner since Kellogg left, but I have a good staff of six men acting as clerks foremen etc. who have proven quite capable. Also I have a capable cook and houseboy, so I have no troubles here except loneliness, when it is quiet outside. It would be better however, if I could find more time to go on with my pottery work. I agree with you that families should not be separated, especially on the mission field. When the call came to go back, however, I answered it at once as under these conditions you can't tell what, or how great, the need will be. Actually I am not doing my own work but have taken over management of Foochow campus making it possible for Scotts, Kellogg and Miss Asher to go home on furlough. There is a war on, and since we have seen "war" for years here, bandits, communists, civil wars etc., it is not a startling news, altho this war is different than the others, and no one can tell what it may lead to. Foochow being so quiet may prove very misleading, - it may have a phase later as bad as in some other parts of China, and that is why I don't want the children here now. Mr. Hayes of the Methodist Mission, says he will stay away from his family for two years and no more. That seems a good rule, but do not see how I will be able to follow it. I sincerely hope that all can come out at the end of this coming year.

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DRAFTS ON NEW YORK. Tomorrow I am writing draft No. 1975 for US \$425.00 made out to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Foochow. \$400.00 is for the account of Rockefeller Emergency Grant, the extra \$25.00 is to be charged against current account, and represents the US\$25.00 you received from Mr. Li Lai-Yung, re; your letter of July 10th, to be transmitted to Mrs. Li who is one of our students in Shaowu. This will be transmitted to Mrs. Li as soon as we find the current rate of exchange from the bank, the rate has been about US \$.08 lately, - or 12.5 to 1. *** In addition to the above I am drawing, at the request of Pres. Lin, a draft for US\$1,000.00, payable to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai. It took two months to get cash in Shaowu from draft for \$2,000.00 I sent in to Shanghai at the end of June, and I have not even heard from draft for US\$500.00 that I sent there over five weeks ago. I suppose we should be thankful that we are able to send and receive mail at all.

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Hoping that this reaches you without too much delay, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

P.S. Pres. Lin just mailed two reports to N.Y. State Education Dept. - one by airmail. W.J.S.

Willard J. Sutton.
Willard J. Sutton.

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Alfred, N.Y. 9/19/39
Sept. 10, 1939.

Dear Mr. Evans:

My Sept. 6 letter was written so late at night that I can't remember all I wrote, but I did mean to say that you could cancel the Sept. 22 sailing. I am very sorry for the delay. You might get the November reservation. Perhaps by that time things will be brighter. Even the Foochow is

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and out of that port.

Thank you for your letter
and for clearing up the F.C.U.
situation for me -

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton

September 11, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

The steamship company has put such pressure upon us to either take or release your reservation that we have been compelled to give it up as of September 22nd. I did this only after consultation with the treasurer of the board, Dr. Vaughan, the president of the board and Mr. Garside. As a result, there is very strong recommendation that no effort be made to go out at the present time or even this fall.

We have learned that the United States Government is very much averse to having married people in this country return. We also understand from information received this morning that it is next to impossible to get into Foochow. The rents and expenses in Shanghai have sky-rocketed to such an extent that it would take a good sized purse to get along. That, with the fact that your children are here, has brought a decision that it would be far better for you to make plans to stay in America for a while. If you so desire to take a post-graduate course, I am sure Dr. Vaughan would assist in any way possible.

This seems to be the most sensible arrangement at the present time with the understanding, of course, that some arrangement will have to be made to get your family together as soon as Fukien can provide someone on the field to take care of the campus. We will write to the field immediately and see what can be done along this line and put sufficient pressure on to make them realize that it is necessary to take action.

The board of trustees, of course, is interested in this problem and will render such cooperation as is necessary. Please remember that we wish to do everything possible to render assistance.

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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September 13, 1939

ACK. 12/4/39

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

We have definitely decided that Mrs. Sutton cannot make the effort to start for China before the latter part of November and even that is a highly questionable matter. We have booked a sailing for November 17th, but it is only tentative. The September sailing has been cancelled. Meanwhile we are hoping that some post-graduate study may be arranged and we will cooperate to every extent in the effort to simulate a normal family life. This, of course, cannot be done very successfully without your presence and, therefore, some definite steps must be made whereby Fukien can release you to come home.

We realize that this is an emergency. We understand the conditions perfectly, but we do not think that it is proper to have families separated for such lengthy periods, especially when there are children who need the combined influence of the parents. Fukien might as well start addressing itself to this problem now. I am sure the trustees feel as keenly about this and it is quite possible that some definite action might be taken.

As I view the situation, it will be some considerable time before you can be released, unless the Stowes split up their family, although it seems that they are both needed up at Shaowu. Roderick Scott will not return until next Fall and while Mr. McClure is slated to return in January, yet his board is reluctant to release him to man the Fukien campus. Miss Asher is home for the year, of course, and Miss Thomas is not going back soon. Of course, neither of these persons could be expected to take the responsibility of the campus work.

Before the week is over I hope to get off a letter to President Lin covering the situation and I will report his reaction to you later on if possible.

You have been authorized to sign checks on the Fukien Bookstore Account and, if you will please sign the enclosed blanks, we will have same attached to the record card belonging to the bank. Please return at your earliest opportunity.

With kindest regards, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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州福國中

CODE:
"MISSIONS"

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Sept. 25, 1939.

ack 11/8/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Just now I have received from Shaowu the May and June Reconciliation sheets and monthly statement for June. I am sure you are anxious to get your copies and so send them on at once, so will forward them right on. In my letter of Sept. 9 I told you that Pres. Lin had already forwarded two copies of the New York State Board of Education report, -one by airmail.

Now I have to acknowledge letter from Dr. Parker to the Presidents enclosing the minutes of the Associated Board meetings for June 19 and 29. As President Lin was here (for the first time in five months) I was able to turn these over to him at once. I am sure the carefully prepared protest which was sent in by the Board carried lots of weight. Still things seem to us here to go on as usual but I am sure there are forces at work that we do not see. We have had over two months of very quiet times here in Foochow, -just broken last week when big bombing planes started coming again. Many Fukien cities have been bombed once or more this time, I hear it is to be a widespread attack and has included YungAn the temporary capital, Yungchun, Chuanchow, Heian, Sienyu, Yenping, Kutien, Foochow and some other places nearer Shaowu such as Kienou (Kiening). Eleven were killed and forty wounded at the upper bridge, a big fire was started on riverside near wharf where so much bombing was done before, and yesterday a group of villages out of North gate were bombed. Russia, we feel has made a truce with Japan, long enough to get settled the more urgent affairs in Europe. This may give Japan the needed strength to make a real push and some feel that our country will be one of the objectives, -but who can tell?

Also I have to thank you for two letters to me dated August 8th, I have greatly appreciated their sympathetic tone and will reply to them more fully as time goes on.

Tonight I am concerned about one of our young men who is in fever after having just returned from a strenuous trip up into the country. Our Agricultural department bought twelve cows and sent them up on boat along with about twenty goats, a like number of rabbits, two pigs, seventy hens, two turkeys, two hives of bees etc. This young man supervised driving the cows over one hundred and twenty five miles of country road after leaving the boat. The travel and exposure may have given him some infection, and I want him to get off to the hospital as on the launches you can pick up all sorts of diseases. I remember to well Larry Schilling trying to get to the coast and board a steamer. In his ten days of wild-gosse-chase he picked up infantile paralysis or meningitis. Finally he got to the Foochow Union hospital and lived less than a day.

In addition to the above mentioned Pres. Lin has received the August 11 copy of "A Monthly News-Letter". Also a financial report which I immediately gave over to the President to take with him. I cannot do much with the accounts myself, but I at least hope to keep the proper parties connected.

Bishop Gowdy arrived after a somewhat strenuous but quick trip via Santuo, a little port to the north about 1½ days overland trip. We hope Dr. and Mrs. Stowe can get in as easily.

*P.S. Also acknowledge
book order letters Aug 8+10.*

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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INDEXEDSeptember 25, 1939
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Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, China

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am almost minded to cable you and on two previous occasions a like inspiration came, but both times I was consoled by the thought that later letters had gone forward informing you of conditions here at this end. This inspiration has been caused through the receipt of your two letters of August 12th wherein you state that you have received no information as to the conditions at this end. Presumably, of course, our letter have been lost in transit as we have been writing frequently.

To begin with, Mrs. Sutton is not returning to China at present, but we do have a tentative sailing for November 17th. I am quite sure that this will not be taken up unless there is a very drastic change for the better. The whole world is in such a turmoil at the present time, and the alliance between Japan and Russia would seem to release the former from any warlike demonstrations with any excepting China. It remains to be seen, therefore, whether or not she takes advantage and pushes the invasion still further. Pending the outcome of such a move, surely it would seem unwise for her or the children to return to China.

Upon further consideration, it seems inadvisable for us to cable, in view of the fact that there has been an exchange of cablegrams while I was on my vacation. You realize from that exchange the uncertainty, and we would have cabled you had Mrs. Sutton been sailing.

We note that Mr. Li I-ying is coming to Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania. I am wondering if the scholarship remains intact with his coming at as late a period as this. Frankly we have no means of assisting him at the present time, and did we have, there are several prior applicants.

I have checked with the Methodist Board and find that Professor Kellogg is still unreported. As a matter of fact, there records indicate that he had sailed in July. I have corrected this impression and will keep them informed of developments. Surely you have had no easy time in assisting him to reach a decision. As Mrs. Kellogg is in the west, I wonder if he will have an opportunity of visiting us.

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You have an ingenuous way of duplicating your correspondence with the hope that some of them will reach home. I do not have before me the last letter from Mrs. Kellogg when she stated that she had received a letter from you, but it is some little time in the past.

Our hearts are sickened over the horrible inhuman attitude of peoples who are prosecuting war at the present time, and the Lord only knows the cause and the remedy. The human element plays such an overwhelming part that there is no prediction as to the outcome or extent of hostilities. Anything that one says today may be nullified by tomorrow's decree or action on the part of some of the warring nations. Our situation in China may seem to be a precarious one, but from reports on all sides our colleges represent one of the main bulwarks for enlightenment and understanding. Much more could be said along this line, but for obvious reasons I am refraining. I presume you do not have access to the news from Europe indicating that Poland has been overcome and its country divided between Germany and Russia. Apparently, the end is not yet.

The Stowes are on the way, but Miss Thomas has been held back by the American Board. Presumably, if conditions are better in January they will allow her to return.

I am also acknowledging another letter dated August 12th referring to finances. We will await the reply regarding the difference of US\$52.48 on the Farley account as it cannot be reconciled in our office without further data.

We, too, regret that Miss Asher could not be in closer contact with us this year, but there are many advantages for her studying at Duke and we do not blame her for taking these into consideration.

I think I have written her before regarding the drafts on the Harvard-Yenching account. No. 1972 came to hand for \$800.00 and was paid promptly. No. 1973 also has been received and paid.

An interesting side-light on the Hwa Nan situation was that the initiative in inviting Hwa Nan came through the Hwa Nan Board of Trustees which was in session at the same time as the Fukien Board. The latter decided not to make any overtures, but in the midst of the debate came a request for a conference with the Committee of the Women's College, and out of this discussion came the request to invite Hwa Nan to Shaowu. Apparently, there is not room for both schools on the same campus and as a result the invitation was wasted. We do not know how Hwa Nan is making out at Yenping.

With sincerest best wishes, I remain

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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via "President Finney" 9/26/39

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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Oct. 12, 1939.

ack 11/24/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

*Copy of this letter
handed to Mrs. Macomber
for publicity use 11/24/39*

There are now a number of letters to acknowledge from you, Garside and Parker. First let me report conditions at Shaowu. There were 164 registered by Oct. 6th and at least ten more expected as this number had telegraphed explaining their delay due to travel conditions. It is indeed difficult to get here from Amoy, where formerly we drew so many students. In addition due to government regulations keeping middle school seniors out for educational propaganda work with the people, there are no middle school graduates this year, and all our new students are older graduates and miscellaneous groups. With the University backing and moral support there is every grade of study in Christian schools in Shaowu from kindergarten thru the college. One interesting experiment is the purchase of a native water wheel to run an electric generator of several kilowatts, for physics, radio, and possibly lighting the library. Kerosene is now up to \$20.00 per five-gallon tin here and may be impossible to get later. So to have a well lighted common study place and save so many small individual oil lamps in student rooms, Pres. Lin has built a makeshift library structure, which gives more room for the old library space is needed for other purposes. Building materials are scarce, and up there masons are not good, but as usual Pres. Lin foresees problems like this and we got most of the things when the prices were still reasonable. The agricultural work is taking hold well this fall, and the middle school is also an agricultural school where students have to do field work during vacation. Pres. Lin feels that this type of work makes a more real and unique contribution to Fukien province than some other types of education. The Provincial government has also been interested and generously backed him up in it financially. *noted HJM*

The 2nd Field copy of Trial Balance for July 31st has just arrived. The first copy was received and sent to Shaowu by Pres. Lin over two weeks ago.

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Dr. Charles Ch'eng. This young man landed in Shanghai in July, and was supposed to come to Foochow to join our Chemistry staff, after his course just completed at Yale. While in USA he considered offers from Yenching and FCU and decided to come here. He went to his home near Peiping and was undoubtedly urged by his parents to stay there. We also heard that he was just married, and word has come to me indirectly that he is staying on at Yenching. I still hold a bill of lading for three boxes of books etc, which was sent out by Mr. Hasemeyer some time ago. But as the accompanying letter stated that Dr. Ch'eng had a copy, I have made no attempt to send it on as yet. The only comment I got from Shanghai was that he was much impressed by the difficulties of bus travel etc. to get to Shaowu. Actually this is quite an easy trip, board a launch in Foochow about 3:00 or 4:00 P.M. (on days when there are apparently no airplanes!). The launches have moderately good small cabins with bunks, the better one is even electrically lighted. By the next morning the boat is halfway up the river and ready to go up the rapids, arriving at Yen-ping (Nanping) about 5:00 P.M. Of course in times of floods or air attacks on these launches it is not quite so simple. There are good hotels and a number of missionaries there to spend the night, and a bus ride from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 or 5:00 P.M. brings one to Shaowu, rather crowded and bumpy, with many thrills in the sharp curves etc, perhaps, but really nothing at all. *photos of buildings at Shaowu, which may be better than any you have,*

Most sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

(snapshots attached)

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Oct. 12, 1939.

Dr. B. A. Garside,
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

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Dear Dr. Garside:-

Your letter of August 26th made unusually good time under present conditions, and I don't understand why nearly all of Mrs. Sutton's letters take the best part of two months to get here.

The hardest part in corresponding with you all, particularly Mrs. Sutton, is that when you receive my letters the conditions I describe are old and out of date. Actually most of the summer was very quiet and we had a monotonous routine for the most part. I intentionally slowed down to avoid fatigue or sickness due to the heat. Mrs. Sutton cannot relax and is, I am sure, still worrying about many troubles that do not exist. We did have planes again a few weeks ago and a week of bombing pretty well covering most of the places in the province (but not Shaowu). We also got in some needed supplies by US gunboat at the time that Prof. Kellogg left. Since then one British steamer has made "regular" runs to Santuo, a port taking about two days overland trip to get to Foochow, by which Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy came down and later Mr. and Mrs. Stowe. I fear that this run will get too much publicity and prosperity and that sometime something will happen as there has been trouble there before, but in the meantime most of the people have gotten in and out without trouble except the added hardship of the trip. But as things are now all seems quiet, the main trouble is that we must constantly expect occupation, air raids etc. and consider ourselves fortunate when things do not happen. So since June we have gone on without any "terrible" experiences and are trying to keep fit for what may come later.

It is too bad that Miss Thomas did not come as originally planned, - the trip would have been comparatively quiet as time has shown. Pres. Lin radioed for her to come, but her own family (the Smiths) and the American Board radioed to postpone. The morale is greatly helped by Dr. Stowe's return, - I am sure many Chinese felt he was making a getaway when he went home in spite of his assurances to the contrary. Mrs. Storrs and Mrs. Stowe have taken over work in English. Just now we are weak because we have lost Mr. Li I-Ying who has been with us most of the time since graduation ten years ago. He was a good Chemistry instructor and has now gotten away against great handicaps to accept a generous scholarship at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. Until the last minute we were expecting Dr. Charles Ch'eng from Yale to join our Chemistry staff.

It is hard to know what to advise Mrs. Sutton. I don't think the children should be left alone, and they certainly should not come out here, much less stay in Shanghai. After this year Peggy will have only one more in high school and Mrs. Sutton fears that she should not leave her alone, and that she can't bring her out for only a year. I am glad to hear you offer to send me home in 1940 if the family cannot come out by that time. Mr. Hayes of the Methodist mission has said definitely that he will not stay alone longer than that, and of course I feel that same way. I have never mentioned this before, - it is a rule with the Missions more or less, but I do not know how Chinese administered institutions will feel about such arrangements.

Your cable gram on Aug. 31st was nearly a week in reaching me. I hoped that

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the war breaking out in Europe would persuade her to change her mind about coming out alone. I cabled back advising to postpone as just then it looked doubtful with confusion, travel on British boats etc. whether travel to Foochow would continue open or not. Actually it has cleared up and there may be one, - or a dozen more regular trips of this steamer, no one can tell. We are expecting a group in just these last few days, but the typhoon has cut my telephone and I have never heard for sure when they arrived, altho I think they got in just before the storm started. Actually Mrs. Sutton may be on the steamer about to arrive in Shanghai, for all I know.

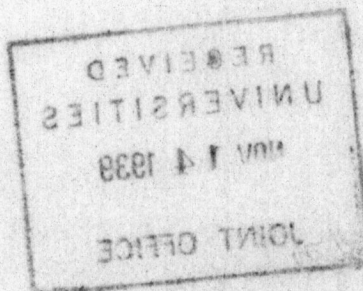
Dr. and Mrs. Stowe were here getting organized for a few days, but he was anxious to get to Shaowu as quickly as possible, partly because he wanted to be on time and partly to take advantage of a peaceful spell to get up river. We all half thought that just before October tenth something might happen. My news sources are not very good these days, but the Chinese victory, reported over the Japanese seems to be an important affair, and may have delayed any plans of advance. I can't see that it would be more than temporary however, altho the whole world is full of surprises these days. *at Shanghai*

I will repeat that I regret that Miss Asher is not spending her furlough in New York as I feel our Fukien people have altogether too little contact with our New York office. I want to add that we all greatly appreciate the thought and effort put forth to care for us all. How you do it is a miracle of dividing time.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Oct. 19, 1939.

ack 11/22/39

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed please find a letter and check to the Miller Bryant-Pierce Co. of Aurora Illinois. As the check is No. 2289 on Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. of New York, I am sending all to you first, for I am not sure that this bank has been notified of my taking over the work here. Please forward it if the check will be honored, if not please pay bill and return or cancel check.

Mail is very erratic indeed these days. There is a British steamer which has made several runs almost regularly, to the coast mostly to Santuo, a little port to the north of here. A number of people including Dr. and Mrs. Stowe came in this way. It requires a 1½-day trip over destroyed roads by chair and as the last two trips were in typhoon weather (as were also the first trips in July) everyone has colds. People were worried at the outset of the European war about riding on a British steamer, but still it goes on and is rendering good service getting in a few needed supplies as long as this arrangement can last. Some mail comes on the steamer and makes good time considering all present conditions, and the next day we receive mail that has been an extra month coming from USA. I believe the Japanese have relaxed on certain pressures they have been applying, but cannot tell. My Shanghai newspapers come quite well now, formerly I would get one or two copies a month and one day received June 25th and July 26th issues together in the same mail. Just this morning a record breaker for time and distance arrived. A letter from Miss Asher written Aug. 2 before arriving in San Francisco, giving instructions on office work here. It went up to Kunming in Yunnan and was postmarked there on Sept. 6th and then it reached Foochow Oct. 4. The most inexplicable part of the trip is the two weeks to come five miles from Foochow. Often letters go on to Shaowu but this shows no mark of having done so. Just now we have made off and sealed all our diplomas for the June graduates and sent them by mail overland to Chungking for the government seal. They have a real long trip and there is no telling when we will see them again.

Over a week ago we delivered to a boat over fifteen pieces of baggage for Shaowu, many were the personal effects and household goods of Dr. and Mrs. Stowe, but it was fortunate that they took many pieces with them as bandits attacked the boat about forty miles above Foochow. Three large baskets of Dr. Stowe's goods were carried away and I am now trying to find out more details. I have sent a man up to make a more careful investigation, but have made a preliminary report to the American Consul and to Pres. Lin. Many boxes were opened and emptied and our rickshaw was thrown in the river but later recovered. This is the first time bandits have taken boats with our goods on. The economic condition of the country people is pathetic and reports of bandits in some regions are very bad, so due to pressure of the war we may have to expect more of this from now on. I am a little concerned about the care of our property for the same conditions hold in nearby villages too and we already have signs of petty thievery again.

I have no news from Mrs. Sutton in a very long time now. Hoping all goes well in your work, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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October 20, 1939

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

ACK, 2/12/39

Dear Dr. Sutton:

We find that there is credited in Accounts Payable the sum of \$534.76 available for the use in Scholarship and Restricted Income. The items are as follows:

Groff Scholarship.....	\$ 18.00
M. E. Church, Pasadena.....	275.00
Miscellaneous Scholarships.....	108.00
Date Library Fund.....	22.75
R. W. Jones Scholarship.....	11.50
E. C. Jones Scholarship.....	99.51
	<u>\$534.76</u>

You are authorized to draw the amount of \$534.76, Requisition #394. If and when other special items are received, we shall be glad to notify you.

I was clearing my desk today and found a note reminding me to acknowledge receipt of some special Chinese stamps which came to hand several weeks ago. Apparently this has been buried and luckily it was located today because I do wish you to know how much I appreciate the thought involved in sending these special stamps. They will be a very important addition to my collection.

Yesterday the Steamship Company telephoned requesting that we pick up the November 17th sailings for Mrs. Sutton. We secured a respite for a few days and meanwhile have written Mrs. Sutton giving her the most up-to-date information regarding conditions in South China, and I am awaiting her reply. I will let you know the decision just as soon as possible.

Conditions in the world truly are in a most chaotic state. The signing of an alliance between Turkey, France and Great Britain with certain qualifications toward the Russians is a most unusual mixture, but for the time being should be a distinct help to the allies. How this will affect the situation in China is a mere matter of conjecture at the present time, but we trust it will not be for the worse.

Most cordially yours,

CAE/B
cc: Accounting Office

C. A. EVANS

"Via 'President Adams' - 10/23/39"

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Alfred, N.Y.

Oct. 21, 1939.

ack 10/24/39

Dear Mr. Evans,

Did you write before about the Nov. 21st sailing, for this is the first news I have had about it? Your letter received previous to this one was so discouraging about going out to China that I thought I would try and settle down here a little while longer.

For the past month I have been helping our local physician with the physical examinations of the school children and college students.

The post graduate course that I would like to take starts Jan. 2, at Columbia University. Please cancel the sailing as I am planning to study in New York for a month then.

For some time I have wondered if there isn't some place in China

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where Dr. Sutton could work and have us with him. If his work were in Shanghai or anyone of several places it seems to me we could all live together.

Couldn't Mr. and Mrs. Stone be spared to live on the F.C.A. campus until the Scotts and Miss Adair get back? One of the main reasons that Dr. Sutton feels he can't leave China is because he doesn't want the Chinese to think he is a quitter. He feels this attitude on their part very keenly. Some time ago he wrote that all the Chinese, even the coolies on the street watch the foreigners very closely. Once when he went up to Foochow to spend the night he refrained from taking a suitcase because some one would remark that he was on his way to America. But if there was some other place in China where he could leave his family with him and carry on missionary work, would not this criticism be obviated?

Thank you for your many services to us.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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October 23, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your letter of July 21st by air mail came to hand on Saturday which breaks all record for air mail performance. I am grateful, however, for the new stamps attached to the envelope which has caused considerable comment because of the feature which you mentioned--that is, the American Flag having such a prominent place on a foreign stamp.

Presumably by this time you have received letters from home and other letters from our office. I wrote you only last week regarding the sailings for Mrs. Sutton dated November 17th, but up to date I have not received a reply from her. I will write you again as soon as anything definite is settled on these sailings.

Since writing your letter, of course worse things have happened to the exchange and we are wondering how commodities have been affected. Naturally we are thinking of war prices soaring when the exchange is so low. U. S. dollar drafts #1969 and #1970 for \$800.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively have been received and paid. They were paid on August 26th and August 31st which shows you how quickly money can get through.

Draft #1966 for \$2,000.00, to which you allude, was paid on August 14th as previously reported. Surely the banking situation in China must be in a chaotic state. One wonders how they can carry on at all. Over the week end I have been wondering how best we could serve you from this end and wondered if news letters giving a general review of the situation would be of any value. I have about discarded that idea when one sees the length of time it takes to get a letter through. Any news would be ancient history by the time they reached you.

Your note of July 22nd was also received. We note the report on the death of Mrs. E. H. Smith of the American Board. It is possible that this item has been included in the American Board bulletins, but I do not recall it.

With sincerest best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

CAE/B

via "President Adams" - 10/23/39

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P. S. Under date of August 31st the American Board sent us a copy of their bulletin No. 30 which included a paragraph covering the death of Mrs. Smith. It states that the autopsy revealed a cancer was also involved.

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VIA CHINA CLIPPER - 10/24/39
Copy via next boat

150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
October 24, 1939

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your letter of September 9th came to hand just a few moments ago and I am hastening to reply for various reasons.

First, I received a letter from Mrs. Sutton in this morning's mail asking me to cancel her November 17th sailings and for the present I am not making any new reservations. For some time thought has been given to her taking a postgraduate course at Columbia, and I am hoping that will start with the beginning of the new year. It will last at least for a month. Her letter raises many questions regarding the China situation, but time is too limited to discuss them today as the air mail closes shortly.

We were very glad to receive this letter of yours as it indicates there is at least some method of getting correspondence through, and undoubtedly you are getting mail from your family by this time. Surely you must have been in suspense for some time regarding the conditions in your family, and it was exceedingly unfortunate that your passports were required for use so soon after returning the original to America. Of course, the changing conditions of which you speak are a part of the fortunes of war--this is as true in Europe as it is in China.

The alliance of Russia with Germany places a much different situation for the invaders of China and presumably there must be a great deal of diplomatic play before any of the nations know how they are heading in. I hope with you that some adjustment can be made whereby your family can all be together at no distant date, although how it will work out and be accomplished I cannot tell.

The various drafts as mentioned in the last paragraph of your letter have all been received with the exception of #1970 for \$1,000 payable to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai. Draft #1973 for \$5,000 came through and was paid September 21, 1939.

We are grateful for the note regarding the New York State Educational Department Reports and are communicating with the Department with the hope of getting one of them for our files.

With many, many thanks for keeping us informed regarding the situation in Foochow, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 24, 1939

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Your letter of the 21st came to hand and I am writing you immediately as with this morning's mail there also came a letter from Dr. Sutton dated September 9th.

We have cancelled your November sailing and are not making further reservations at the present time.

Dr. Sutton calls attention to the extreme difficulty of getting in and out of Foochow, and of the difficulty they have had in handling mail. At the present time, it seems that the mail is being transferred into occupied territory, but apparently there is no censorship. Upon second thought I am sending you a copy of his communication.

Apparently, there is not much opportunity for locating elsewhere and carrying on, as you suggest, as particularly his work is at Fukien and there are no other institutions which have a place in their budget for a family.

I think you have made a very splendid decision in concluding to come to New York in January for some post-graduate work. This will carry you through a month at least, and it is possible that by that time the doors may open in shedding further light upon the situation in China. The Fukien Board and all of us would desire beyond all else to have you and your fine family united. It is an atrocious situation, but will have to be worked out with due care and understanding.

Please feel free to write us if you feel the necessity.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Oct. 25, 1939.

ack 12/4/39

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



Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed herewith a list of US dollar checks I have written on New York since taking over, including all of the early Miss Fisher early in June. I have re-potted these especially the larger checks as promptly as possible to you, but there may be some slip in the mail although lately we have been getting good service.

I note that the Spencer Lens Co. wishes to pay in cash the credit they hold in our favor, and cannot furnish the binoculars. This seems to me to be a very good suggestion and although I do not know just how badly the Biology department needs the binoculars, I am sure they might wait. To buy a good pair from Baugh & Lomb or similar companies will cost forty to sixty dollars I am sure. Perhaps a pawn or second hand shop would offer something good for a fraction of that in cash. In China by watching out we can often buy such things very cheaply and occasionally find them in excellent condition. I will notify Dr. Cheng of our Biology department and see what happens.

Sometime ago you notified me that Mr. Li Lai-Yung had paid in N.Y. the sum of US \$25.00 to be transmitted to his wife, who is again a student here. We have sold that amount and paid the proceeds to Mrs. Li in draft No. 1975. In that letter of July 10 I recall that you said that since only Miss Fisher and Mr. McClure were authorized to sign checks on our bookstore account that you would pay it through our regular checking account with you. In your Sept. 8th letter you report that Mr. Yang Hsin-Tai has paid US \$30.00 to be paid to his wife here in Foochow and that you have deposited to the bookstore account. I have taken it for granted that I now have had my signature accredited to the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Company, N.Y. and have sold check No. 290 for US \$30.00 (All checks have on back - 11213, I suppose that is the account number.). The other day Mr. Lin wanted to pay out a check for books and so I wrote it out but sent it to you in my letter of Oct. 13 direct to you, so that you could forward it on to the company in Illinois after first making sure it is all right. Now after your letter of Sept. 8th I have more confidence. We have not yet gotten the slip back from the bank, but as Mrs. Yang is moving back to Foochow as soon as she is able, we will turn the money over to her. It has been a little problem getting her monthly allowance to her as she has been living in a little country town in Mintsing about forty miles up the river from Foochow. Pres. Lin has invited her to go to Chaowu, where she could help with the music and have her children in a good school. This would enable her to keep up with her piano work and also earn a little money.

I have just heard from Chaowu that we now have 186 students which is the all time high. This is unusually remarkable because this year due to government regulations sending out all senior middle school seniors for education of the masses there were no high school graduates in this province and the entering class consist of older applicants and olds and ends.

Very sincerely yours,

W. H. H. H. H.

P.S. Herewith a "specimen signature card" in case you need it.

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Oct. 26, 1939.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

It is hard to answer your letter about my family, under present conditions. Sometimes it looks as if I should pack up and go home as soon as I can. When I left last year I thought at least I would have my family where I would not have to worry about them, under ideal educational and health environment, regardless of what might be before me. Actually I have had a good year, speaking from the point of view of my own health, work demands etc. Of course I have had to stay down here and in spite of all am slipping as far as my Chemistry and Ceramic work are concerned. Also all my old students have now graduated and moved on! And I am a stranger among the students with whom I worked for nearly sixteen years. One student asked the other day who is the Professor Sa listed on lists for the Chemistry department. We have had our days of anxiety, but have been miraculously spared so far, altho we still have our nightly thought of what the next day might bring. To properly care for this campus would require at least five Americans, it is so open and not like a usual missionary compound where a group of buildings are usually clustered together inside a wall. We actually use seven watchmen here now for ordinary vigilance and still have trouble with trespassers and thieves. It takes me well over ten minutes to go from buildings at one end of the campus to those at the other end, and that leaves out many units up the valley and on the hills. I however will not let it worry me too much and still try to think of myself as a Science man and manage to get in one or two hours a week on my pottery work. I am quite alone as far as foreign contacts are concerned but am fortunately just too busy to let it bother me much. The people in Foochow are very considerate of my status here and frequently invite me out. I go when I can, especially these days when no appearance of planes seems likely, - the drawback there, is the two or three hours spent on the river in launches or sampans, and it is no fun on a stormy cold night. In addition I am the key man so to speak in contacts with Shaowu, we are a supply shipping agency and they depend on us for very very many things. The financial side is my greatest single responsibility, altho it is hard to single them out. I am called on to sign orders and write checks sometimes a dozen times a day, and altho some foreigner in Foochow might take over and get their signatures accredited to the seven different bank accounts, still they could at best come down twice a week, assuming we could find the right person to do it. And that would leave out my almost daily correspondence to keep in touch with Shaowu, New York and many other places. Telegrams frequently come and many occasions arise calling for quick decisions, for example last week for the first time, one of our boats was taken by bandits about forty miles above Foochow, and almost all the supplies and desirable things taken. There is not much we can do about it in these troublous times, but investigation and notices must go out. It is surprising still how much I can do by 'remote control' for the Chem department. And morale is another thing. If ~~had~~ had gotten excited and packed up or sent to Foochow any of my belongings at the end of June it would have made a great effect on the minds of our staff and workers, suggesting that I had discovered some ominous thing, and was clearing out. In spite of Stowes now fulfilled reassurances of last June, many of the teachers and students thought that he was getting out while there was still a chance.

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Mr. McClure wrote me a letter recently telling of the hard times he has had to decide to leave his family and come back to China, not because of facing hardships here but the breaking of family ties. I can sympathize with him there more than most people. He said that the one thing that drew him here more than any other was a feeling of loyalty to C. J. Lin. Again I can see his point more clearly than most people. Mr. Scott once put it well when he said that Pres. Lin must always expect to suffer as he is always so far ahead of his times. And that is true, he is always active and has his mind five or ten years in advance, and his foresight is good, far better than that of his missionary colleagues in most, if not all cases. I have spent over fifteen of my best years working and planning here and I am in no way interested in dropping it at this most critical time. I would have forgiven Mr. McClure if he had not come out again, -as he was only a refugee passing through here, in a sense, when he took up work with the Foochow group. Pres. Lin is not popular in some quarters, I might mention the Hwa Nan Chinese staff for illustration. But I can tell them or any others of his critics that he would give up his work if a better man came along. He could easily get a better paying position from other places including the government, if he chose to go, -in spite of recent slight raises we are losing teachers all the time to other schools who pay more, -only Hwa Nan is on a lower scale and their teachers are all single women while we have mostly men with families. But to avoid carrying this out too long, I fear for the future of mission schools in China, and especially in Fukien, except for the wise foresight and guidance of strong leaders like Pres. Lin. Far reaching government edicts are coming out all the time and even now several times our mission schools have been in trouble which Pres. Lin particularly has helped to remove. Someday our mission schools, keeping weak by their lack of unity may find themselves in real trouble. Already the government schools have reached and in some ways surpassed our mission work, and opportunities for expansion, chances to get more prestige with the people have slipped by. Where the government finds a strong well managed school which conforms to its regulations it is quite likely to encourage it, but if it is weak the opposite is likely to be true.

For such reasons and these and the fact that our trustees have been very generous with me, I don't like to even think of deserting the ship in such a critical time as this. So you can be sure I have spent much time in worry, not about the Japanese but particularly about Mrs. Sutton, and the family in general. Nothing would please me more than a year or six months at home just now to be with the family and see the facts and then, conditions warranting, to bring them all to China. But aside from the big hole in the running of affairs that would be opened, my going now would be a big blow to morale and altho most of the foreigners would understand, few if any of the Chinese would be able to do so. There is a war on out here with all its grimness and suffering, in spite of the fact it is hard to realize on some of the quiet days we have here from time to time. And altho we may be lucky, we never know where it will strike next, and as best we can, we must try to be ready.

I greatly appreciate all the thinking and planning you have done in my behalf and for my family. I know you in New York have a really heavier schedule than we do out here.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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Nov. 3, 1939

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150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

President Lin has just arrived on campus and will hold Board of Manager's meeting tomorrow. He has given me for forwarding to you the following reports and budgets:-

Budget Estimates for the Year July 1, 1939, - June 30, 1940. The last sheet added is the Emergency Budget for 1939 -40.

Field Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 1939.

Annual Report of the Treasurer for the Fiscal Year July 1, 1938 - June 30, 1939.

Today I have sent you the following radiograms:-

ABCHICOL, NEWYORK. HARVARD YENCHING REPORT AIRMAIL TWENTYSIX. ROCKEFELLER
GRANT, - EMERGENCY HOUSING TWENTYSIX HUNDRED. INFIRMARY SIX HUNDRED. MOVING
LIVESTOCK EIGHT HUNDRED. (Signed) SUTTON. (DETAILS MAILED.)

The details of the proposed use of Rockefeller Gift mentioned above are given in the last part of the Emergency Budget 1939 - 40 which is the last sheet attached to Budget Estimates enclosed herewith. I greatly regret that we have been delinquent in sending this report. I feel responsible and am sure that if Miss Asher had been here it would not have happened so. The request came in the early days of July and I reported promptly to Shaowu, but apparently did not understand that an estimate or proposed budget must be sent in first. I confused this with an item of US \$208.00 which had apparently been left unreported from and older grant, and which President Lin reported in mid summer at the latest.

Hoping that this radio message will make things clear, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.
Willard J. Sutton.

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Nov.22,1939.

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

Dear Mr.Evans:-

Herewith I am sending the Field Treasurers report for the month of September, which has just been received from Shaowu.

For three weeks President Lin has been here, -busy with the Board of Managers meeting, other meetings and a lot of correspondence, so he has written you at least once in this period. He has now gone back up country again so I will carry on.

Your letter of Sept.29 has just arrived and it is very good indeed to hear from you again. For a time our mail came through quite well, but now we are back again to the old system of delays. During the summer my newspapers were a month coming from Shanghai and very few copies came at that. The last month they came quite promptly and were not lost, now again things are slow. The only reason I can give is that the Japanese have again come to the port of Santuo and laid more mines, altho there is a tale that the fishermen mark them out or take them up again. In any case the last group leaving here yesterday for Shanghai went to Hinghwa instead of north to Santuo. The general situation is very quiet. We haven't seen planes here for some weeks. The last bombing was on the big Anglican hospital at Hinghwa about three weeks ago. There is however a big shortage of rice. In our nearby village there have been according to the headman, from ten to fifteen people out of work right along and now there are sixty or more. The rice is high because the usual supply coming down from up river was held back by the government, there is uneasiness and perhaps a desire to speculate and so the village people are reluctant to sell. Prices of many common foodstuffs have been abnormally high for a very long time and it looks as if they would go on up. But Fukien is not a famine province by any means, altho there may be still more trouble from bandits.

The local situation has been comparatively calm for a very long time now, but it can be very misleading. The world situation is indeed very well mixed up so that things can rapidly change for better or for worse, not only here, but in many other parts of this war torn globe. I was much concerned when I heard Mrs. Sutton was considering coming out alone, she is one apt to worry and I know she would be constantly worrying about the children, and I would too when they were left alone. From May through October I have not been sure where a letter would reach her. She hasn't realized how slow mails are and how long ahead I would have to know of her plans to be able to write so I have sent a number of letters to steamers and copies to some one at home. The whole thing has kept me on edge more than the local situation, and I know that you all in the New York office have spent very much time trying to encourage her and do what you considered best under trying circumstances. I will always be grateful to you and to Dr. Garside, I know you have done more than I have realized. I am also quite sure that none of our China College families has not demanded your time and attention the way my family has.

Nov. 22, 1939.

This has been delayed a day and it is now Thanksgiving day. I have just received the delayed formal invitation from the American Consulate for a reception from 4:00 to 6:00. The pain in all this is that I am asked to be the goat and act as alternate for a speech. The intended speaker is a new catholic priest, who may not show up. It is seldom that I am quite as accommodating as this but I was asked to help out Wiant who is the presiding officer, and in a jam. I am going up in a launch for Thanksgiving dinner at noon at the Rotary Club, as a guest and not as a member, and another dinner with the Methodist mission at night. It is a little too much for once and I am afraid I would prefer to have a quiet day at home, especially as it is raining, and cold. Last Monday I was invited down to the Customs gunboat at Pagoda Anchorage (dismantled of its guns etc.) for dinner and the night. The British captain had been transferred to Macao and a German lady, wife of a former merchant here was going out. We had also Mr. Pratt a British missionary and former engineer in the Royal Engineers of the last war, also an American and his wife from the Standard Oil Co. It is enlightening how for the most part the British and Germans here are under restraint and even maintain a cordial attitude toward each other. They were all doing all they could to make the rather difficult trip for this German lady more comfortable. I understand there is but little ill feeling shown in Shanghai as a contrast to the antagonism of the last war.

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Yesterday I had your letter of Sept. 25 and today your airmail of Sept. 24 by airmail. It must have been sent on to Shanghai as all our Hong Kong mail now is very slow in spite of the fact that the trouble at the Kulangsu, Amoy international settlement has been called off.

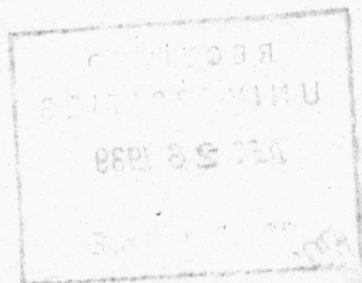
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I got a little start when at the end you mention receiving and paying draft No. 1973 for \$5,000. It was for \$500.00 and I am sure it was just a case of hitting the typewriter once too often. The draft was to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai, and they have acknowledged it so I am sure all is well.

The Hwa Nan situation is of course as usual. President Lin had to be careful to let them know that the invitation was genuine and originated unprompted in their own board in New York. I am sure they regard him as a political schemer trying to "encircle" them, altho I do not know any Chinese who has been more frankly outspoken than he. I also have a feeling that altho there is a similar division of feeling among the foreign staffs of the two schools, that most of the trouble comes from the Chinese side. The foreign staff has been most cordial to us personally, but we don't discuss certain questions.

Now I must get this off and prepare to leave myself. I will answer your two good letters more fully later.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton
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Snapshot & negative attached

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

Dec. 4, 1939

ack 1/13/40

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your group of letters dated Sept. 8, 13, and 15 have just arrived. The mail is apparently off again. For a month or more things came through very well indeed. There is a yarn out that the fisherman put bamboo markers up around the mines laid off Santup etc., nevertheless there is a hazard in coming in and only one small British ^{steamer} company makes the trip. Our supplies etc. have to be carried on mens shoulders for two days or more, depending on where the landing is made. People with oversize trunks may someday be in hard luck. I came out purposely with small trunks but got here before any trouble arose in connection with the coming into port directly.

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Please note that I have just sent to the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, draft No. 1987 for US \$800.00 charged against current budget. I have written Mr. Fuller to sell at leisure so as to get best rate he thinks available.

I send herewith my specimen signatures for the account with the Hanover Central Bank and Trust Co. I have already written two checks against that account, but have written you about this some weeks ago.

for Aug. 31

The Trial balance sheets ~~xxx~~ enclosed will be forwarded to Shawwu at once so that Mr. Li can work on them.

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There were two items in your last letter which I have not yet answered. Mr. Li I-Ying is now studying at Carlisle, Pa. as far as I know. He succeeded in getting out and was in Shanghai trying to sail on Canadian Pacific Empress of Japan just as the war in Europe broke. His father was a Chinese merchant in Kobe Japan until the Sino-Japanese war broke, and he has ~~in~~ moderate means for study as far as I know. I doubt if he ever knew that scholarships were available for study from the New York office, so is not in any way expecting any help I am sure. Mr. Li graduated here as a chemistry student in 1929 and was awarded a Rockefeller fellowship for study in Yenching about 1932, then later he had a graduate assistantship at Lingnan where reports were good concerning his work. Unfortunately in both cases Mr. Li's father was insisting on his going home and going into the business whereas the young man wanted only a chance to prepare for teaching chemistry. So in both cases, two fine opportunities were cut short by family pressure. Mr. Li has been with us most of the last ten years as graduate assistant and instructor. He is a very devoted teacher, deeply interested in the progress of his students, and that means a lot in China where we have many well-trained chemists but comparatively few truly interested in teaching. My only regret is that with Dickinson offering a very generous scholarship, they actually offer less than we do here in Physics, Chemistry and Math. Li can pay part of his way if necessary as he would be a competent and faithful graduate assistant in Chemistry.

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In connection with this thought about New York scholarships for Chinese teachers to study in USA, it brings up a sore point. My colleague, Prof. T.H. Wang has been teaching here now full time for over ten years. He was one of our early graduates and has been a loyal teacher. In 1928-29 he was in Cornell where he got an M.S. degree in Chemistry, studying under a Rockefeller grant. I under-

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Mr.C.A.Evans, -2.

Dec.4,1939.

stand that he could have had it renewed for an additional year except that he was called back to China by my going on furlough. Mr.Wang made a good record in his studies and has been a consistent worker with a fair record for publication and research.The main responsibility for the Chemistry department has been on him for the past two years and will be for a third year since I cannot possibly leave here at present. The second man in the department is Mr.Lin I,a brilliant and active young man who has made a good record,-so good that Yenching has been trying hard to get him for several years. Last year Mr.Li I-Ying was one of the staff and by his years of experience was a great help. We thought he would not be greatly missed as we expected Dr.Charles Ch'eng to come and join us. But Dr.Ch'eng apparently did not think his problems through very carefully when he accepted our offer in preference to Yenching's,so that at the last moment this past summer he suddenly dropped us and stayed near home in Peking. Prof.Wang having been here so long and carrying on comparatively alone is somewhat discouraged,and should go on leave as soon as possible. I dont see how we can spare him even next year,-and the thought of my having to go home rather than to Shaowu for next year is a nightmare. If I should leave under such circumstances,I think it would be hard to make the people in Shaowu understand,and would be a bad blow to the morale,and perhaps most fatal to our Chemistry work. If Dr.Stowe had failed to return this summer,it would have proven most unfortunate for us. In spite of the fact that he assured everyone that he would come back at the end of the summer, I am sure many Chinese people felt he was getting out while there was still a chance. I understand his Board tried to keep Stowe home and he had to protest vigorously, rightly saying that he could never face his colleagues again. So I hope sometime we can plan some study for Prof. Wang,-our school has money saved to give some aid to long time teachers, but it is not much especially in the light of present very unfavorable exchange rates. As for myself, we must hope and pray that conditions will permit the family to come out next summer,and must plan on it now,altho conditions are just about as uncertain as ever,in spite of the months of calm and quiet that we have had.

A letter with general news has just come in from Miss Asher,dated Oct.14,- the first news since arrival in USA. Pinned to it was a request for publicity material,urgently needed,to be sent to Mr.Caldwell. I wish I were able to get to Shaowu for a time. Stowe has taken lots of pictures but has had poor luck. He has a few good human interest pictures of students in action. As a matter of fact, I have been a little hesitant about advertising Shaowu for fear of drawing bombs. I was much concerned last summer when General Pai,the famous commander of Kwanghsi province visited Shaowu. A picture of him with our Dean and Students was published with full title and location, in the China Weekly Review. (By the way,if you dont see this weekly,you ought to have it available for all in the office,-it is still courageously outspoken in Shanghai,in spite of the general muszling of publications with the help or at least reluctant consent of the Shanghai Municipal Council.) To go on, I am enclosing several prints of the buildings at Shaowu,-I dont see how any other school that has moved could possibly be so well housed. I have sent up what seems to me like well over a ton of window glass to mention one thing,and the map of the City is just spotted with the buildings we occupy. There is a real need for publicity and keeping up of morale,as there are undoubtedly facing a hard year or two ahead of us. I suggest that Profs. Kellogg and Scott can help if appealed to. I will try to rouse up some more data etc.from the field.

We are in a great rice shortage with prices at least twice and generally three times higher than last year. With a fairly good crop just harvested everyone had thought it would not be expensive,but the Goevernment has controlled sale and transportation so ~~the~~ inner Fukien like Shaowu,cannot export to Foochow. I am lecturing our workmen on the value of sweet potatoes,taro etc. Sincerely yours,

to Mr. Cameron
P.S. Herewith also another color film of campus showing Agricultural Bldg in foreground

to Mr. Cameron
Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Dec.12,1939.

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

ack 2/7/40

Dear Mr.Evans:-

Your letters of Oct.20,21 and 23 reached me yesterday,-mail is slow again altho I believe our mail gets out faster than any can come in.

I have reported the receipt of US \$534.76 for scholarships in detail,to Pres.C.J.Lin in Shaowu. Since that money will be more or less needed in January I have already written a check No.1990 to take up this amount in full,marking it account No.3904 as you have suggested. This check No.1990 was for US \$1,000.00 the balance being charged against 1939-40 budget.

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Not having received any news I have decided that Mrs.Sutton has not come out by a November sailing but is at home with the children. She has not mentioned even the possibility of it,altho her latest letters are dated September.

I have already sent on to our Agricultural department the note about invoice No.R10573 for the AGRICULTURAL INDEX to Dec.1940 and will most probably be able to write to you about this by the next letter,say in about one week.

Miss Asher's expense account has just come in. I understand that you have a copy and also that you will deduct from Miss Asher's salary US \$24.40 to settle this account,and have notified the Treasurer's office in Shaowu to that effect.

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Quite a long time ago I asked Mrs.Sutton to send in to you our passport to have my name struck off,as I need a passport here and have no right to have my name on two different passports at the same time. I wrote you quite a long time ago in the early summer just when things were at their worst and we were sure that the place was to be attacked at once, how I went to the Consulate here late one night,after developing my own pictures in the heat of the day. And I was then issued a special passport good for four months in light of the emergency. It has now expired and I cannot have it renewed until they know definitely that the first passport has been changed,sa again I am without a valid passport. I understand now that all passports sent in to the State department are held until an occasion arises where the holder really needs it to travel.

Herewith a few photos I have just received from Prof.Wang of our Chemistry department. The one is new of the Science hall which was the American Board Mission Hospital in Shaowu up until 1927. The smaller pictures are too small for much use as they are but if any of them prove of interest I will certainly see that you get the films. Please let me know. I understand from a note included with Miss Asher's account,that Oliver Caldwell is trying to work up some publicity for FCU. I will there-fore try to write him as soon as I have anything definite,and if any of you have suggestions would greatly welcome them. I enclose here a publicity memorandum just sent to Dr.Stowe and Pres.Lin. These things are only proposals,so far. Stowe has had hard luck with his Shaowu pictures for some reason but has a few of student action that are good altho so small that he must send the films. You have all sorts of pictures,colored enlargments and films which I have sent,but unfortunately they are all of the old campus buildings and I am out of touch with student life at present.

Sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Dec. 26, 1939.

ack 2/23/40

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed herewith please find financial report for the month ending Oct. 31, 1939.

I have just received from you on Christmas day your airmail of Nov. 4th enclosing trial balance for October along with cash statement and items for Miss Asher's travel and medical account. I will forward these to Shaowu today so that Mr. Li can work on them as soon as possible.

Justified to Mrs. Sutton 1/22/40

The above mentioned letter altho slow in coming for airmail, was by far the fastest piece of mail that I have seen in a long time. I do not know why things are so slow. Nothing from my family has come postmarked later than September, -they were just telling about their visit to the New York Fair.

Christmas was a very quiet occasion here, I haven't heard yet what was done in Shaowu to observe it. Food prices are extremely high and there is much general suffering among the poor. I spent half the day climbing the mountainside patrolling the boundary fence. There were very many grass and wood cutters out. It is hard to know what to do with them, when the few dimes they earn by this trespassing mean the difference between eating and going without. If we could keep out the scalawags it would be easier to handle the situation. There is considerable banditry reported in some country districts.

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On December 19th I mailed to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai check No. 1992 for US \$800.00 to be charged against the Rockefeller Emergency grant for 1939-40. I had previously informed you about checks Nos. 1987 for \$800.00 (current budget) and 1990 for \$1,000.00 (\$534.76 against Acct. 3904 and \$465.24 current budget) were sent to the Mission Treasurers for sale. Pres. Lin is again calling on me for larger amounts of cash.

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I hope all goes well in your good work.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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