

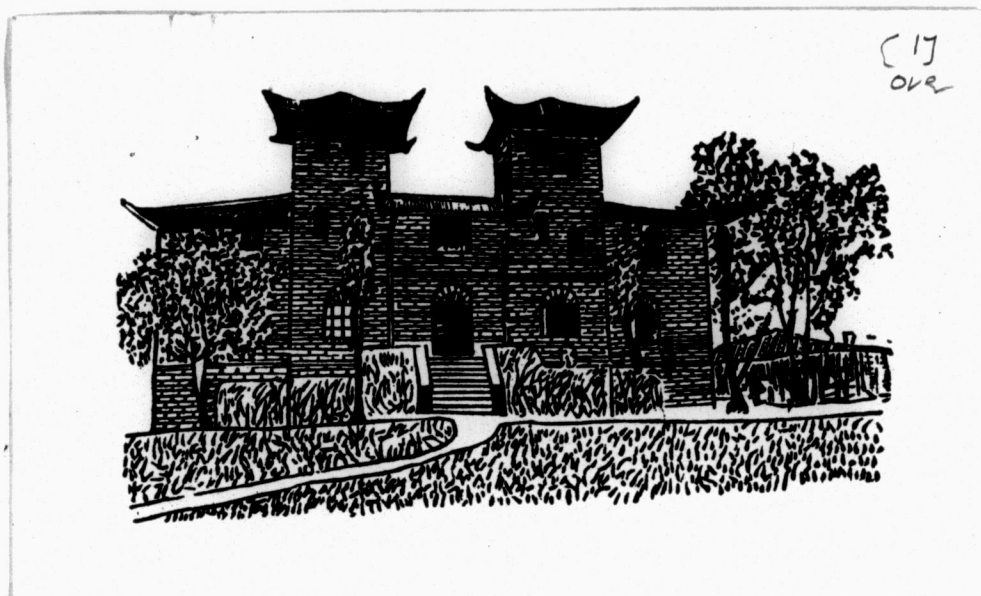
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January 3, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your good letter of November 22nd came to hand enclosing report for the month of September, 1939 and thank you for same.

Yes, President Lin has written two letters -- one dealing with staff matters and the other a covering letter accompanying the minutes. It certainly is fine that he carries on with such splendid spirit and courage, but seemingly it is characteristic of our Chinese colleagues under these trying circumstances.

We have all been greatly concerned over the capture of Nanning to the south and there has been much speculation as to what will happen with this means of communication interrupted. Telegraphic dispatches to newspapers in America, however, indicate that Chiang Kai-shek and the Government is accepting the situation philosophically, but undoubtedly the efforts that are being made to dislodge the invaders will be continued.

We can readily understand why the Japanese leave Focchow alone. It would be of no particular value to them and would cost a tremendous amount to police the area, and possibly the whole countryside would be devastated by retreating Chinese.

I am glad to know that you are not lacking for things to occupy your time. Apparently you have a pretty busy day, and it is good to know that you are able to perform this service in such a worthwhile cause.

I am sorry for the oversight in the amount on Draft #1973. It should have been \$500.00.

President Lin has written us regarding the Hwa Nan situation, and

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I have reported to the Hwa Nan Trustees regarding the cordial and repeated invitations extended to the Hwa Nan ladies. It is a situation which is very understandable, and which, of course, will not be changed except through the setting aside of many of our human characteristics. We hope eventually that good will come from these discussions and contacts.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 3, 1940

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred
New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I am quoting from a letter received from President C. J. Lin dated November 18th which has just been received. It consists mainly in reviewing the staff requirements. He refers particularly, however, to the Sutton family and the problem involved, and states that he has talked several times with Dr. Sutton and Bishop Gwedy, and personally would welcome the return of the family to Fukien, to Foochow, or Shanghai, although conditions are not at all promising for carrying on the education of the children, and while the campus has not been bombed, yet Foochow has suffered considerably.

Dr. Lin also states that he found Dr. Sutton getting on very well on the campus keeping himself busy every day, looking over the campus affairs, part of the time being in the treasurer's office carrying on laboratory research projects and has his time well filled. He often has visitors of foreigners and Chinese on the campus, in fact quite a number of those each week. He handles all errands sent down from Shaozu. Dr. Lin goes on to say that the American Consulate is operating normally and the Chinese people are most friendly to the Americans.

I thought you would be interested in this reaction, and with the Season's Greetings, I remain

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Alfred, N. Y.
Jan. 9, 1940.
Ack 1/12/40

Dear Mr. Evans:

Happy New Year to you and Mrs. Evans.
Thank you for your greetings and the ex-
cerpts from Pres. C. J. Lin's letter. There
is much talk about our family problem,
but has any decision or near-decision been
reached? What does C. J. expect Dr. Sutton
to do next fall when the Scotts and Miss Asher
return? Will there be room for our family
at Shaowu? It is possible that he might
return to U.S.A.

May I ask you to read the enclosed letter
from my sister in Peking. She went out
to Kuitien, Fukien, 10 yrs. ago under the
W. F. M. S. She advises me to take
the children to Peking as it is quiet
there and cheaper than Shanghai. En-
closed also is a letter from Dr. Sutton
to her. I have marked the last para-
graph in case you do not have time
to read it all.

Letter returned
to Mrs. Sutton
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Do you think by next September Dr.
Sutton could be spared for some language

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study? If he could join us in Peking for study at the language school we would all be so happy together and the children could be in a good school.

I had hoped to be studying at Columbia this month - but the children have been quite sick - and there was also a delay about the scholarship. The same course is repeated in April. Our little five year old daughter had bronchitis just before Christmas and then the twelve year old daughter came down with a ^{bad} bowel infection - at first we feared appendicitis. Her white blood count went up to 26,000. Later the preliminary laboratory report was bacillary dysentery. She lost quite a bit of weight. When there are serious illnesses in the family it is especially difficult to be so separated.

For the next three months I will need \$50.00 a month to pay the rent.

Best wishes for the coming year ✓

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

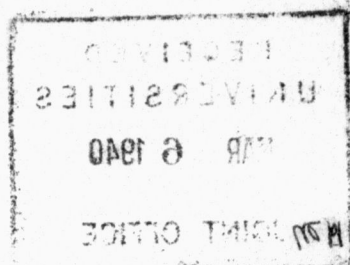
There is no hurry about returning the letters.
I would like to go to Peking very much.

Jan 10
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now paying \$40.00
Noted
D. E. J.

Duplicate - via Hong Kong.

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



Jan. 11, 1940.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Yesterday I mailed to Mr. Fuller in Shanghai check No. 1996 for US \$1,500.00 charged as follows:- Harvard Yenching Grant 1939-40 \$500.00; Current Budget \$500.00; Rockefeller Grant 1939-40 \$500.00. President Lin is completing housing and other arrangements hoping to get things finished for the second term and so has been pressing me rather hard for cash this month and last.

Enclosed please find two copies of a woodcut that we have just gotten out, it was a first trial rather than a finished copy but I want you and Mr. Caldwell to see it and perhaps give suggestions. We hope to put out some little booklet illustrated by woodcuts and so are working for ideas. The woodcut for this sample cost about US \$.08 so you see there is not much expense involved. We must furnish black ink drawings with proper lines for cutting around, on thin whitepaper. I only lack the good photos of Shaowu to go ahead. We have plenty of our campus here but in a way that is a back number. Stowe gets some very interesting photos as to student activity, some of which are full of action and human interest to tell the story of the present interesting period in history, and he gets some of the buildings etc. too, a few quite artistic. But unfortunately they are miniature photos and many are dull, out of focus so they cannot be used for reproduction. I have been most anxious to send to you some good clear pictures of the whole Shaowu enterprise but can't get them. In a previous letter I outlined some publicity suggestions but none have been adopted with any assurance they will go thru.

Mail is as slow as it ever has been. I am always at least 2½ months behind with letters from Mrs. Sutton, and get very few at that. There is rumor that the mail is deliberately piled up somewhere to let it age so any military secrets etc may be valueless. The last letter I have had from you was dated Nov. 4th which has been here over two weeks now, and that made unusual time.

I am considering sending out one or two orders to USA firms for science supplies. It is perhaps a little risky now as we don't know what the future will bring but must be tried. I will mail orders to you so that you can send them on and arrange payment in case up to the time that they have reached you all is well. We have to have them consigned to Mr. Fuller in Shanghai who will do whatever circumstances direct at the time they arrive.

My sister in law Miss M. Marion Holmes is expected in today. She will have had a sixty mile trip overland from Hingwa port, and the weather has just turned cold and rainy. We have had moderate weather with good sunshine for some weeks before this.

Herewith a book order which I hope you can fill without too much inconvenience. They come to us from Shaowu from time to time. (Sent in original.)

I have just had ten of our buildings treated for white ants. We have some very bad cases, and at last I have found a sure treatment, altho expensive.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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January 11, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

You will find enclosed herewith the Fukien trial balance sheet for December 31st, also the cash statement, budget analysis and copy of Journal Voucher #361. You will also find copy of a letter from Mr. Garside to Samuel Thorne covering the January 1st remittances from the Associated Boards to Fukien.

You will see from the budget analysis that the Sustaining Fund, as included in the general budget, has been covered and that there is an additional credit of \$5,597.00 available for the field.

Just by way of clearing a routine item, I am giving authorization #4001 for \$5,000.00 to be charged against this account. This will leave \$597.00 balance remaining. Of course, it is not necessary for you to use this authorization and I notice that you still have \$10,832.44 in Accounts Payable. This has been analyzed for you before, and I am sure you know the items which make up this total.

It is quite possible you are continuing to use local currency balances in China which permits the accrual of these funds in America. If you can see a way clear to get along without drawing any or all of this fund, we might be able to find additional sources for investment. We have not exhausted all of the savings banks in this area by any means.

With sincerest best regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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January 12, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

Thank you for your gracious good wishes to Mrs. Evans and myself. However, this year it seems hard to get into the spirit of festivities with suffering so rampant throughout the world. Each day we hope and pray that there will be some alleviation of the situation.

You ask some questions to which I do not have the answers, and frankly I would be delighted if I could give you the information. I am quite sure that the field does not object to having the family return to China, provided contentment can be found under prevailing conditions. The objections in the past have been regarding the conditions prevailing on the Fukien campus plus the blockade, as well as the physical welfare of the family. Of course, I realize that Dr. Sutton wrote his letter of October 30th thinking that you were coming out shortly. It would seem necessary for the family to face up to all of these problems and present them to the President. We, of course, have no authority here to authorize a year's study at Peking in the Language School. That also is a matter of adjustment with the field.

Personally I would put all of the facts together and send them to Dr. Sutton requesting an early decision in which every alternative seems possible. They are:

1. Dr. Sutton's return to the United States giving up all thought of continuing in China.
2. His continuing at Poochow, the family to take up residence on the campus.
3. His going to Shaoen along with the family if suitable quarters can be found.
4. The family to be in Peking and he to continue on the campus.

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5. Arrangements to be made for Dr. Sutton to study language at Peking and be near the family.

I am enclosing Dr. Sutton's letter and that written by your sister and thank you for the privilege of reading them.

Some of our people at Yenching have just returned and they are not so optimistic about the peaceful attitudes around North China. The usual story is that the Chinese, and often foreigners are subjected to all sorts of indignities and that there is constant irritation because of the presence of the Japanese.

I note that you will need \$50.00 for rent during January, February and March, and accordingly we are adding \$10.00 to the monthly authorization which will be received in due time.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Very truly yours,

G. A. EVANS

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January 15, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am acknowledging your letter of December 4th which included pictures of the Shao-wu campus, and a colored film, all of which are greatly appreciated. I also acknowledge receipt of the specimen signatures which have been forwarded to the bank.

We have not received Draft #1987 as yet, but have noted that it is to be charged against the current budget.

Thanks for your information regarding Mr. Li I-Ying. We are glad to know that Mr. Li I-Ying is able to carry on without assistance.

We have been trying to gather together some special funds to claim an appropriation of \$100.00 from the Methodist Board, but have been unable to do so. This appropriation was made contingent upon the Board of Trustees securing a like amount - but, these scholarships which have been credited on our books so far are those which were and are being used by individuals and do not represent a cash contribution coming through our office.

I can readily see how these scholarships can complicate matters on the field, and surely it must take a large degree of devotion and loyalty to carry on under some circumstances.

I certainly agree with you that some way must be devised for getting your family to China. As I have said before, certainly that fine growing family needs you.

Publicity material is always needed, as a fresh supply is constantly required to keep us up to date. Whatever you can do personally, or to inspire others, will be greatly appreciated. Thanks for the good work you are doing.

With sincerest personal regards, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

Via "President Garfield" - 1/15/40

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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FOOCOW, CHINA.
州福國中

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"MISSIONS"

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Jan. 26, 1940.
ack 3/25/40

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed please find copy of Treasurer's report for the month ending November 30. I do not know when it will reach you as mail seems slower than ever now. I have just received the October letters from my family and all the magazines etc. have not come yet. There are several devious routes for mail to come, but we feel it is possibly being held up some place like Shanghai on purpose, as well as delays due to transportation. There is of course little proof for such things. Copies of these Treasurer's reports for Miss Asher have been accumulating since she left. I am considering the sending of them to you for forwarding to her. In that way you can look them over and make sure that you have everything to date. The last letter received from you was your airmail of Nov. 4th and that has been here for a month. My sister-in-law Miss Holmes, has just arrived here this last week. Strange to say, she received a letter shortly after here which took the normal time of one month to get here and still it bore a Tsingtao postmark! *In last book orders have come through all right.*

Herewith a miscellaneous book order which is desired in Shaowu, all except the very last item which is wanted in Foochow. Many packages are barred now from coming in but I know a few books came in recently by mail from Shanghai, - at a high rate of postage. Perhaps if you have any doubt they can be sent to Mr. Glenn V. Fuller Associated Mission Treasurers, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai. He can often hold or send things to us if necessary. Frankly if you handle all the details of such a scattered lot of book orders, I don't see how your office can do much other work. Is there no book dealer who would be glad to handle for you?

We are all glad to hear that Mr. McClure and Miss Thomas are getting back. The English department has suffered as has the Chemistry department for lack of teachers.

1987 3/20 1/27
1990 3/24
On Dec. 26th I wrote and notified you about check No. 1987 for US \$800.00 and No. 1990 for US \$1,000.00 (\$534.76 against Acct. 3904 and the balance for current budget.) And on Jan. 10th I wrote you about 1996 for \$1,500.00 (charged \$500.00 each to Harvard Yenching, Rockefeller and Current Budget). Due to book orders and other needs in Shanghai I telegraphed Mr. Fuller to sell US \$500.00 and charge against your office. It is the first time I have telegraphed in that manner. We would have to use it frequently in case of emergencies. In my last letter to Mr. Fuller I added the sentence; - "Please bear in mind that in case anything happens in Foochow that we would greatly appreciate it if you would sell US \$2,000.00 and try to get funds through to Shaowu direct." This is somewhat vague, particularly as to how he would manage but it is necessary to keep them going under all circumstances.

Actually Foochow has been very quiet lately altho from time to time there have been airplane alarms. On Jan. 16th as if to keep us reminded there is still a war, eighteen planes visited the village of Au-Sai about sixteen miles down river from us and bombed repeatedly until only two houses were left untouched. The killed number between one and two hundred and there were about an equal number of wounded sent to Foochow hospitals.

With continued thanks for your help, I am, Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

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Feb. 1, 1940.

ack 3/30/40

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of Nov. 10th containing the Foochow copy of the audit for the year ending June 30, 1939 has just been received. As President Lin is expected to arrive here on the campus this afternoon I will show it to him before filing. This is the first that I have received from you in a very long time now. Mail is still so very slow and altho I just received a nice batch of letters from the family I am almost always three months away from them. Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy leave this evening for Hinghwa, Shanghai and USA, so I will try to get this to them to take out as it will save much time.

Enclosed please find some old copies of our monthly reports for the Field Treasurer's office. Mr. Li intended them for Miss Asher but I have delayed sending them. Your office copies were mailed as soon as possible after I received them from Shaowu. After looking over please forward to Miss Asher.

July missing, no time to look up just now. WJL

SUTTON INSURANCE. I am taking advantage of Bishop Gowdy's departure to send out check to the Veterans Administration, Insurance Division, Washington D.C. The amount of my insurance comes to US \$229.20 charged as follows:- Sutton Insurance \$200.00, Sutton salary \$29.20. It is due April first and the policy number is K 446841. It is quite important that this premium be paid before May 1st and altho I have every confidence that going with the Gowdy's mail it can make a quick trip, I still would like to check up some way through your office that it has been paid. Check No. 2001 was sent with the letter a copy of which is enclosed.

*Noted
D.E.G.*

Today I am also sending Mr. Glenn V. Fuller of the Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai, a check on New York for US \$2,000.00 charged against current budget. It will be used for our operation etc. for the next month or two. I enclose a copy herewith of my letter to you of Jan. 26th in which I notified you about check No. 1987 for US \$800.00; No. 1990 for \$1,000.00; also 1992 \$800.00; 1996 \$1,500.00; and also on Jan. 20 I telegraphed Mr. Fuller asking him to draw on you for US \$500.00 which may be charged also against current budget. I hope that all the above will see us through the building and other adjustments and that we can depend on tuition so that I will not have to draw anything more for at least a month.

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Paid 2/8/40

1996

Paid 3/10/40

\$500 paid 3/7/40 - H.Y.L.

Mr. McClure and Miss Thomas are supposed to land in Shanghai today. I hope they can come right on without too much delay. It is so generally quiet right over Foochow that it is hard for some to realize that there is still a war on. However on Jan. 16th 18 planes came and practically destroyed a small village on the river about sixteen miles below us, and on the night of Jan. 26th the big river launch which makes the run from Foochow to Kwantao a distance of nearly thirty miles, was sunk by striking a floating mine (altho some claim it was a boiler explosion!). Kwantao is on the river not so many miles up from its mouth and has seen bombing quite a number of times. All the people who come in from Shanghai via Santuo must go there to get boats up for Foochow. And as it is an important place, the launch is always crowded. Nearly three hundred were killed and only seven were saved. Many mission school children were going home for vacation and I am sure at least ten were killed.

Several mines have broken loose at Sharp Peak, hence story is plausible.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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Feb.13,1940.

ack 3/29/40

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

New York.

Dear Mr.Evans:-

Herewith I am sending an order to the Central Scientific Company,460 East Ohio Street, Chicago, Ill. Conditions may change considerably in the two or more months that it will take this letter to get to the USA,so I am sending to you to ask that you will forward it on to Chicago,unless in your judgement it seems inadvisable. Of course if I found out any serious reason why these shipments should not be sent I would send you a cable. I am hoping later to send a few more similar orders. If deemed advisable you may arrange to pay for the shipment against documents in New York. Mr.Fuller in Shanghai has kindly offered to receive the shipments there and send them on when opportunity presents.

Agricultural Index. In December I received from you a query as to the subscription of this for the year 1940. You were holding invoice Np.R10573 for US \$28.50 waiting word from use for payment. Prof.C.Y.Lin head of the agricultural work has decided that it is expensive and of no great use so would like it discontinued. I hope this will not arrive too late for you to stop it.

To make sure that word gets through,I am writing the Veterans Bureau in Washington again that I have sent check No-2001 for US \$229.20 for annual premium on my insurance policy No.K446841. It is due April first and expires if not paid by May 1st. I am asking that in case check was not received that they apply to you for a duplicate.

In addition to the above order to the Chicago Apparatus Co. I am enclosing one for W.J.George Ltd.,17-29 Hatton Wall, London E.C.1. Please use your own judgement as to whether this order can be sent to China at present without excessive cost,or other difficulty.

Things still remain quiet in Foochow altho several times in the last week I have heard airplanes down river or in other directions. And this morning an air alarm is on right now altho nothing has been seen or heard yet. These persistent visits of planes and other factors make me think that Foochow is not left out of the war yet.

Thanking you for the many services you have given which encourage me to keep on sending requests, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

Willard J?Sutton.

P.S. Telegram has come saying McClure and Thomas arrived,but no boat to continue to Foochow until Feb 20th,so they will have plenty of time I am sure in Shanghai.

Note Central Scientific Co. 3/20
Note Chicago Apparatus Co. 3/20

Note W.J. George, Ltd. 3/20

noted D.E.J.

February 23, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

A letter from your good husband, dated December 26th states that he received mine of November 4th and continues as follows:

"The above mentioned letter altho slow in coming for air mail, 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 havent 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 scoundrels, it would be easier to handle the situation. There is considerable banditry reported in some country districts."

The above indicates how slow mail is in getting through and also gives you a bit of campus news.

With best regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Feb. 26, 1940.

ack 4/12/40

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Enclosed herewith the Field Treasurer's report for month ending Dec. 31, 1939. It has just come in from Shaowu and so I am sending your copy on.

Mr. McCJure and Miss Thomas have had to wait quite a while in Shanghai, but are now expected here in about two more days. I understand they are bringing quite a lot of books and supplies which seems to be the lot of all coming from Shanghai these days. Our semester started in Shaowu with classes on the 16th of this month, so Miss Rhomas will be quite late but nevertheless the rise in morale at having her here will help everyone from the President down to the students.

The food situation increases from day to day in difficulty. Rice which last year might sell for nine to eleven dollars for a hundred pounds will now bring four times that and some of these days it cannot be bought at all. I still think there is enough but fear and selfishness have combined to keep it back. The common people have no recourse as all other prices have gone up accordingly. Fortunately we have here a good supply of our own growing of white potatoes. These are not at all liked in general by the Chinese, and only a few have learned to make good use of them. So I think that they can not be used except in case of real hunger, but it will be a good chance to learn and start using them as a supplementary food. Dried shredded sweet potato was next to rice, the main food of the country people in the winter. Last week I bought 250 lbs at an exorbitant price of \$24.00 a load, but this week they were selling at \$37.00 and actually were hard to find at any price. The middle schools students have to bring their own rice for the term when coming to school, as they can generally get it from home. But there is no such thing as paying board for a term ahead under these circumstances. It is quite a struggle now to get even a bag of rice. Fortunately we have here quite a few hundreds of pounds of excess rice from our experimental fields, but it is select seed and should be planted rather than eaten. In any case I am saving it for April when the food shortage may be much more acute than now. Rice is so valuable that people are afraid to move it, and soldiers and police restrict its going from one district to another. There are some unpleasant rumors in this connection too.

Mail is still as slow as ever. A strange but significant thing happened. My sister in law, Miss Holmes arrived from her language study at Peking, and is now with one of the girls school at Mintsing. Mrs. Sutton wrote me a letter and because it contained some rather important news about a fire quite near to her house, she copied the letter and sent copy to her mother in Meadville, Pa. Mrs. Holmes then sent to my sister in law in Peking, the letter came to Fukien and when Miss Holmes wrote me in due time she sent the letter. So I have the copy but the original has not come yet, and it more or less confirms my feeling that our mail is held up, possibly in Shanghai. The above mentioned copy is the only letter I have had from Mrs. Sutton dated December, - I am still waiting to hear about their Thanksgiving day celebration. -- I recently mailed you a newsletter which I hope will make good time, so will comment no further now.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton
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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Mar. 16, 1940.

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

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5/29/46

Dear Mr. Evans:-

For a long time your letters seemed to have nearly stopped but now I got a whole load of them at once! Mail is indeed tricky these days. For example I have just received the March issue of the Readers Digest on March 15th and have not yet seen the January and February numbers. Also Mrs. Sutton wrote me a letter about Dec. 8th and made a copy which she sent to her Mother in Meadville, Penna. The copy was then forwarded to Peking to my sister in law, Miss Holmes, and then up in the country out of Foochow and then when she had finished with the letter, sent it to me. In spite of that round about trip, the copy was with me over two weeks before the original arrived.

Food prices still go on up. It amused me, I received a letter from Mr. Li in the office in Shaowu saying that rice had gone up to \$20.00 per load in the district and he did not know what the people would do if it went much higher. At that time it was well over \$60.00 for about the same amount, 160 lbs, and has since gone up more. Other things have gone on up accordingly but as rice constitutes the bulk of the diet of the people it is an index more reliable. Just now the pinnacle seems to have been reached and perhaps things will really go down. There is really almost enough rice to go through the winter but many people were afraid of shortage and others wanted to get rich. I have tried to encourage our workmen to eat white potatoes but with little success, they are not used to them. Since the demand is comparatively low these potatoes are very cheap in comparison with other foods. I suppose we have prejudices of our own just as bad as the one against the potato. We have had to give emergency grants to the workmen to enable them to live.

I will have to rush this out but will briefly acknowledge each letter if possible. In your letter of Nov. 16 re NY draft No. 1978 \$7.00 your explanation has been forwarded and I am sure is satisfactory. Also received was my copy of letter and report from Mr. Parker to Pres. Lin, -minutes of joint committees of Associated Boards Nov. 10th plus copy of Treasurer's report as of June 30. I note from your letter of Nov. 22nd that my letter of Oct. 19th was received and check with my signature on Central Hanover Trust co. is now valid. We are still working on pictures here and I can send you a few more now. Dr. Stowe has a short general letter to go out very soon now to a list of about 800. Nov. 24th letter mentioned Dr. Charles Ch'eng. He is now at Yenching, -took a year's appointment in Organic Chemistry to fill out vacancy of Dr. Stanley Wilson I believe. Dr. Ch'eng has written he is anxious to be here next fall, and asked about sending a few chemicals etc. from USA via your office. I have suggested that they be forwarded first to Glenn V. Fuller, Associated Mission Treasurers, Shanghai. Dr. Ch'eng gave some reasons which show how desirable and possibly imperative it was for him to remain in Peking, -but it did not help or work out of a jam. From Mr. Parker's letter of Nov. 27 I note that my cablegram about Rockefeller and Harvard Yenching reports was received. I will let the matter rest a little while to see if Mr. Tsai at Yenching will take up this matter of paying for Dr. Ch'eng's freight, then later I will correspond with him. It is mentioned in your letter of Dec. 1st. I have your two letters of Dec. 4th also. Do not spend too much time in getting the

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Mr. C. A. Evans, 12

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binoculars, second hand, for our Biology department, it seems a waste of time. As a matter of fact we might even get them in a pawn shop in Shanghai, so if you want to close the matter simply close it by putting the amount in US dollars in to our budget and letting us know. We will adjust with the Biology department here. In your second letter of this date I have received 2nd field copy trial balance sheets for Nov. 30 plus Journal Voucher #359, and #360 which you mailed the next day, came at the same time.

I have a messenger here now waiting to take this out so cannot finish further. I have not acknowledged your greetings for Christmas, which were most highly appreciated. Also your other two letters in reply to mine. I still do not feel things are settled here, but since there seems no other way have written home about the possibility of the family coming out. I have no idea where I will be in the fall. I am badly needed right now in Shaowu, but could not possibly leave. I find it hard to describe to people at home especially like Mrs. Sutton, the needs for being on the job just now. With all my colleagues in Shaowu working so hard and under trying conditions, I could not be a quitter and let them down. This campus is not only the financial base but also for supplies, shipping etc. etc. for every direction. Will have to delay this until I can write more fully.

Miss Thomas arrived in Foochow Feb. 2nd and Mr. McClure staying behind like a gentleman, brought in the heavy baggage three days later Wed. March 6th. I saw his boat come in as it stopped to leave off Miss Thomas things and many supplies for ourselves. The biggest item looked like four piano boxes but were really four organs for Hwa Nan College. Miss Thomas got away from here in two days after her heavy baggage arrived and altho I have no word yet, I trust she arrived in Shaowu and was certainly warmly welcomed there.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA

MEMBER WELFARE FEDERATION
PRESTON & PARRISH STREETS
PHILADELPHIA PENNA.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR
DR. MARY R. LEWIS.
TELEPHONE BARRING 1800

March 31, 1940
Ask 4/1/40

Dear Mr. Evans:

Have you been able to make reservations for our sailing on Aug 8? If not will you please make some as soon as possible after that?

Altho I have not heard directly I understand that perhaps plans are being made for Prof. Wang to come to U.S.A. for study this next school year - and that probably Dr. Sutton would teach in Shaowu -

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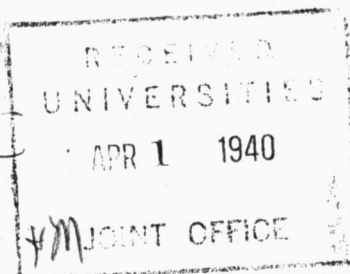
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I was hoping that he would try for the
chem. position in Meadville, perhaps he has.
Have you had any more information?

The children need the influence of a united
home now, ^{while they are growing,} more than they ever will again -
and I hope you will continue to help us to
get together either here or in China - as soon
as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton



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April 6, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

The Fukien March trial balance sheets are enclosed herewith including cash statement, budget analysis and invoices. You will also find copies of Journal Vouchers #367, #369, together with carbon of Mr. Garside's letter of April 4th. This indicates that \$327.00 was received from the Associated Boards during March which, together with other funds secured, brings your total of Sustaining Funds to \$11,955.

This morning's mail brings us news that the Rockefeller Foundation has granted us \$65,000.00 towards our Associated Boards' program, with \$5,500.00 designated for Fukien.

As this more than covers the \$17,230.00 allocated to Fukien, no further distributions from the Associated Boards will be made this year. As soon as this money comes to hand, authorizations for drawing will be issued.

We all join in heart-felt gratitude for this generous move on the part of the Foundation.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" - 4/6/40
c.c. via "PRESIDENT HAYES" - 4/8/40

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO. FOOCHOW"

TREASURER'S OFFICE

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW. CHINA.
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CODE:
"MISSIONS"

April 19, 1940.

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

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6/5/40

Dear Mr. Evans:-

This morning I have before me a large number of letters to acknowledge from you at one time. Mail still comes in big bunches with intervals, sometimes quite long in between. The average time still seems to be $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 months and airmail sometimes makes it in a month, but generally six weeks are required. Our British friends seems to get mail out from Britain with its war handicap, quicker than we get mail from USA.

President Lin has just returned to Shao-wu a few days ago after holding his Board of Manager's meeting. It was too bad that he cannot get them together easier but they are scattered with schools out in the province, and Dr. Beard was in the hospital with an operation, while Mr. Wiant had gone to North China to Peking Union Medical College, and Bishop Gowdy was in the USA. Your letters of Feb. 10th arrived in "due" time, - the one coming all the way to Hong Kong by air arrived there on the 21st of February and then came to Foochow inland and was postmarked Yung'an (the temporary capital of Fukien) way inland, April 2nd and Foochow April 8. The copy sent airmail to the Pacific coast arrived here April 16th.

your letter

I immediately forwarded on to President Lucy Wang of Hwa Nan College. It was your request to get our budgets in to New York by April 15th so they could be acted upon by the Associated Board in making plans and allocations. Unfortunately your letters did not arrive until nearly April 15, and there is no way to reach you in time except to cable. President Lin did cable you the total sum of the various budgets Regular, Emergency and Special accounts, but that will not be of great use to you. I have not seen Dr. Wang to know what she has done about it. An additional cause for the delay in getting budgets approved by our managers was, as I have already indicated, that it was hard to get them here in Foochow for a meeting. Pres. Lin mailed you a long letter while here and left me a second copy which I send to you now.

We are just sending out about 800 printed letters from Dr. Stowe and Miss Thomas, - I am sending to you a small package of these.

A few days ago I mailed to you a photograph. It was the large photo of the present faculty and graduating class for this coming June, in front of the new library building just completed this term and dedicated to Bishop Gowdy as Gowdy Hall. President wishes it sent on to Bishop Gowdy as a gift but I would like you to see it first. I will also send you another smaller photo of President Lin and FCU alumni at Ing-tai. They are teachers at Foochow College and Wen Shan Girls school and are in front of the new building built by Foochow College in Ing-tai. These two schools are as you know, respectively the American Board Boys and Girls high schools.

Going back over your letter of December 8th I note the list of donors and it is quite likely that we will not write to any of the names listed in letter of Dr. Garside to Dr. Thorne on Dec. 7th. I was a little surprised however after reading your explicit instructions that we must note carefully not to write to anyone on

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Mr.C.A.Evans, -2

April 19, '40.

the list under "Allocated gifts", to find the name of Dr. Neil Lewis, Los Angeles Calif. Dr. Lewis is an old friend of many of us as he was here, and his departure for home was regretted very much.

Your letter of Dec. 8th also brought up the matter of sending out literature or appeals from the field. Actually we have never done this to my knowledge. The printed letters which I have mentioned above are general news letters and in no way are direct appeals and are mailed to our own mailing list which we have had here for many years. If there is some misunderstanding about this please confer with Miss Asher and Prof. Scott.

In reply to your letter of Feb. 2nd about the Agricultural Index, -I have already written you to discontinue as our Agricultural Dept. thinks they can dispense with it for the time being due to its great cost.

I have just received a letter from Miss Asher asking that I do not send her premiums on Insurance Policies to the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, and also the Asia Life Insurance Company, as she has asked you to handle these. Unfortunately she did not realize how long a time it takes for letters to go and come and so when I received the notices I paid them promptly as there was no time whatever for enquiry. I now have receipts for both these policies in my safe here, - they are as follows:-

Duplicate
Payment
Refunded

6/18/40 Sun Life Assurance Co; of Canada, Policy No. 3,188,133 US \$132.25, Paid Mar. 11.
7/22/40 Asia Life Insurance Company, Policy No. 4600, US \$73.50, March 20, 1940.

The Sun Life Company has written that you have already paid this premium to the Newark Office showing that word came through very promptly in that case. I have just written them that I think it best for you collect the money there, as Miss Asher is now nearest to that office. So far I have had no word from the Asia Life Company but I plan to write them also.

Pres. Lin has seen your letter of Feb. 10th about the present anticipated income for 1940-41, and as both copies arrived I must give one to Pres. Lin for Shao-wu files.

I do not know if any mail has been lost or not. Mails coming from Seattle to Shanghai just before Christmas, and also from San Francisco and Los Angeles for a period from about Dec. 23 to Jan 11 have mysteriously disappeared. I imagine that the investigation now is complete but for a long time the Shanghai missed certain lot shipments of mail bags by their serial numbers. The only explanation that I know is that the steamship "President Quezon" ran aground on the coast of Japan and was reported to have gone down.

Herewith I enclose a second copy of Pres Lin's letter to you written on Apr. 11th, the first copy has already gone out to you about a week ago.

Everything is quiet here just now. We had 15 planes overhead on March 30 but no damage, - just "goodwill" planes in behalf of new Wang Ching-Wei government.

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. I have your
letter of Dec. 8 and
yours of Jan. 2, 3 & 5.

W. J.

Willard J. Sutton

Noted to
Mr. C. A. Evans
6/15/40

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

April 29, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Apparently I have been caught napping as far as drawing on New York is concerned, altho a certain amount of it is chargeable against ignorance. In your Feb. 6 letter I note that drafts received by you at that time already overdrew our current budget account and left Harvard Yenching and other accounts comparatively untouched. The only guide I had in this was that Harvard Yenching money was to be slow coming in and so I eased off from it. Actually I do not know just where to charge the drafts which I send to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai, most of the cash is received and spent for all purposes in Shaowu, when heavy building demands were on they spent \$20,000.00 local currency, or more per month. So I cannot properly proportion these payments here at least until after full accounts are in from Shaowu, which would be two or three months at least after I send a draft to Shanghai. I enclose herewith list of drafts drawn recently and the revised charges against various accounts. The OVERDRAFT of US \$ 666.08 mentioned in your later may be charged directly against Harvard Yenching funds. I enclose herewith a report of drafts made out recently with the account designated and the revised account to which they are to be charged.

Draft No.	Date	Amount	Originally charged to:	Revised to be charged against:-
Pd. 3/24/40 1999	2/1/40	\$2,000.00	Budget Acct. 31	Harvard Yenching Acct. 135.6
4/23/40 2005	3/16/40	300.00	" "	" "
6/7/40 2008	4/24/40	2,000.00	" "	(---\$1,000.00 to Harvard Yenching Acct ✓ (---\$1,000.00 to Rockefeller Emergency Grant, Requisition #3903 ✓

In other words from the above mentioned overdraft on account No. 31 please transfer \$3,966.08 to the Harvard Yenching Account No. 135.6 and \$1,000.00 to the Rockefeller Emergency Grant, Requisition # 3903. All other overdraft due to smaller drafts that I have issued, please transfer to account of Sustaining funds No. 176. Please note that while in Shanghai about Feb. 5th Mr. R.W. McClure drew on your New York Office for US \$500.00 charged against Harvard Yenching account and reported to me on his arrival in Shanghai. Please note that No. 2008 has just recently been issued and not reported to you before.

Draft No. 2012 \$200.00 made out to Li Min-Hsin April 29th. This Mr. Li is one of our Biology assistants who is now on his way to USA for graduate study in the fall. Most probably this draft will be used toward passage money and may come in for payment soon. On the other hand he may take it to USA with him in which case it would not be presented for collection for some time yet. To show what exchange is like at present, -we received \$3,256.00 local currency for this draft.

Hoping that you can balance these accounts without too much trouble, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

P.S. Herewith Field Treasurer's report for February.

Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

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April 29, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Now I have your letters of February 6 and 7 enclosing trial balance sheets for January 31st along with Journal vouchers for Jan 26 & 31 Nos. 362 and 363. I will send these on to Shaowu for Mr. Li to work on at once. Also a large number of Book bills.

I have just mailed a letter to you a few days ago (April 19) saying that I had already paid the insurance premiums of policies for Miss Asher to the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada and the Asia Life Insurance Company, about one month before I received your letter or that of Miss Asher requesting me not to do so. I did write the Sun Life Company and ask them to arrange reimbursement to you through your New York Office. (Newark Branch)

So far I have heard nothing at all from Mrs. Sutton about any intended plans for hospital work for the month of March. It will be a needed change for her at least. She has informed me about the hope to get sailings on the steamer Pres. Taft and come out with the Scotts, Leggers and Miss Allen. That again will be fine if it can be arranged, there is nothing urgent except to get children into the Shanghai school on time. I still feel exactly as I did before, about it all, we are having airplane alarms in Foochow every day for a time, but no planes or bombs, and it is so quiet that people in Foochow hardly heed the alarms any more. The lumber export business has revived again, this time going out on many small junks instead of by steamer as before. And looking back on this year it would have been fairly quiet for the children to have been here, as after September things quieted down quite noticeably. But actually that does not prove anything at all about the future or what may happen here. On the other hand things have been hard here without the family and Mrs. Sutton has taken it especially hard. I still do not know what will be the call for next fall. Dr. Ch'eng has made plans again to come to us from Yenching this September, that might relieve the strain on Prof. Wang and Lin in our Chemistry department, altho not completely. I still do not see what Pres. Lin will do for housing with the Scotts, Leggers and all going to Shaowu. What about the Leger children? I suppose that they are all of Shanghai school age, the youngest will not come on to Shaowu I am sure. Pres. Lin has just written that his building work has been temporarily stopped for lack of roofing tiles etc. I still regard the situation as full of possible dangers as ever, and feel that I should not leave the work under present circumstances, the blow to our Chinese teachers especially in the Chemistry department would be a real hard one. They have had a hard time this year, and for me to go right back home would start no end of trouble and drop in morale. So altho feeling ever aware of possible dangers and difficulties if the children come out here to live, still when it is a case of nerves and long family separation, there is not much to do on the cool reasoning side. But I can hear planes coming overhead right now (11:30 AM) and altho we have that safe feeling that they will not do anything, who knows what the future may bring? I am sorry for you for you have borne our family worries a lot during this year, already full of cares of your own. But I greatly appreciate your kind interest and help.

I am sure that the Consul would accept my word, or a letter from you, that if my name were cancelled of from the passport that I sent, I could have one here.

Very sincerely,

Willard J. Sutton

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May 6, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

The last remittance from the Harvard-Yenching Institute covering payment of the Restricted Funds came to hand last week minus the appropriation for Fukien.

We previously anticipated that the Institute would adjust its payments to use a total of \$85,000.00 for all of the universities, and this was done. Nevertheless, Fukien not having properly reported on its use of funds for the previous year had not qualified for the payment of the entire amount. As a consequence, the last two payments for the year have been withheld. It was our understanding that belated reports have been received by the Institute, but not in time for action to be taken at the last meeting. Whether or not this will prohibit the Treasurer from making the remittances within this current year, I do not know - but the fact that other remittances came to hand, makes it appear rather dubious.

It is now passed the time to use honeyed words in reference to these reports and the situation naturally must be presented to the Board of Trustees at its meeting next week.

We have communicated with the Harvard-Yenching Institute about the payment of the remainder of the appropriation, but have received no satisfactory reply. It is an exceedingly serious situation, and once this is straightened out it never should occur again. It is too important a source of income to ignore. We fume and fret about the method of administering the funds, but it does no good. Certain definite regulations have been set and we must adhere to them.

I am sending an extra copy of this letter to be forwarded to Shaowu, and will send a copy to Miss Asher.

Regretting the necessity of writing in this manner, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B

cc: President Lin
Miss Asher

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May 6, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

We are hastening to get into the mail the April Fukien trial balance sheet, cash statement, and budget analysis. You will also find two invoices and copies of Journal Vouchers #371 and #372.

In addition to the above, you will find copy of a letter from Mr. Garside dated May 1st. This alludes to the payment of certain designated gifts received by the Associated Boards for Fukien. It will be noted that the amount designated for Fukien Christian University has exceeded the total by \$1,762.00 and that this has been refunded to the Associated Boards representing undesignated gifts received from that source.

Referring to the budget analysis you will note that \$875.00 from Sustaining Funds were included in the General Funds, leaving a balance of \$16,355.00 available for the field. Of this latter amount, requisitions for \$10,000.00 have been issued. We are, therefore, authorizing you to draw the balance of \$6,355.00 — the requisition to bear the number 4005.

This increase of funds during the past month is due to the distribution of \$65,000.00 received from The Rockefeller Foundation. Of this amount \$5,500. was designated for Fukien Christian University. The terms of this gift make it imperative that a report of expenditures be presented to the Foundation by early Fall, or the balance will be allocated to the next year's program. Any residual after that being returned to the Foundation. It is very necessary, therefore, that immediate steps be taken to give us an adequate report to cover this amount.

It will be noted that the overdraft in Account #31 has been transferred to the program of Chinese Studies. Any subsequent drafts will be charged to this account, and later to our Accounts Payable, which you will note totals \$8,977.68.

On Saturday we opened another savings account using \$1,500.00 of the Directors' Funds, which brings the total investment to \$24,808.14. As soon as other accounts permit it, we will absorb the balance of this fund by placing same in the Savings Account.

We do not believe there are any other items calling for special mention.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
cc: Accounting Office
Via air mail to Pacific Coast - "President Cleveland"
cc: "President Cleveland" - 5/11/40

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May 7, 1940

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
The Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia
Preston & Parrish Sts.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I promised you that I would let you see a copy of the letter which we propose to send to the field. I am enclosing same herewith.

I have discussed the matter with several members of the Board in our immediate vicinity confirming my remarks to the responsibility of Dr. Sutton in the rearing of a family. I have not referred to more intimate family matters, as these are things which you must handle with consummate skill and finesse - for by all means Dr. Sutton's interest in the family must be sustained and stimulated.

I suggest that this whole matter be made a major part of your spiritual and prayer life. Out of such devotional periods often come miraculous answers which seem to be spoken by God himself. It needs faith and consecration to do this, but I am sure that you are able to come into that relationship without difficulty.

I should be very much interested in your reaction to this communication. It seems to have met the approval of others with whom I have talked.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Bethesda Hospital Corporation, Inc.
CHARTER ISSUED DEC. 15, 1915
HORNELL, N. Y.

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ack by
telephone

May 11, 1940. Evans

Dear Mr. Evans:

Will you please read the enclosed letter,
and if you have time, and send it down
to Dr. Laughlin?

I am very much pleased with the splendid
letter you wrote to Mrs. Linn. I will try prayer-
fully to do my part and hope that I may
be shown the best way.

When I was at Atlantic City, Bishop Gwidy

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said that he was going to recommend that
Willard return to U.S.A. as soon as possible
so that we can talk things over together.
Has he spoken to you of this matter? As
you know letters are futile.

I am very anxious about his game and
wonder if Dr. Sutton should be cabled -



Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

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Bethesda Hospital Corporation, Inc.

CHARTER ISSUED DEC. 15, 1915

HORNELL, N. Y.

May 11, 1948 file

Dear Dr. Vaughan:

Last night while I was at the Woman's Hospital in Philadelphia, Dr. Hitchcock & Alfred phoned me by long distance of the illness of our second daughter, Lois Jane, aged twelve, saying that he thought she had appendicitis. I told him to go ahead and operate if he thought best, and left Phila. by the first train possible, arriving in Hornell at the Bethesda Hospital where she is, at 9:30 am. today, just twelve hours after her operation. A ruptured appendix was found and easily removed and about 4 oz. of free pus in the lower abdomen.

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It was apparently one of those fulminating types of appendicitis with typical but mild symptoms. Pain in the upper abd. started about 11 am. yesterday morning while she was in school. She returned ^(walked) home at the usual noon hour, drank a glass of milk and went to bed. The pains became more severe and shifted to the lower abd. She vomited once about 5 P.M. When my mother took her temp it was 101° and she sent for Dr. Hitchcock who found WBC count 17,000 and 94% polys, tenderness more on left side than rt. and greatest in mid line over urinary bladder region and that is where the appendix was found, ruptured with beginning gangrene, with about 4 oz. of free pus having no odor.

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Bethesda Hospital Corporation, Inc.

CHARTER ISSUED DEC. 15, 1915

HORNELL, N. Y.

It has been draining freely thru a drain in the abd. incision.

Her condition seems good today pulse 100-120 and temp 101° at 4 a.m. 100.2° at 6 p.m. She is being treated with intravenous glucose solution and nothing by mouth. head of bed raised high.

If you have any suggestions regarding further handling of her case I would be glad to have them.

Do you think Dr. Sutton should be cabled about his father's serious illness? I would give anything to have him here now.

Sincerely yours, Ellen H. Sutton.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

May 17, 1940

ack 7/3/40

There are now a few more letters from you to acknowledge as follows:-

In your Feb. 19th letter about the AGRICULTURAL INDEX. I now see that it was renewed by our library, for a long time they have had the custom of sending a list of journals etc to Mr. Meeken in the Boston office, for renewal. I saw the list but had no copy, therefore when your letter came asking about renewal I enquired from our Agricultural college and eventually sent you their reply that due to the great expense it was well to drop it for the present. But since the library, perhaps as a routine matter has had it renewed there is now nothing to be done. In a way it is a good thing as we should try to keep continually certain of the more important science and agricultural journals in our files. I am sorry that this has caused you extra trouble.

I hereby acknowledge my copy of the minutes of the Board of Trustees held in New York February 19th, also those of the Executive Committee of the Associated Boards held on January 29th.

The second Field copy of the Trial balance, budget report for Feb 29th have just arrived along with journal vouchers No. 366 etc. which I will forward at once to Shaowu.

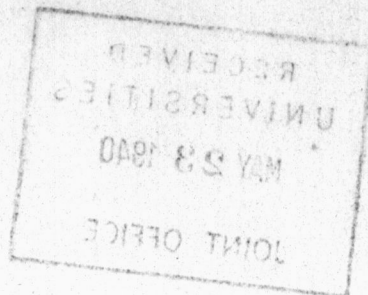
The important thing to reply to just now is your letter of March 1st addressed to Pres. C.J. Lin and a copy forwarded to me. I have just received word from Pres. Lin about that letter too. It is going to take me some time to look up in the files and see what our past actions are concerning the Rockefeller Foundation Emergency grants as there are still many things here with which I am not familiar. My work in this office is still a part time basis. But let me assure you that Pres. Lin and I agree with you fully in your statement that we must play fair with the Rockefeller Foundation, - no one realizes more than we do here how much the Foundation has contributed to educational work in China, and particularly to our school here. Just now I am very much confused as to where the trouble lies, and am wondering if it could be in some way my fault. I assume that the original grant of US \$6,000.00 for emergency purposes was properly accounted for, it would also seem that the proper accounting period for the 1938-39 grant would have been made about July to October, if it had not been made early in that fiscal year as the money was spent. It was during that time, I started this work, and I have only concerned myself with the 1939-1940 budget. It seems logical that the 1939-40 budget might appear similar to the 1938-39 plan because ever since before March or April of 1938 we have been building and improving things in Shaowu. I have seen a stream of orders for nails, window glass, hardware, cement etc. go up river and have watched prices go up almost daily. The library has been completed and the open air covered gymnasium, but now Pres. Lin is trying to build small apartments to accommodate the many teachers who are expected next fall, possibly myself and family too. I suggest that you consult Miss Asher about this at once as it takes many months to write and get a reply here. I will try to write you further about this in a very few days.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

*Cancelled April.
Refund 2/3/40 to
C.A.E. who made original payment.*

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May 17, 1940

Mrs. Willard Sutton
Alfred
New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Mr. Evans communicated with me immediately upon receipt of your letter and we talked over the question which you raised about cabling your husband. I think Mr. Evans has expressed for us both the judgment we felt concerning that question. I have been very busy this past week and knew that Mr. Evans was giving adequate expression to our joint judgment. Hence I have not written.

I deeply sympathize with this sudden nervous strain that is upon you because evidently Lois Jane has been in serious condition. A ruptured gangrenous appendix with free pus in the abdomen is not a condition free from serious apprehension. No further word makes us think here that "no news is good news" and probably Lois Jane is now out of danger. I certainly hope so.

No suggestions of mine would have changed the situation. Was Dr. Hitchcock the surgeon in the case or did one of the Hornell surgeons perform the operation? Does Dr. Hitchcock do a good deal of surgery? He is listed in the Directory as a graduate of 1925 of Cornell Medical School who stresses surgery but does not specialize in it. According to this Directory Dr. O. K. Stewart of 18th Street Hornell is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and limits his practice to surgery. He is the only one in Hornell who is so listed. Dr. Stewart graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine in 1902. Dr. Tracey graduated from the same school in 1909. He was a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons but does not limit his work exclusively to surgery.

Looking for early favorable word from you about Lois and with assurance of my deep sympathy and concern, I am

Cordially yours

JGV EBS
c.c. Mr. Evans

J. G. Vaughan, M.D.

May 21, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

In our Clipper letter of Monday we referred to the operation on Lois Jane, and undoubtedly you are anxious for further particulars.

We could not cable yesterday as the consultation of doctors was held and the telegram we received thereafter did not give sufficient information to warrant cabling. For several days things looked rather serious and even yesterday after talking with Mrs. Sutton I was not at all reassured, and I conferred with Dr. Vaughan. The telegram, after the consultation, showed that Lois was not worse, so we waited until this morning and Dr. Vaughan talked with Mrs. Sutton in my presence. The temperature has receded and, at present, there seems to be every indication that she will come along nicely, although quite definitely she is not out of danger.

We regret beyond expression this added burden for Mrs. Sutton, as she is not at all prepared to undergo this strain. In our telephone conversation this morning, Dr. Vaughan recommended that if there seemed to be any change for the worse, a consultation with two outstanding surgeons in Rochester be held.

I will keep you informed of any further news, and later on will give you more definite word as to the progress which Lois is making. I sincerely sympathize with you both in this situation and trust the good Lord will perform a healing miracle.

Sincerely yours,

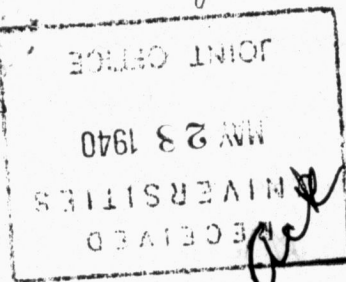
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Via Air Mail to Pacific Coast -
"President Pierce"

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I think Dr. Vaughan would like to know these details about Lois Jane.



Bethesda Hospital
Hamell, N. Y.
May 24, 1940.

Dear Mr. Evans:

Lois Jane's fever kept climbing higher and higher every day, 102° to 103°, and the colitis was getting worse. She felt very miserable and was so restless that I asked Dr. Hitchcock for another consultation with Dr. Kysor. Dr. Hitchcock is a splendid general practitioner and is also a surgeon. But Dr. Kysor is a much more experienced surgeon and is considered one of the best in Western New York. (He took over

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oldest daughter's appendix out 2½ yrs. ago.) He came right in on May 22 and advised another operation for drainage of pus the next day - I also asked that he assist, so the operation was done yesterday morning - A small incision was made in the abdomen and after a half hour search the abscess was located in the peritoneal cavity low down in the pelvis and opened. I never saw so much pus it just poured out, about a quart of it. After the operation she received a blood transfusion 500 cc. of blood. Today she looks and feels much better - her colitis symptoms have ceased and she had a spontaneous bowel movement this morning.

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Her Temp. is lower, pulse slower
and she is now allowed sips of water

How thankful I am - let's hope
and pray that from now on she will
have an uneventful recovery.

She has lost a lot of weight,
but fortunately was in good condition,
her wt. before operation was 105 lbs.

Last month I put in an application
for one of the Ventura cottages this
summer and to my surprise found
that there was still one not taken. The
cottage will be ready for us June 29
and we expect to rent it for 3 or 4 wks.
(\$5.00 rent a month). It will be a fine
place for Lois Jane to convalesce.

This hospital is quite expensive - it does not receive state aid - The income is from the patients and the Community Chest - I am enclosing ^{receipted} bills up to date. ^(one dated ahead) Our medical allowance for the current year must be nearly used up - I don't recall that we used any of our last year's medical allowance but perhaps that could not now be applied on the present hospital expenses. I don't think there will be any physician's fees except \$10.00 to a Dr. Patti who gave the anesthetic for the first operation - I've never met him - I also paid \$20.00 for the 500 cc. of blood for the transfusion.

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.

May 25, 1940

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Bethesda Hospital
Hornell, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

For two days I have been intending to call the Hospital to ascertain the condition of Lois Jane. However, another even more serious medical case has developed within the last forty-eight hours, and we have been struggling with that situation.

I am greatly surprised at the contents of your letter, but I could not talk with Dr. Vaughan as he is not available ordinarily on Saturday mornings. It is very reassuring, however, to know that there is proper drainage and that the prospects are for an early recovery. I will consult with Dr. Vaughan on Monday.

I am enclosing herewith check for \$150.30 representing hospital, medical and laboratory fees, also your check for salary allowance covering \$210.82.

The medical allowance on the 1939-40 budget for the Sutton family is US\$10.00, but as the University is supposed to take care of special items of this nature, barring operation fees, there seems to be nothing else to do but to carry on.

We note that you are planning to be at Ventnor during the summer and this surely will be of great help. Lois Jane will have the opportunity of rebuilding her strength.

Upon second thought, I do not find where the \$20.00 for the blood transfusion is charged on the bill, but seemingly should be included. Please let me know on this point.

With best wishes to you, and with the hope that you will remember me to Lois Jane, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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CABLE ADDRESS:
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學大和協建福立私
FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.
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CODE:
"MISSIONS"

TREASURER'S OFFICE

May 27, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Since writing you on May 17 I have been thru the files to try to untangle this misunderstanding of the use of the Rockefeller funds. I have concluded that in your letter of March first asking about this matter, that your suggestion No.1 that the date of the budget should be 1938-39 and not 1939-40, is the only explanation possible. In the files there are quite a number of references to the US \$6,000.00 grant which was for the period 1937-38, together with complete accounting of all expenditures. There is however, no such references for a 1938-39 budget. The first intimation I had of the grant came in your letter of May 25, 1939, which arrived shortly after I took over the work from Miss Asher, and showed the need for us to report intended use of the grant not later than October first. So in my opinion the sheet showing the detailed items for 1939-40 which went to you last October or November, should be dated 1938-39. The reason I was so easily fooled on this was that it came so late in our fiscal year that I did not even think of the possibility of its being for 38-39. If Miss Asher had been here I am sure that Pres. Lin would have been informed and so even though he is away from this office and our files most of the year, he would have known how to act. It is also most unfortunate that Miss Asher is not in New York this year as questions could have in some cases be easily settled that way. As it will take at least ten days to get a reply from President Lin as to this suggestion for an explanation, and so I will send this on to you at once. Mail here takes at least two months to reach you I feel, and some what more than that for letters to come from USA, so any hope of an easy settlement of this misunderstanding is out of the question. Perhaps President Lin will decide to send you a cablegram. I reported to Shaowu about this grant when it was received on June 19 of last year, and so outside of the unfortunate mistake of putting it under the wrong year I believe everything is all correct. We started our purchase of livestock and moving the new and or older animals to Shaowu in August, the College infirmary was established and performed a successful emergency appendix operation on our Dean of Women a little later, and the building program was of necessity going on as fast as possible, so I believe that a full accounting of the funds could be made soon now. The money was drawn on New York as follows:-

Date	Draft No.	Payee	Amount
8/1/39	1972	Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	\$800.00
8/4/39	1973	Associated Mission Treasurers	500.00
9/11/39	1975	Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	400.00 (part)
12/19/39	1992	Associated Mission Treasurers	800.00
1/10/40	1996	Associated Mission Treasurers	500.00 (part)
4/24/40	2008	Associated Mission Treasurers	1,000.00 (part)
			<u>\$4,000.00</u>

I am sending a copy of this letter to Pres. Lin, and will write you further, as soon as I hear from him. One thing which made me feel the budget was 1939-40 was the statement in copy of your letter of May 23 1939 from the Rockefeller Foundation-"Under the terms of this grant, any balance remaining unallocated at the close of the fiscal year 1939-40 reverts to the Foundation". In case my interpretation of the above is correct the new application sent by President Lin

Mr. C.A. Evans, -2

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to New York on or about April 1st for a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation should read for 1939-40 and not 1940-41. It was part of the new budget.

President Lin is going on against all sorts of difficulties to keep up his building program. He is now trying to provide residence quarters for The Legers, Scotts, Miss Asher and Miss Burr (and perhaps the Suttons?). Things seem so uncertain these days especially with such a terrible cloud over Europe, which in a way may release Japan for further activities, that I don't like to think too much about the coming year here, but the only thing is to go ahead and prepare with faith. We may be writing letters to you on cheap Fukien made paper soon, the Chinese government has cut down very strongly on permits to import foreign goods, in order to strengthen the falling exchange which I was told, for a few days fell to 25 to 1 in Shanghai but is now back up to 18 to 1. Foreign paper can be dispensed with altho for certain things it will be missed, especially in printing. Foreigners travelling from Shanghai may still bring in certain supplies but I notice that the customs is getting more strict.

President Lin is ever looking far to the future and to the practical applications, the work shop & printing press plans are of great service now if they can be worked out, but will make a self supporting branch of the whole enterprise for the future. The item in his budget sounds strange almost humorous to me - "rabbit fur and meat", but actually it is a most valuable contribution. In this mild climate with plenty of rainfall it is strange to think of people going hungry or suffering from unbalanced diet, but actually out in the country it is common, due to ignorance, mostly. The raising of goats and rabbits costs comparatively little and is a source of meat to farmers who otherwise could get very little such food. And the climate and wide open spaces of inner Fukien are quite suitable for these things, but they are found in comparatively few places still.

I received your cablegram of May 21st stating that Lois Jane had had a serious appendix operation and was improving slowly. I am hoping that no further word means that the improvement altho slow is steady. This is one added burden to worry and tire Ellen.

Foochow is comparatively quiet here now. We had ten or more Japanese boats anchored off Sharp Peak but I believe they have gone now. There is a rumor that the Japanese navy is concentrating off the southern part of Formosa, possibly for a push to the Dutch Indies, but like all such things, there are many rumors to one fact.

Hoping that the above explanation will clear up the Rockefeller misunderstanding, and that all can be easily adjusted, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton
Willard J+Sutton.

150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
May 29, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am taking opportunity to answer your letter of March 16th, and as a matter of fact we should make more desperate effort to get acknowledgments into the mail more promptly to take advantage of every possible sailing.

The price of commodities has been up for consideration frequently at Board meetings during the past two weeks. In giving consideration to the budget, the thought has been raised many times as to how far figures prepared even now will prevail after July 1st. You have given an answer to one of these questions, and we greatly appreciate this paragraph.

Thanks for listing the letters which you have received.

We are interested in knowing that Dr. Charles Ch'eng will be at Fukien next year. I was a bit chagrined at his stopping off at Yenching last year, but as he has planned to come on to Fukien I can swallow my mortification.

A word about the binoculars. I have been to several second-hand optical stores, but have been afraid to make any purchases as the glasses which I really desired, upon investigation, would cost around \$15.00 at least. I have seen nothing priced at the money available. On second thought, I think the best method is to follow your suggestion, unless I have an opportunity to make a purchase before Miss Asher returns.

It is too bad that it will be impossible for the family to come out this year, but in view of the changing situation, it is all for the best. There are some possibilities in the picture whereby someone may be secured to carry on at the campus, but this is not final. We have been familiar with the work you have been doing on the campus and Bishop Gowdy has painted eloquent pictures of the necessity of having someone at Foochow.

Everything looks forward to having Miss Leonia Burr to go out to Fukien during the summer, and in that case there will be additional help at Shaowu.

Most cordially yours,

CAE/B

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
June 3, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I Have just talked with Mrs. Sutton at the Bethesda Hospital. She reports that Lois Jane is getting on remarkably well, and they have every hope that she will be able to leave the Hospital the latter part of this week. However, a second operation was necessary as the first drainage did not work. The second operation caused some anxiety as after a quart of fluid was extracted the temperature raised to 104.24. It is now back to normal.

Mrs. Sutton has a cottage reserved at Ventnor, New Jersey from June 29th for three or four weeks. This will help very materially, and the children are looking forward with pleasant anticipation.

Strangely enough when the telephone rang Mrs. Sutton had not finished reading your radiogram sending best wishes. It was all most opportune and she was greatly surprised and delighted to get this message. From now on, I am sure, things will run smoothly.

Miss Leona Burr will be sailing on the "Taft" which leaves around the 15th of August. It is too bad, but all sailings have been delayed from one to two weeks.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via China Clipper - 6/3/40
W.C. via "President Coolidge" - 6/3/40

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your letter of April 29th came to hand yesterday with several others and I am grateful for this additional word regarding conditions.

I am surprised that your passport situation has not been adjusted. However, it is possible that the U. S. Government mail likewise was held up, as we sent your passport on to the Department and they promised to notify the American Consulate in Foochow to issue you a continuing passport on the duplicate you are now holding. Immediately upon receipt of your letter yesterday I wrote to the State Department and will let you know the outcome of our investigation.

No one appreciates more fully your position and standing on the Fukien staff than those of us who have been in close touch with events growing out of your prolonged stay at Fukien. Everyone of us realizes the value of the work that you are doing while at the same time having a guilty consciousness that it is not the task which you should be carrying on, and also that you should be with your family or your family with you.

Growing out of the various discussions, conferences, communications and what-not comes a deep conviction that something must be done and the Board of Trustees has done it. It is the Lord's own doing that Lois Jane is recovering, or had anything happened to her those of us closest to the situation could never justify our own continued existence. The action of the Board of Trustees relieves you from any responsibility as regards your relation with the staff or the Chinese. It is a decision which has been based upon sound reasoning and expert medical advice. I am sure, therefore, you will be able to adjust your thinking to fit the situation. I have deep sympathy for you in your position, but I cannot help but sympathize also with the mother of four children, one of which for a number of days hovered on the verge of the Great Divide, but the Lord brought her back and we are saved from further condemnation.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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June 5, 1940

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Yesterday's mail brought several communications from you, and the first one, which seems to have been greatly delayed, is dated April 19th. We have no good reason or excuse for the delay of correspondence in reaching Foochow. None other of our China correspondence is held up in this manner. Of course, it is a tremendous handicap to you, and it worked havoc with the consideration of budgets at the Annual Meeting.

We have a meeting of the Executive Committee of Fukien today to pass upon several items, and at a later date you will have more particulars.

President Lin's letter enclosing the budget and minutes of the meeting of the Board of Managers came to hand several days ago, and we are acknowledging the extra copies you included with your letter.

Fortunately Hwa Nan had anticipated our requests for budgets, and their's were forwarded early. Subsequently, however, a letter came from Lucy Wang acknowledging my request received through you.

We are grateful for the printed matter from Dr. Stowe and Miss Thomas. This is valuable and exceedingly interesting. We are also grateful for the photographs of groups and the buildings at Shaowu. I am especially grateful for the large photograph of the present faculty and graduating class which we have passed on to Bishop Gowdy who deeply appreciates the thought involved in the whole transaction. He is simply over-burdened at the present time with an itinerary which should be spent over a more lengthy period, but he must get back to China for the various conferences and has sailings in July.

We shall have to modify our instructions regarding the use of lists accompanying our remittances for Sustaining Funds. If any of these lists contain names which were previously on the list of Fukien, there is no objection to continuing your contact work or even to write them if that seems desirable. What we must guard against is the absorption of a list of names by any one of the Universities in China and start propaganda from that end. It would, however, be foolish for you to take from your original list names which appear in the Associated Boards' receipts. My letter of December 8th was more or less a

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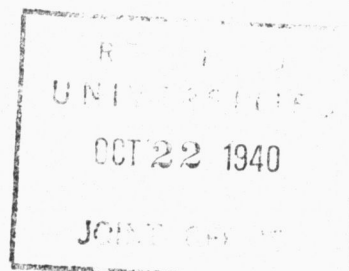
general one which could be accepted by the Colleges as it fitted the situation. If solicitation without our knowledge has not been done there is no intention of becoming arbitrary about it.

We surely have gotten into a mixup on Miss Asher's insurance premiums. Again this is due to the delay in the mails. The difficulty is that the Companies will not refund in America, but are demanding that the office in Shanghai make the distribution. Your letter gives us additional grounds upon which to work and we will take the matter up with them promptly. I will let you know when an adjustment has been made.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 6, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Firm Letter

There is not much to acknowledge from you since writing last on May 27. I greatly regret that we cannot get reports about Rockefeller Foundation date of budget, and distribution of overdraft of general budget to you in better time. I fear there will be at least four or five months from the time you wrote asking about them, until you can get our reply. I recently received your letter of April 22, which by some freak came through in five weeks! Before opening I rejoiced at the chance to get all this late news as the latest I have had from Mrs. Sutton is March 19th. But when I opened it, it turned out to be only a form letter advising us that the US Post Office, Foreign Division was reminding all that letter postage from China to the USA was raised from \$.25 to \$.50 on account of the drop in exchange! (We had been putting 50% on our letters since Sept. 1st 1939!). I now also have Mr. Parker's letter to the China College Presidents of March 19th and your letters about Bookstore affairs of March 13 and 18, I am sure you have done right in 1939 Proceedings of the American Horticultural Society. If they want older issues for library files, they can order again and I will advise them accordingly, and let you know, otherwise let the matter drop.

Herewith Field Treasurer's Monthly Statements for March and April which I have just received and which I will hurry on to you as mail is so slow. I still feel that mail going to USA takes 1½ to 2 months and coming this way 2½ to 3 months on the average.

*Noted
Dad*

Enclosed also please find a list of drafts on New York which have been issued recently. There can be but few more before the close of this fiscal year. In connection with No. 2019 for \$200.00, - this was made out in receipt for local currency to Dr. Chiu ShaoLin. Dr. Chiu is one of our own graduates who took his medical work at St. John's in Shanghai. For the past year he has done very effective work in our clinic in Shaowu ~~this past year~~. He has a US \$900.00 fellowship for study at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota this coming year and the above is supposed to represent his travel to USA. I am sure it takes all that he can get together at present rates of exchange and forces him to borrow in addition, to get this draft. What he will do to get back home again has me worried, but with such an opportunity after about six years of practical medical work, I can well appreciate his determination to take advantage of this opportunity. Dr. Chiu's work was described in Dr. Stowe's printed letter which I have forwarded to you recently. The draft will probably be presented to the Associated Mission Treasurers for payment in the next month or less.

No further word has been received about Lois Janes since your cable of May 21, so I am assuming that her improvement has been slowly going on, at least. I tried to get an amateur short wave message to her, - It got to Oakland California all right so I am hoping that it went right on. I still have never heard if Mrs. Sutton has a sailing or not, and will not be able to reach her much longer by mail if she has. With the trouble in Europe getting constantly worse it looks more than ever as if Uncle Sam will have to defend Shanghai, or give it up to the Japanese.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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Fukien Christian University,
Fochew, China,
June 13, 1940.

Dear F C U Friends:-

There is not a lot of news in spite of the fact that I have not written in such a very long time. It is raining today steadily and has been doing so for most of the time for over six weeks. Our poultry are now suffering from it and our egg business has dropped considerably. Today a few hens died, and Weh-Hsun says it is due to the long wet weather. The flood has not been so very high yet altho the Yenping boats are not running now.

Paul Wiant is back from Shanghai and Peking after a very extensive trip in which he and Hallie had their teeth overhauled in Peking and I believe he went into language school for a time. He brought in over 300 packages, - I suppose mostly weighing forty to fifty pounds, so as to be carried by dangle. Among them were some chemicals and glassware for FCU, but a large part were the foreign grocery supplies for the members of the International Cooperative Society. The Chinese government will not let such things in now unless the foreigner brings them himself, or unless a special permit is obtained from Chungking, which may take months to get sometimes. The things have been in customs for some days now, ten I believe, and are still not out. A very few weeks before this Miss Alice Wilcox came in all right, but had to have her baggage taken to Fochow customs and everything unpacked and taken out for examination, even though the things had been passed at Santuo, previously. The trouble with it all was that she came in with John Hendry. John is superintendent of the Hospital and so he has to bring in many supplies on his frequent trips and somehow he got into a "discussion" with customs the time before, and it was a matter of face or revenge this time. I think Paul and the CoOp have kept on good terms with the Customs, but they are surely SLOW getting things out.

The biggest single item from Shaowu is that the Ministry of education has put through a rather sudden surprise order that all graduating college seniors must pay for their education now by taking government examinations. In addition to taking the exams for the current semester they must take on two courses of last semester and also at least three courses in previous years. I do not understand it all yet, but the exams for this region will be held at Changting (Tingchow) where Anmay University is located.

Everett and Lulu Stowe will be down sometime in early July for a short summer with the Wiants at Kuliang. I haven't heard what Eunice Thomas will do yet, she may quite possibly stay up there as the Storrs did last summer. In addition to the Stoves we will probably have quite a delegation of Ag faculty and students who will be here on the campus for a time. We have purchased 5,000 new tins to do canning in and have 500-600 lbs sugar all in readiness, now what we need is the rubber can sealing compound to seal the cans up. Two summers ago we had to pay \$.10 for the new tins from the can factory, last summer we groaned when we paid \$.17 and this year we had to pay \$.42!!! The man said if we had ordered a little later they would have cost \$.45 each. Hingwa best sugar is now just under a dollar a pound. The rice situation is naturally at its worst just now, before the new crop comes on, if it continues to rain as it has for so long, there will be a very poor crop too. Rice is now almost up to 2 1/2 lbs per \$1.00. We had saved enough to give 1/2 load of unhulled rice to each workman and employe on the campus. We kept it until now, knowing that it would cost more then sold it a week ago for about half price, and it would be much higher now. In addition to the workmens wages of about \$15.00 a month we have paid out \$5.00 to \$8.00 extra each month and still they have had a hard time to get along. They are now buying white potatoes at about half the market price too.

Ing Die's wife died about two weeks ago, rather suddenly. That is the second tragedy as her little brother fell off the jetty and was drowned a year ago in August.

June 13, 1940.

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Mail is still slow from outside. Three months seems still the regular time, altho once in a while an unimportant piece of mail is allowed to come through promptly. I do not know how it happens. With the long overland haul by dangload many times things are soaked in this rain. The last news from Ellen was March 19. She was then, strange to say, in the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she went for a two-months brush up on her medical work. Then on May 23rd I received a cable from Mr. Evans saying "Lois serious emergency appendix operation May 10th, -slowly improving". No word has come since then so I am hoping for the best. Miss Wilcox insists that Ellen is sailing about July 12th with Bertha Allen, but you can't prove it by me I have heard nothing from her or from the New York office. FCU is going to have a big influx this summer. Last August I was the only foreigner on the staff in China, now we have the Staves and Miss Thomas and Mrs. Storrs part time. I hear that CJ is building up country for the Legers, Scotts, and according to McClure, he is making an annex to the Storrs house for Miss Asher and Miss Burr. Last letter CJ mentioned that he was building from some foundation room enough to house the Sutton family too. He does not say anything about who or how the Foochow campus will be cared for which still makes me feel I have been ^{not} doing anything important this past year. In addition Lin Chen-Chi is coming from Cornell and Tan Jen-Mei also. Dr. Ch'eng who was to have come for Chemistry last summer but suddenly failed to show up, is surely coming this year. Wiant met him in Yenching and is real well impressed. CJ has been writing to Cheng Tien Hsi about coming for Entomology but could get nothing in way of a reply. We have heard now that he plans to go to Lingnan in Hong Kong. That Institution is having its troubles all right. The whole foreign staff so I hear, has been on the Canton campus as guards and administrators. They borrow Hong Kong University class rooms for night classes, and have to rent a room for Biology, Chemistry etc labs. No one wanted Chemistry so that they finally got an old gagage on the HK campus for it.

I hope you all got the printed letters I sent out for Stowe and Miss Thomas. Everett is about to put out another about the Ag work. I am afraid most of you will be on your way to China and not receive it, but of course you will come, I hope and see for yourself. I am afraid that unless there is lots of luck, that you will miss this letter, too. I would like to know all your sailing dates. I just heard from the Worley's that Claude and Mary Lee are coming too. Well some day, if the rains ever stop, I will get a bag full of letters and will know all about it. Mr. Fuller in the Mission Treasurers Office has been wonderfully helpful to Foochow folks and institutions. Coming with small rather than too many large packages might help get by quicker, altho a few good trunks are almost a necessity. 50 lbs should be top weight for a waterproofed package for one end of a dang load. Hinghwa is a little more friendly way to come in, altho there are British friends at Ningteh and LienKong etc. on the way. It will be like an extended trip to Kuliang. I don't think there will be much room in Shaowu for clotheshangers etc. etc so don't bring too much unless it is to be stored in Foochow for a better day!

The war in Europe rolls on more terrible day by day. It is hard to know what its effect will be here in the East. We had ten Japanese boats outside Sharp Peak about a ~~month~~ month or more ago, but they finally went away, and in these foggy rainy days we don't even think of them. I got caught by seven planes on May 17th, going up to Anti Cob. On the way up we did not even know there was any air alarm and so when we heard planes we looked down river for them first. They were coming from Foochow and going down the far branch of the river when they saw our launch and circled back, after a couple turns overhead they decided we were not worth bothering with and so went on. We heard later that they had bombed Gekao up river where the road to Kuntien starts. I still would like to know what Ellen is planning but I can't even offer any advice. With best wishes to all of you, and looking forward to reunions, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

P.S. Wiant and Bishop Sargent are planning up country trips by car. Take cars up river on boats first, -but it seems risky in these floods. The Bishop gives our Baccalaureate address June 23.

Willard J. Sutton

June 14, 1940.

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P.S. Thought I ought to tell you about the trip of our student dramatic club. They worked up two or more patriotic plays and after giving them locally were sent on 18-day ~~antennawake~~ trip to the "front". They apparently went in to Chekiang and two buses were provided for them by the Government, -the whole party was about thirty people, seven girls I believe. Prof. and Mrs. Lin Hsi-Chien went along, and also a nurse. One of the new experiences for quite a number of these students was a ride on a railroad train. I am wondering if they went in to Ellen's birthplace, Kihwa, which I hear is the temporary capital of Chekiang province. One boy was taken with meningitis and left in charge of a German doctor somewhere in a railroad hospital. A student was sent for him later and I hear all is well now. The whole expedition cost \$8,000.00! But FCU had to contribute \$2,000.00 which was plenty, but I suppose on basis of service rendered, experience for the students, and also advertising value it was a good thing all around (except of course, if consideration is given for their loss in studies, but actually it is not as much as an athlete in US colleges sometimes gives to his trips away for games.)

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Alcohol is now \$40.00 per gallon tin and not very good at that. You can imagine what it would cost the Chem department to run so many students at that rate. And also imagine what it would cost in time and roasting to try to heat the flasks etc. by charcoal stoves. I designed a simple fractionating column to separate out the alcohol and the first time Mr. Wang used it he got 90% alcohol. He made in his first experiments, 8 liters at a cost of \$12.00. With more experience and improved apparatus on a larger scale he can undoubtedly do better and meet this problem. Even at present his price for a tin of alcohol would be about \$26.00 as against \$40.00 plus freight for the Fukien made alcohol. It is almost impossible to get it from outside now at any price. Lin is hard at his problem of the destructive distillation of pine roots etc. He makes lots of things in quantity and has put all his energy into it. He now has asked for and been granted a leave of absence for a year to start a private business. I have warned him that his supplying fuel oil to the busses etc. is a good thing but that he ought to be working more on the products as raw materials for a chemical industry. If the war should stop and outside fuel oil could come in again, his business would suddenly stop.

My pottery work goes on, but slowly. I have made the parts of a muffle furnace for use in Shaowu, which if it works would easily save a \$1,000.00 or more purchase due to the exchange nearly 20 to 1. It has been so rainy that clays will not dry and I have not been able to fire very much because the furnace I now have to use for wood burning is outdoors.

Please bear in mind that we are trying to put out a Science Journal, and also next year is the 25th anniversary. We want ideas and real contributions to both of these things.

There have been two death's in Shaowu which I perhaps have not reported. Tang Chung-Chang of Zoology dept. (Parasitology) lost his little girl, and Mrs. Huang Yu-Shu. I understand that she had cancer but was unwilling to take the advice of the doctor in Hingwa, long before she went to Shaowu. She leaves a number of small children. Dr. Chiu Shao Lin has a fellowship at the Mayo Foundation in Rochester, Minnesota, and will go out this summer. What worries me is that it takes all the money they can possibly borrow etc. just to get to USA on a third class ticket, with present unfavorable exchange. But with the war and all going on everywhere, what will they do one or two years from now on the return trip, when no one now can predict what the exchange will be like?

I hope I can hear when and how you are all coming so that I can meet you with letters somewhere on the way. Until we meet, best wishes!

W. J. S.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 15th, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have just received your letter of April sixth with the second field copy of the Trial balance and Treasurer's statements for the month ending March 31. Journal vouchers Nos. 367 and 369 were also included. I have sent these things on to Shaowu as soon as possible. Apparently only one copy of your December 31 financial statement got through, which shows that sending two copies is a very wise thing. The one copy received has gone on to Shaowu where it is most needed now.

It is indeed good news that the Rockefeller Foundation has been generous with the Christian Colleges in China. I sincerely hope that the coming year can somehow point the way out of the present trouble, altho I am sure our Chinese leaders everywhere would not be building in case they saw a quick end to things. We in F.C.U. are especially grateful to the Foundation because they have helped us so well in those early years to get our science work started, before there was any Chinese government to push forward on such things. I have suggested that Pres. Lin send you financial report in full for the present grant, and now knowing the amount, a full budget for the new grant for the year 1939-40, of US \$5,500.00. I am sorry that mail service is so slow as it will take a long time for reports etc. to get to you. I was especially anxious that my letter of May 27 should reach you promptly as it pertained to our mistaking the date of the last Rockefeller Budget. Pres. Lin has spent most of the money now on this grant and would have spent it all except that the building operations are so slow. Building materials are hard to get and the workmen are hard to keep on the job.

Herewith a general newsletter. I have been writing these about six weeks apart and sending them to our FCU staff members in California, Chicago, Alfred and the copy in the East has generally gone to Miss Asher, who, I assume, sends it on to Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao and other Chinese and Americans in the East who may be interested. Will you then please read this for the news and forward on to Miss Asher, in case she can still be reached. I would like also to have Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Yang Hsin-Pao see it if convenient.

I am in a total darkness as to people coming out to FCU. I have just heard from Foochow that Prof. and Mrs. Kellogg are returning together, time not stated. and that Mrs. Sutton was sailing July 12 with Miss Bertha Allen. Mrs. Sutton in a letter in early February mentioned trying to get a sailing August 9. This was mentioned in your own letter a long time ago, since then no word of any kind has come through. It is of course too late for me now to offer any advice or suggestions as I cannot reach the family in case she is coming.

Herewith a letter to Hodder & Stoughton, Ltd., St. Paul's House, Warwick Square, London E.C.4, for books. Will you please pay this for us? It is very difficult to send drafts from here for such a small amount.

Hoping I can get some news or letters before long, I am,
Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

June 24, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

For a very long time now I have been without mail until last evening I Received a number of letters from you dated as follows:-March 25, 29 & 30, April 5, 6 and 12 and also copy of letter of April 4 Dr. Garside to Mr. Samuel Thorne, -along with Journal vouchers bookstore statements etc.-for all I thank you very much.

Agricultural Index. I am sorry that this has made you so much correspondence and trouble. The main trouble is that the library furnishes one copy of the magazine and journals wanted for the coming year and it is forwarded as soon as possible over to Mr. McClure who sends it to Mr. Meekin. So when the Wilson Company wrote you about renewal, simply because the mail was so much slower than usual, and they had not received remittance, then in due time I received and passed on your query to Shaowu. Things were so expensive and budgets hard hit that I suppose the agricultural department was glad to cancel and so they did. I then wrote you but in the meantime Meekin had paid the bill as ordered. If I had had a copy of the journal list in this office I might have simplified matters very much by making the department take the Index which they had ordered. In any case it is now settled as far as you are concerned.

Books up to the present have gone right on through to Shaowu without much trouble or unusual delay so I suggest continuing them coming as that is the most simple way. If we had to receive and reship from here it would greatly add to the delay. Mr. Fuller offered to receive for us the science apparatus etc. Up to the present we have been able to get in at great expense and great delay Chemicals and laboratory supplies from Shanghai. As the European horror unfolds and reaches more and more to the orient there is no telling what will happen.

Enclosed herewith a copy of Summary Statement of Emergency Expenses as charged against the Rockefeller Emergency Grant for 1938-39. This has just been received from Pres. Lin, for forwarding on to you. I was fortunate in getting a very good exchange rate in April nearly 21 to 1. It is now back down to 17 or even less.

I had already received your second Field copy of trial balance for March etc. so had received the good news about the generosity of the Rockefeller Foundation for the coming year. I have written President Lin about this. The price of food remains very high still and I am quite sure that after the new rice harvest next month that it will still stay up, altho for a time at a lower level. We give no additions this term to our higher staff members, but the working men have gotten special monthly allowances to buy food which have almost reached their regular salary. So the thing which has saved us is the favorable exchange and the emergency grants. I am sure that some allowance must be made for the higher staff members too. Their income is taxed and for most commodities living cost have more than doubled in the past year.

Mr.C.A.Evans,- -2

June 24, 1940

I received a nice letter from my older daughter Peggy in this last mail but nothing from Mrs. Sutton or elsewhere. I assume she is so busy with hospital work that she cannot write much. I sent an amateur radio Message to Lois Jane after I received your cable about her operation on May 23rd. Of course I get no reply and now we can communicate no more that way as the US government has forbidden amateur communication with foreign countries. So now I will expect to hear no more for at least another month until in the fulness of time the mail of that period might be expected to arrive.

The European situation has gone rapidly worse even beyond most people's wildest dreams. What it's effect will be out here is hard to visualize so soon altho there will be probably plenty of things happening. We are wondering if Japan will not take steps to capitalize on the situation, the occupation of the Netherland Indies would be hard on US commerce but would not effect us so much here. We are waiting to see if there will not be an attempt to occupy at least the French Section of the International Settlement in Shanghai. Just now it looks too as moves would be made against Hong Kong and French Indo China. I am of course concerned, as I have been for the last eighteen months, about my family coming out. Peggy and Lois Jane would have to be in the American school in the French Shanghai settlement. As long as America keeps out of things here and Japan can gain anything from American trade or cooperation I am sure Americans will get along all right here. But how long that will be no one can tell. My sister in law Miss Holmes, is here and trying to get out today for Shanghai. She wishes to continue her mandarin study in Peking. There are now only two small British boats that connect us with the outside world (Shanghai), they have been coming lately only into Hingwa port. Suddenly a Japanese gunboat appeared and refused admittance claiming the port had been mined. Mr. Wiant's and Dr. Worley's sons were on board coming back from Shanghai school for the summer. The boat turned back and finally landed its passengers at Sing-A the place where the first boatload landed with these same boys nearly a year ago, - the first steamer after the port was closed just a year ago this week. Miss Holmes does not know at all where she will get out to the steamer and she may travel all over the countryside and miss it.

Dr. Stowe has written about our student dramatic club. A group of nearly thirty having given patriotic plays on the campus were provided with special bus and toured into Kiangsi and Chekiang provinces, as guests of the government. There were many valuable experiences for them, one being the first railroad ride for many of them. Prof. H.C. Lin and his wife (an M.D.) went along as chaperones as there were seven girls on the trip. A nurse also accompanied them.

Herewith a copy of the last letter Dr. Stowe has put out. I trust that you received a number of copies of the previous Stowe and Miss Thomas letters.

As a general check-up I have recently written you as follows:- May 17, - and May 27 in which I reported after an investigation that the Rockefeller Budget under question ought to be dated 1938-30 and not 1939-40. I did add the comment that coming in so late I thought it was logical to call it 39-40 in case I didn't happen to know about it. I also enclosed list of drafts on New York to the total of \$4,000.00 which were drawn covering this grant. The enclosed statement gives them with exchange rates received. On June 6 I wrote enclosing list of New York drafts from February first to June 6th. On June 15th I wrote again sending general news letter which I hoped could be forwarded to Miss Asher, Bishop Gowdy and Mr. Yang if it arrives in time.

Herewith the remaining New York drafts as yet unreported since my letter of June 6th:-

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Mr. C. A. Evans, -3

June 24, 1940

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No. 2021 ✓ Acct. 176 American Board of Commissioners Second payment for \$100.00
for Foreign Missions magazine subscriptions
pd. 8/10/40
2022 ✓ Acct. 135.6 Associated Mission Treasurers Exchange & deposit to \$1,000.00
FCU account
2023 Sutton June salary Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation 25.00.

As far as I can anticipate the above will be all our gold draft requirements for this fiscal year.

June 25th I have just telephoned and find that Mr. Hendry hopes to go out to the steamer this evening, so it is possible that Miss Holmes may go with him and get out. It would be a blow to us of course if the course of events stopped these steamers from running, mail can slowly find its way in but takes a very long time and since we have had weeks of heavy rain much of it comes quite wet. I hear also that quite a little mail has come in altho it has not reached me here yet. I will not hold this up as there is a chance that this might go out on the alleged steamer and we don't take any chances these days.

With all good wishes, and continued thanks for your patience with my ways this past year, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

July 16, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

On June 24th I wrote you giving the last two or three gold drafts which I had drawn. These have to be changed a little, No. 2023 for US \$25.00 my salary draft had to be cancelled in its place I used my salary as follows:-

No. 2024 Hornelssville Lodge \$12.00
2025 Dr. Alexander Hall 9.89

Balance to cover book purchased for me thru
your office "American Potters and Pottery"
from Hale Cushman & Flint. This appears on
your March statement so please deduct from
my salary account

3.11
\$25.00

V.S. dental bill on acct. Paid 8/23/40
No 3361a

Some little time ago I wrote the Director of the Sugar Technology Department of Louisiana State University and asked him to mail to you advice on purchase of a small hand refractometer for the determination of sugar in sugar cane juice in the field. Prof. C.Y. Lin head of our Agricultural department wishes to get one for his work. The only one I know about costs US \$70.00. Prof. Lin has written that he thinks this too expensive and that \$20.00 is about the right price. This may be, but knowing refractometers as I do I will be surprised. However as Prof. Lin needs this very much, if when you get recommendations the price is a compromise between \$20.00 and \$70.00 please get and send it on by some one coming out. If the price is really high I suppose we will have to wait and consult together.

Mr. Fuller in Shanghai has already received and forwarded on a small shipment of Physics apparatus which I ordered through your office, from Chicago.

I have your letter of May 6th with April reports etc. This Harvard Yenching matter is very serious. It is entirely out of my department, and should be made and sent from Shaowu. Nevertheless I am much concerned. I have heard we were slow on reports in general and have seen some cases this past year. Pres. Lin told me a very long time ago that the report was late and that he had heard from the Director Dr. Elisseef, that funds would be held up, but Pres. Lin seemed confident that when the report came in all would be adjusted. Sometimes I wonder how we get on as well as we do with reports etc. under present conditions, but immediately some one may ask how do the other institutions keep up so well. I do not know how long it takes to get reports in to the USA through the mail, the time may vary considerably these days. Our mail is exceptionally slow in Fukien, even though we are on the coast. And in any case I will take this up with Pres. Lin particularly to see what we can do about avoiding future delays.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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Fukien Christian University,
Focchow, S.China,
July 17, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your copies of letters of May 20 and 23 to President Lin arrived a few days ago and I have been somewhat dazed so had to delay my reply. I now also have your letters of May 29 and June 3 which are a little more cheerful but not much. I just do not know what to say.

It is fortunate that we will have eight foreign staff out this summer in case no trouble happens to prevent their coming in, as I predict that the darkest hours are ahead in the coming year when all the Christian forces must be on the job and cooperate as never before.

Your letters and one from Bishop Gowdy at the same time, gave the first real information that the family was not coming out. I have a feeling that it was in Mrs. Sutton's mind for a long time, but the last letter from her was written on March 10 and mailed the 19th. When the situation in Europe began to get really grave and cast a heavy shadow on things here so that I commenced to think it was impossible or at least highly inadvisable for them to come. The British called the Japanese bluff at Hong Kong by sending out the women and children. Then England gave in on the Burma supply route to China, there is no telling just how serious that will be for China, but it will be bad enough at best. It has however added a note of conciliation which may last for a time so that our two tiny British boats which serve Focchow via Hinghua may be left to run for the present.

I seldom see President Lin as he is most of the time in Shaowu, but he is coming down in a week or ten days from now and I will talk with him. I am torn between two larger forces than I have ever met with before. It is too hot and humid here now to do anything but plod on getting the routine things out of the way for a turn over. I will have to let most of the house things go, and my clay research program will largely have to be scrapped as it was a comprehensive long time project and only a part of it can be completed and written up. Pres. Lin has had a lot of troubles that he does not talk freely about and it would be better if he would. Also I do not know what to say to my Chemistry Colleague Prof. T.H. Wang, he has been steadily on the job and one of the loyal pillars of the school for ten years now, - he has had some setbacks too, so I do not know how I can ever inform him that I must leave. He has depended on me for support in a number of ways and this year is actually the only man in the department, Mr. Lin I and assistants have all left for one reason or another. It looked as if I would have had to go to Shaowu even if the place here had to be practically left improperly cared for. All the staff are slated for Shaowu except the Kelleggs and possibly myself. So you can see what I am thinking. It was in this last mail for the first time that I learned that Lois Jane was really getting on all right, - I was confident that it was so or I would have had a further cable. What I want to understand is how Mrs. Sutton can carry on such a hard hospital schedule, - I have seen her letters to others in the family and she has had many night calls without a chance to make up in the day time.

My worries for over a year have not been on the troubles here, of which there were plenty, but rather my family at home. I am greatly embarrassed as I now feel that in all your China University families you have never had so much trouble as from me and mine. I will let you know as soon as I shall be able to get some plan.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

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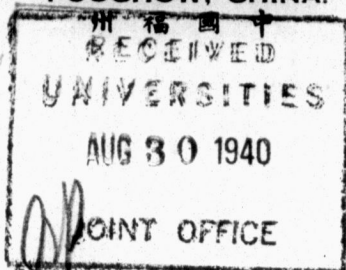
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July 24, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

The financial report for May has just come to hand so I will forward it on to you at once. I recently received your reports for April.

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So far I have not had occasion to draw any drafts on New York this month but I will have call before long, - \$2,000.00 for general funds and \$6,000.00 for a special fund. It is too bad in these times of stress when we help the Chinese people in so many ways that we cannot get cooperation all along the line. Pres. Lin has worked hard to build up his school and has done a good job in many ways. A promising bit of the present set up is the Agricultural middle school. This was properly registered last summer and there were eighty students in the entering class. It was easy to get up a fine school because we had in full swing an agricultural college already. There is however for one reason or another ill feeling, probably jealousy on part of a high educational official, and word has come through that the school is not properly registered (altho he did it!) and local currency \$100,000.00 must be shown as available on deposit in some bank in name of Board of Managers. Actually no middle school in this province has met this requirement and I doubt very much if any one of them could do so. Pres. Lin says that he can easily face this thing and put it down, but notice of this regulation was probably deliberately given at this time, as due to red tape it would take some months to get it cleared up and so there could be no school this term. It would be a terrible blow to the morale of the whole institution to have it closed, especially at this time, which is perhaps why the procedure was initiated now. So Mr. McClure and I are taking steps to set up this fund in some bank, it does not have to be spent, or it may be used up during the year, as occasion may dictate. I object however to exchanging so much US currency just now as it looks very much as if there would be a fall in the Chinese dollar under present conditions of the war and all. So we have made a plan to deposit this check for US \$6,000.00 in the American Consulate and get from him a certificate that we hold on deposit for safe keeping in the Consulate this amount. Then later if we feel it is justified we can actually sell this amount. I believe we have a field credit just right to handle this under requisition No. 4005. In any case I will keep you informed of developments. The real officials in China these days are friendly and helpful, it is these small men that sometimes try to make trouble and in this case it can be met with comparative ease.

I have had no more letters about my going home. Miss Asher and the Scotts may arrive here, with luck, in early September. The Japanese however have taken aggressive action to destroy Chinese exports tea, tung oil etc. They dropped fifty bombs last week on the warehouses and landing at SanKiangK'ou the port of Hinghwa which is the only port we have been able to use the last month or two. Then two days later after bombing, five gunboats bombarded Santuo and soldiers or marines landed so that the little place was destroyed by fire. We used to use that a lot as an alternate port to Hinghwa. Many here are concerned about getting in and out of here from now on, but we must wait and see, it might be all right. I will keep you informed, and try to go out as soon as possible after relief arrives, in spite of the most critical blow to the morale my going will create.

Sincerely yours, Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 8, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

There are now a large number of letters to acknowledge from you, which have been here a few days and there is one arriving yesterday mailed in New York July 1st. This is indeed good time, even for a China Clipper letter as Hong Kong is generally quite slow in getting out mail to China. There were no marks to show which way it came through. We have been greatly concerned about the present situation here. It looks as if Japan were going to try to make a complete blockade of China and many here believe that our City is cut off already. I doubt that as a small amount of steamer service has been still reported, but it is much nearer to being so than ever before. It would be hard indeed if all these many people could not come in. Japan is now putting energy on to bigger things such as Indo China and perhaps British or Dutch possessions. But it is very easy to close the China coast to regular shipping.

In your letter of May 21st you enclose extra copy of invoice for shipment of Central Scientific Company, which I note has been paid in your office. We are expecting delivery as I believe these things are already in Hingwa for some time. Every shipment in is a cause for a feeling of relief. I also believe that we may eventually hear from the shipment from England, by the W.J. George Ltd., in London, we will write direct as soon as we are sure what crystal plates are wanted, as we have the letter number and they can receive our advice without confusion.

This is to acknowledge June 3 copy of letter to Pres. Lin from Mr. Parker accompanying a copy of the May 16th minutes of the meetings of the Fukien Board of Trustees.

Both copies of Your June letter (June 6th) accompanying the May 31st financial report have been received. I have forwarded this and the June 30 report received yesterday to Shao-wu so that they can work on them at once.

In reply to your letters of June 5th, I am sure that we are under a very great handicap as to mail service as compared to most of the other Colleges. Occasionally a letter slips through in very good time, but most of my letters require 2½ to 3 months. I have an impression that our letters get out a little faster than they come in, but cannot prove it. I am sure that Chengtu with air mail to Hong Kong or through Burma must be better off than we are. All our letters etc. which go out by steamer have to wait until a steamer is reported, then the bags are carried out by dozens of carriers over the much torn up road to Hingwa, at least a two day trip, and our mail often comes in soaked. Two weeks ago the Japanese dropped fifty bombs on the little port San Kiang K'ou at Hingwa and two days ago it was bombed again to say nothing about the many visits and minelaying activities by Japanese boats. In theory it is only two days to Hingwa and two days by steamer to Shanghai, but in practice it is a very long time, before mail gets to or from the USA.

So you can see how difficult it is to know how to plan anything by mail, and conditions are getting worse all the time.

Very sincerely yours, Willard J. Sutton

Fukien Christian University,
Foochow, Fukien, China.
August 8, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Many thoughts are whirling through my mind these days,- it is so hot that it is hard to do the necessary numerous things which surround one on leaving a place. Quite a number of details come up in connection with school affairs. I have just heard that in spite of starting a provincial agricultural college and a teachers college which not only grant free expenses for tuition etc., but also an allowance for board, that we have an unusually large number of applicants, and so altho we had the largest enrollment in our history it looks like it might go still higher,-there are, nevertheless, many slips in day to day affairs out here.

This summer we actually have only Prof. T.H. Wang in the Chemistry department, I am anxiously waiting to hear from outside if Dr. Ch'eng is getting in all right and hope and pray that he does not weaken,-we have had airplanes again and bombs, particularly at the port of entry. I understand he now has a month-old baby, so my worries increase,-however some boats have come in and gone out in spite of all. But yesterday there were seven planes around and it looks as if things were starting up all over again. There were two young men in USA expected out for Chemistry, one has gotten an extension and will stay on for study and the other is reported to also be trying for an additional scholarship. Mr. Lin our brilliant young Chemist has asked for a leave of a year or more for development of a diesel oil problem, making it out of old pine roots. He has put in a lot of hard and ineffective work and now can have any amount of money he wants from the government for large scale development. It would be hard indeed to call him back again. And there are no assistants left in the department, so you can see what the problem is like. For the past two years I have been a potential reserve in case of such an emergency, but now what?

I have also heard that due to the Hong Kong affair when so many women and children were evacuated, and for other causes, all US boats are behind schedule coming out,-this means that all our many people coming out are late. There are lots of Methodists returning to, so that the little boat will be overcrowded in case it can still come in. I think that we all show signs of too much worry and expend energy this way when it is not necessary.

Your letter of May 23 and others have gradually come and given me a picture of Lois Jane's great danger. I was of course very uneasy for weeks after your cable came until at last about three weeks ago I got a letter that things were really better. But your letters have given me a picture of just how serious the whole thing was, I greatly appreciate what you have said and done in behalf of my family,-I am sure you have never had such a case before, or at least I hope so.

I can see no way from here of planning on any regular sailing from Shanghai under present conditions, but fortunately a single person can often squeeze in. It might be necessary to go out without baggage by way of Amoy in case things do not open up here. But with a one-man Chemistry department left behind I am sure that I could never face Prof. Wang again, if Dr. Ch'eng and the others failed to appear. In case of doubt you can write me c/o Glenn V. Fuller, Associated Mission Treasurers, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road, Shanghai, some people here have done that with their mail and actually claim to get it sooner!

Very sincerely yours,

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280 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

August 8, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fujian Christian University
Focchow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am taking occasion to answer your letter of June 15th which arrived August 1st enclosing a general letter, which is very interesting indeed, and which we are glad to receive in our office.

We also note the request to pay Hedder and Stoughton in London £0.10.9. This has been taken care of.

It is evident that the mail is not getting through when some of the trial balance sheets are missing.

We, too, are grateful for the assistance granted by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Harvard-Yenching Institute. We are conscious, however, that these institutions are reluctant to continue their emergency support and that we must open new channels if we are to continue the work of sustaining and rehabilitating these Colleges. It is no small task, and it challenges our forces to the utmost.

The news letter will be forwarded to Yang Hsin Pao later on, as he is working in the Methodist Young Peoples Conferences during the summer and I do not know where to reach him.

Bishop Gowdy left for China some weeks ago. Yes, Professor Kellogg is scheduled to sail on the PRESIDENT PIERCE September 20th. Mrs. Kellogg is not going. This is the latest word from the Methodist Board.

I am writing you under separate cover regarding Mrs. Sutton and the family.

Very cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/B
Via China Clipper - 8/12/40
c.c. via air mail to Pacific Coast -
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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

August 8, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fudan Christian University
Foochow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am acknowledging your letter of June 6th which came in July 28th. This again refers to the Rockefeller Foundation report, and includes a listing of New York drafts. This list is being checked by the Accounting Department and we will report any discrepancies.

We are interested in the report that Dr. Chai Shao Lin is to study at the Mayo Clinic. Indeed this is a remarkable opportunity and he is wise in making sacrifices to take advantage of the chance. It is our hope to some day be in a position where cases of this sort can be assisted. At the present time the budget for this year is \$2,100.00 and entirely appropriated. It would be delightful if we could render some help to Dr. Chai, but sad to relate there is no such prospect in sight.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

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



August 27, 1940.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

In your letter of May 21 you reported and sent a copy of the letter from W. & J. George Ltd., London. You did exactly right in asking them to send on the rest of the goods without delay, altho we have not heard from them here yet. I have now a reply from our Physics department and they say due to present conditions to cancell the other items in doubt namely the quartz plate No. 18428 and the heating glass No. 18442. We thank you for all the help you have given us, your book service this past year has been excellent and as far as I now know all books have gotten through to Shaowu with reasonable passage of time under present conditions. I enclose an additional order for books now. With the present blockade we may experience new difficulties but the only thing to do is to go right on trying and very often a way will open up.

President Lin gave up a conference and worked out all his reports due at about this time, namely Rockefeller, Harvard Yenching, Associated Boards etc. also the New York State department of Education. So if any of these have not come through you will know the mails are at fault. It will be good to have Miss Asher here as work on those reports has been very hard for Pres. Lin.

The Central Scientific Company order, after a delay of six or more weeks in Hingwa, is now in my hands. I will not open it but will forward on to Shaowu as soon as possible. All year I have been in the shipping business as sometimes almost daily we were called on for purchases of things large and small, and I have sent well over two hundred boxes up river. Just now the motor truck service between Yenping and Shaowu is stopped and our things all have to go by way of the slow merchant boats, which have to be towed up the many dangerous rapids taking six weeks to make the 250 miles.

W. J. Sutton
As you have been informed in my letter of July 24, I have made out draft No. 2027 for US \$6,355.00 charged against requisition No. 4005, made out to the Associated Mission Treasurers. I had it signed by Mr. R.W. McClure, because he suggested it, and of course I will not be responsible in the Treasurers Department much longer, or at least so I hope. This draft was deposited with the American Consulate in Foochow who very kindly issued certificates to the Chinese government that an amount equal to \$100,000.00 local currency was on deposit there, to the credit of Pres. Lin, Mr. McClure and the Responsible Heads of the Middle school. I explained before how it was necessary to keep that amount on deposit as an endowment. The local government is not glad to see new private middle schools formed, wanting I suppose to keep the educational control more closely in their own hands, - it is one of the anomalous conditions of the present time where they get so much money to do what they are doing. As I have indicated previously, we don't expect to cash the draft at present, or perhaps even later, but nevertheless it is a bona fide transaction to meet requirements.

We are getting the start of a typhoon which if it brings a good rain and no damage, will prove to be a blessing indeed. We have had hot dry weather so long that rice and sweet potatoes are suffering. We need a good crop as otherwise people here will have a hard time indeed. Food prices are up almost to high spots of the early spring.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

August 30, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

There is not much new in a business way to bring up, -both copies of your June financial report have been received and one forwarded to Shaowu. When Mr. McClure went home he took with him some Republic of China bonds and now wishes me to notify you that No. 030806 has been called for redemption. I wonder if they can really call it in just now.

It is very quiet for over a week, -I was up on the mountain at Kuliang for two days which will be my vacation for a time. The airplanes started coming over and bombing other places, particularly SanKiangK'ou the little port at Hinghwa which was the last place where steamers could land their cargo. That has now been formally closed by the Japanese and we are for a time under real blockade, but where money is involved on the one hand, and starvation on the other, men are both courageous and ingenious and so perhaps we will see some way out. I understand that the Shaw Company whose tiny, ancient steamers have done so well in keeping us connected with the outside world, has come under the shadow of disfavor with the local government and so may not function for a while. There is however a small freight boat of another line attempting to come in now, but I am sure Hinghwa and its port facilities are not available. That means that some small village or other place will have to be used, and unloading into small boats even in a wild sea is not so good, but it has been done many times. Two of our American boys of high school age are anxious to get back to Shanghai and school, but will have an adventure. When they came in last June a Japanese gunboat was in Hinghwa and so their boat came near, anchored and had to go away. Finally it let them off at a little coast village nearer to Foochow. Wiant, one of the fathers was in Hinghwa and saw the boat, -then it was gone, he hurried back to Hai K'ou the little port at Futsing, but saw no boat there and then when he went back to Futsing he finally saw the boys had already come in by themselves. They did not have heavy baggage and fortunately had been in that same spot a year previous, so knew their way. It is a matter of hiring load carriers, chair bearers and getting off. But with present food costs, and the unprecedented travel in all those districts, prices are at unheard of levels. Since Japan has been encouraged to be more aggressive against Britain, France etc. due to events in Europe, the South Sea Chinese have been coming home. Due to the favorable rate in exchange for all who bring money to China, there was a big influx of money so that China's exchange which wavered and dropped from about 16 to 1 to 22 or 25 to 1 last April for a short time, recovered and remained firm around sixteen, until now it is slipping to 17 to 1 and more. The large number of these South Seas Chinese crowding the boats, fear of bombing etc. etc. made a sort of panic each time a steamer landed. The so called exorbitant rate for a sedan chair from Hinghwa to Kantien (where boats are taken for Foochow), was \$32.00 I am told. But in the frantic efforts to get off and away from the crowd, when steamers have landed some of these people have been known to pay \$100.00 for a chair. They had the money and were glad to spend it, but it has greatly complicated the matter of travel to Foochow for others, there was enough red tape and corruption in the matter before. We are months sometimes getting small boxes in that came by steamers as freight or sometimes as baggage.

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Mr. McClure has just phoned that someone has received a telegram that Miss Asher and Miss Bertha Allen (American Board) and Dr. Tan are in Shanghai. That is the only way progress will be made on getting in, -I have had no word from any one in a very long time, except Kellogg, and I have been wondering if the State department would not interfere as it has in the past when things were a lot calmer than at present. But apparently not, so let us be thankful and hope they can all get in. President Lin has had many problems and with six or eight new foreign staff it will bolster up the morale very much indeed. I was disappointed at Kellogg's letter, it is definitely along the line of not being interested in coming. Under normal circumstances he would be more than justified in staying home. Mrs. Kellogg has been reported as not being well, and so should not come out, especially with a lack of interest. Kellogg's letters for the past year have been embarrassing to me because he always repeats how he feels like a quitter for leaving me alone. I have been planning on him taking over the agricultural work here, -one man, our own graduate and present director of that work here, has been very anxious to leave, - I am sure you can not imagine the many brain storms our young people have these days, sometimes due to discouraging outlook, -the extreme high prices of food etc., and then the government is trying to open a college of agriculture and every high school even, is trying to put in a course of gardening, or farming work of some sort, and so there is a great demand for men of this type of training, and everything is upset, the mission agricultural high school men are being drawn away to these big paying projects of doubtful help and the service-motives which were put in them are forgotten by the salaries offered, these high school men often get more on graduation than our college men did a year ago. Even an uneducated load carrier, a relative of the college graduate I have just mentioned, gets more per month than we are paying this trained man. We have raised our workers ~~from thirty to~~ sixty percent in wages since last year, and in spite of the fact that we supply some food we have grown at less than cost, still we must raise some more, in order to let them live. At the same time some people are getting rich, as is the way in any war. But to get back to Kellogg, this young man, who is a hard effective farm manager has consented to stay, if he had not shown loyalty and expected Mr. Kellogg to come back, I am sure he would not have done so, as the pressure on him from outside was great.

My problems are getting greater and greater and were already worse than any thing I ever faced before. When I arrived on this campus Shao-wu had three competent Chemistry teachers and a staff of experienced assistants. So I could be spared to take charge on this campus, this last year we were definitely short, -the failure of Dr. Ch'eng to arrive put us in a bad place, but still the staff there carried on under the definite hope of extensive reinforcements this coming year. You see the Central Government instead of resting on its educational policies has been constructively planning and building up, so that more and more rigid requirements are being added. Now our departments in the College must have at least three well qualified professors in order to allow students to major in that department, and in Chemistry students in order to graduate must have seventy prescribed credits in that field. By bringing in the right teachers this year we could have easily met these requirements, but unless they can come in the whole Chemistry department, which has been one of the leading departments, will almost have to close down. Today, two weeks before classes start, the department is just about 25% manned. If I were free to go up it would add say another 20, possibly 25% to minimum needs. One of our young Biology teachers was coming in, -he is a ~~Ph.D.~~ Ph.D. man with graduate work at Yenching, and Dr. Ch'eng was definitely expected to travel with him. Their steamer was outside trying to unload before the blockade was officially made by Japan. This was the last day, Aug. 14, and the boat was taken over by pirates, who came in small launches flying Japanese flags. They took plenty of time and unloaded a million dollars of cargo which is not much under present prices, systematically robbed all passengers, and took off eight or ten prominent people for ransom.

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No word has ever reached me from Dr. Ch'eng so perhaps by good luck, he was not on board, the other young man, like all the other passengers was taken back to Shanghai. We can only hope that all the teachers can keep together and meet with the foreign staff in Shanghai, and wait until such time as something can be done. Just now one foreigner is expected in with a large consignment of baggage, medical supplies for the mission hospital etc. There is no passenger accommodation I am told, and so if this proves to be a new opening, it will still have plenty of hardships. It will be one of the hardest trips in that has been made even if the weather favors it. So these few days we are watching and waiting, as it means a lot to all and especially to me. No one in USA can realize what conditions are like. For example Mr. Lin Chen-Chi, one of our own graduates, has been working in Chemistry at Cornell. On June 7 he wrote me that he planned to leave early in July and was going to Manila to get his family and all come to Foochow. He asked me to plan a program for him so he could come in by the best possible way, but I only received the letter a few days ago! It came by Hong Kong and was opened by the censor, -the very slowest way of all. Where this man is and what he is thinking now are complete puzzles to me. I am trying to find him and encourage him to go to Shanghai as before suggested for the others. Ch'eng is the first man and this one the second on whom I have been relying to take over the work of our department of Chemistry. There was a third also one of our men who was at Ohio State, and I have heard nothing at all from him, so can do nothing there. So you can imagine my tortured state of mind, ordered to leave at once, and still only one of the old time members of our Chem. staff is there on the job in Shaowu, -and quite often lately I meet teachers and students from Shaowu, and all, knowing the situation, just by way of conversation, suggest that as a matter of course they will see me there teaching Chemistry, and as it is impossible to make them see why I cannot go, I do not try.

The situation here on the campus is quite as usual, some dull days and some very busy ones. The four or five principal staff members know and do their work fairly well, otherwise I could not carry on at all here. But unexpectedly situations, financial and otherwise come up quickly and demand quick decisions, -Mr. McClure and Mr. Wiant have been suggested as men to come down here one day a week and take care of the property etc. That is all well and then men could do it if they can take the time, but it does not even begin to solve the problem. Someone around that can be approached at any time for advice or aid has helped keep up the morale, and I feel that with the starvation threat in the villages we have to be on the alert. There is one woman who comes on the campus to pick up pine cones, dead branches and a little grass, she is so weak and emaciated that I simply cannot drive her off and so try not to see her. But we have some very predatory neighbors and if we let down too much we are in deep trouble, as if a case of real disorder arises, I am as much concerned about some of them as for example outside soldiers from Japan. Then too there are small staff and personal problems that arise which need settlement, so when Bishop Gowdy wrote me to leave for home "as soon after Sept. 1st as Miss Asher and Scott can get in to relieve you", -it does not offer any very helpful suggestions. I am sure that my going will make a big blow to the morale regardless of what they think of me, the only persons expected to live on this campus were the Kelloggs, and Mrs. Kellogg if she were really coming would be a good manager, -better than I am, so that she is positively the only one I can visualize of taking over the work here. Claude would be able to do only farm and insect work etc. at which he is very good. So if I am in any way dazed or suffering from nightmare, you will understand why. No one else is expected to be here and all incoming members are needed badly in Shaowu. The only way out for me now is deck passage on a freight boat from some coastal point or overland by bus etc. nearly nine days, to Amoy. A suitcase is about all that can be taken, so all I can do now is to wait developments and pray. I have almost no mail direct from home, one letter from Mrs. Sutton June 10th. -- All people fail to realize how conditions change here. I am sure the Harvard Yenching people are unfair to Pres. Lin, even if he was late with reports, -because Peking, Shanghai, Canton, and even Chengtu can get out letters faster than we at times.

Very sincerely yours, Willard J. Sutton

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Banque Franco-Chinoise
Pour le Commerce et L'Industrie
Shanghai

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(Rec'd at Foochow
by H.C.Yen on
July 15, 1940)

Chinese Republic 5% 1925 Gold Bonds

Drawing of the 1st of Dec. 1939

In accordance with the amortization table appearing on the reverse of the bond, the 58,439 Chinese Republic 5% 1925 Gold bonds, bearing the under-mentioned numbers, have been drawn for redemption at par (USA. \$50) on the 15th of January 1940.

Redemption of bonds drawn will however be subject to provision being made for their payment and interest will cease to accrue on the bonds becoming payable:

018	108	296	378	518	663	733	862
033	118	302	412	561	671	747	882
043	143	209	430	573	689	753	885
047	151	310	439	576	692	764	895
054	192	333	483	578	704	777	935
064	258	356	500	581	706	781	989
067	266	367	502	606	723	806	993
097	291	368	510	648	729	818	994

693 Bonds terminating with 651
from 178.651 to 868.651

847 Bonds terminating with 737
from 000.937 to 645.737
from 677.737 to 877.737

714 Bonds terminating with 900
from 000.900 to 064.900
from 228.900 to 876.900

BANQUE FRANCO-CHINOISE

September 5, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I just returned from vacation day before yesterday and find that Saturday's China mail included a letter to me from Dr. Sutton in reply to my joint letter of May 20th to President Lin and a covering letter of the same type. These, as you will understand, referred to the decision of the Board regarding his return. Mingled with a report on conditions at Fukien, as well as Shaoow are his personal comments on the action of the Board which indicates that he too had reached the conclusion for the family not to come out to China. As he wrote before having a conference with Dr. Lin, he stated that within the next week or ten days after July 17th, Dr. Lin anticipated being at Foochow and the matter would be discussed at length, and any plans which were made would be communicated to us immediately.

We are very happy to report this, as we are now sure that our correspondence reached its destination. However, before I left on my vacation we sent copies of our correspondence to Dr. Sutton thinking that possibly the original copies had been lost in transit.

I will let you know as soon as any other word is received.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

September 5, 1940

Mr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Foochow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I have just dictated a brief summary of your letter of July 17th to Mrs. Sutton. I presume, however, that you have written to her and, therefore, we have not discussed any of the details of the situation.

One of the most distressing things is the delay in correspondence. It is our intention that these letters should get through with as little delay as possible, but apparently all the mail was held up as Bishop Gowdy told me he was writing to you in the same mail in which my letter was forwarded. These are delays for which no one is to blame — either at Fukien or here in America. It is quite evident that it was a development of the China situation.

I can well understand your feeling, but I can also sympathize with the family.

Please do not be concerned over any trouble that the Sutton family has caused our office. We are in a much worse situation with a staff member in another College. As a matter of fact it completely disrupted my vacation. It is not said by way of complaint but by way of explanation. After all, is that not a part of our work? It is always our hope of making adjustments that will be satisfactory to all concerned, and when they work out amicably to all concerned, there is immense satisfaction. In any event, however, we are constrained to say that dealing with all of you dear people on the field it is a wonderful inspiration for carrying on in this office.

Awaiting your further decision, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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September 13, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Fukien Christian University
Focchow, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am acknowledging your letter of July 16th and we note your request to make adjustment on your salary account as outlined in your communication.

We are reporting on the result of our investigation of the possible purchase of a hard type sugar refractometer. Aside from sounding out several recommendation made by Arthur G. Keller of the Louisiana State University, we also approached the Central Scientific Company, and several other laboratories in New York City. The Fisher Scientific Company lists a machine at \$70.00, but does not guarantee the price from one day to another. Eimer and Amend in New York City charge \$81.00 for the machine, \$7.00 extra for cane sugar attachment, plus \$3.00 for knife. Bausch & Lomb charge \$180, and Spencer Scientific \$265.00. The Will Corporation charges \$111.00 for their best type of Zeiss machine.

As there is such a wide variation of prices, we thought best to write you first before placing any order.

We are all too conscious of the lateness of the reports which have been coming through in the past, but it concerns us greatly when this delay does not greatly concern the President. The recommendation of the Director practically bears the approval of the board, and Dr. Elisseoff is none too well pleased at having these reports delay so consistently. I would suggest that every effort be made to avoid this situation and get the reports to the United States on time. It is of much greater importance to have the reports available in advance of the meeting rather than to have an adverse recommendation submitted by the Director, which later must be reviewed by the Trustees and rescinded when the reports properly come to hand. It is by no means an iron-clad guarantee that this money must go to all of the Colleges enumerated. Conditions may prove such that the Trustees will take some action themselves. As a matter of fact, all of the other reports are in.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

Sept. 15, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

There is nothing of importance coming from you in the last two weeks since I wrote you on August 30. I now have a number of Oliver Caldwell's publicity article sent to Stowe, - we ever suffer here from lack of good printing like that. I have the copy of your letter to President Lin dated June 22 along with minutes of Executive Committee Meeting of FCU. and extra copies under a separate cover.

The sequel of the boat, - the Ariadne Moller of which I wrote you on Aug. 30 was as follows, - It got caught in a typhoon and had to anchor behind an island, soon three Japanese boats also came in and anchored and as they were gunboats they boarded the Moller boat. I understand this boat was out without clearance papers, and the Japanese ordered it to start back to Shanghai "30 minutes after the typhoon stopped." It started, but left its passengers off at a little place on the coast near the Fukien-Chekiang border. Among them was Ting Han P'o a son of a local Methodist pastor who was coming from Yenching to teach in our Biology department. He is the young man who lost everything on the previous trip of a steamer, when it was taken by pirates. That time he had to go back to Shanghai without anything left except his books, - this time he had to make a trip which I heard took eight days to get to Foochow. Along with him came Mr. Donald Mac Innes, a young man just come out to teach in the Anglo Chinese college. Mr. Hendry was on board but as he is Supt. of the Union Mission Hospital he had a formidable amount of baggage and could not leave it there, - fortunately the steamer again went south and landed him at Hai Kao, the little port at Futsing. The baggage is still there but will come through soon we hope. Almost every time a steamer lands we can expect Japanese planes to come and bomb the place in retaliation. Hai K'ao is only 35 miles from Foochow and is the best port if it can be used, because of its proximity. Just now Mr. McClure has a telegram that the same steamer has left Shanghai and on it are Dr. and Mrs. Leger, Miss Asher, Miss Burr and Dr. Tan, all for FCU. Mr. McClure has sent a man to Hai K'ao on the assumption that they will land there, - they may land any place on 120 or 150 miles of coast but we are hoping for Hai K'ao.

No word at all has been received from Dr. Ch'eng. He wrote me early in the spring a cordial letter saying he was most anxious to come this summer, and Mr. Fuller in Shanghai expected him there on August 3rd. But not a word has been received. I know that Yenching asked us to release him for another year, but in our present circumstances we could not, - I expect when the facts come out that Dr. Ch'eng is probably still at Yenching. He was definitely slated to travel with Mr. Ting mentioned above. So now I am not counting on him any more.

As I wrote you last time we expected three men from outside for our Chemistry department, so far not one has been heard from except a letter from Ithaca New York, from Mr. Lin Chen Chi, dated June 7. I have now direct address but am trying to get in touch with him through his friend in Hong Kong and urge him to hurry. He wanted to go to Manila and bring his family, and may be there now. My biggest nightmare is that he might have found a job there, thinking travel conditions are impossible here. The only way you can know is to be nearby and come in

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whenever an opportunity presents. Even some of our foreign friends do not seem to realize that and are apt to suggest waiting in USA until the time is ripe, but it will never be ripe that way. If Mr. Lin does not come in I am afraid our work will go on the rocks in the Chemistry department. Classes start tomorrow and we have a much larger student enrollment than ever before in our history, 232 new students "accepted" out of the group examined. That means from past experience that from 40 to 60% of these young men and young women will show up. Prof. T.H. Wang is alone up there except for one new graduate assistant. Mr. Lin-I last year did a brilliant piece of work in the production of motor diesel oils and other products by the distillation of pine roots. The government has given him a large sum of money to put this on a commercial scale and he is on leave of absence for a year. With the importance of the production of motor fuels under war and blockade conditions, and the promising success which he has made of it all, it is out of the question for us to insist on his coming back, even in sight of our own real emergency.

Under these conditions you will not be surprised that Prof. T.H. Wang has written and telegraphed me, with the consent of Pres. Lin, asking that I go up to teach at once "for two or three weeks, until Mr. Lin Chen-Chi can get here." I had thought that I was facing big decisions as it was, but this one has me down. I have been thinking that I would soon be leaving for home, and with Miss Asher expected to arrive in a couple days it looked even more so. But now I am traveling to Shaowu for "two or three weeks" to fill a terrible breach. I am quite unprepared and do not even know yet what courses I will handle, but it will be a help to the morale I can be sure, just to show my face there. The most serious point is what if Mr. Lin does not come in? It is hard to start courses for a few weeks then drop them entirely. But even with that threat I cannot refuse this most urgent request. Mr. McClure reluctantly consents to take over work here, as he is already overburdened with institutional finances etc. Miss Asher's coming helps the staff morale here very much and is quite timely. I am tempted to delay leaving so as to have a day here to turn over keys and all work. One thing Mr. McClure pointed out, -if Mrs. Sutton can take a half time medical job she can't be so very sick or overworked with the children, -he mentioned that because he was thinking he would have to take over as much of my work as possible. He was quoting one of your letters on the subject of my going home, and of course, this year the need is so great that even my work here has to be dropped if necessary, rather than let the Chemistry department fall. The staff here all know and do their work well, but there is no one, unless Miss Asher stays, who can act as leader and make the quick decisions. I am trying in every way by letter and telegraph to urge Mr. Lin to come in. When he takes over my courses I am free to go home, but under the cloud of having left in the darkest year of the war, and the one through which both our school and the country will have to emerge, if they are to carry on.

This will have to be a sort of an official farewell to you as I will most probably not write to you again from the Treasurer's office. I know I have made many mistakes which have added to your burdens, and so am glad for your sake that Miss Asher will soon be back (we expect). She will take over all bank accounts, correspondence etc. and will carry in a more thorough way what I have tried to do, -this has been a hectic year in many ways from bombs and rumors, to lack of news and personal problems. I consider it but a piece of good fortune that this part of the institution has been carried through in good shape for the past year or two. I have considered it a privilege to work with you for a time and hope that the irregularities in my correspondence and carrying-on will not have too greatly inconvenienced you, as when I know the number of institutions you serve, I know the size of your task. With all good wishes for you and your work, as well as sincere thanks for many personal services, I am, most sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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CABLE ADDRESS:
"HSIHO, FOOCHOW"

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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
FOOCHOW, CHINA.
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CODE:
"MISSIONS"

TREASURER'S OFFICE

Sept. 15, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I had just concluded your letter enclosed herewith, in which I stated that I had had no news for a very long time, when your letters of July 12 and the 3rd were received and your many enclosures in your airmail letter of August 12. These cover many business items but are in the main acknowledgements of my own letters. The personal letters are greatly appreciated as I have had absolutely no word about Lois Jane since she was supposedly recovered and home. The last letter from Mrs. Sutton was dated June 10th and gave very little news, in fact for some time news has come to me only through your letters about certain family items. My mother wrote me a letter sent to my sister in law who is spending the summer in Peking. It makes better time that way than many letters coming in the usual way. Your airmail in fact has made remarkable time. Letters from HongKong are especially slow. So often some unwanted routine letter comes through in very good time and something considered important requires a month or two extra. Your letters have again impressed me with the need for going home, I think most people here agree with me too, but they somehow think that it not so urgent as the present situation, with which of course, they are duly impressed. I am much concerned about having to go to Shaowu and am trying to contact this Mr. Lin and encourage him to come at once.

I have been trying to bring some of my claywork studies to a conclusion. I was trying to make some token to be given out in connection with our twenty-fifth anniversary which comes next February, and have completed all the steps in design and procedure decoration etc. so that production of a thousand or more could be started at once. It was a pencil holder, which with the ink stone and brush pen is symbolic of the scholar in China. On it is embossed a picture of part of our campus well known to all, and in classical characters the name of the school and characters appropriate to the twenty-fifth anniversary, and on the bottom is impressed a seal or "hall mark" stating the piece was made from clay from the F.C.U. campus and the date in Chinese, -1941. The man who has been working under me this past year, can do the whole thing including color decoration and glazing, and could certainly produce ten or twenty per day with a little supervision. If I were to be free a couple weeks more I might start him, but it looks now as if the idea would have to be given up. Of course this is but a gad, get, but it would be both appropriate and a valuable keepsake in connection with the event.

I will try to keep you informed and as soon as I can see my way out will cable you.

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

September 30, 1940

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

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

As you know, this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of Fukien Christian University. The Board of Trustees is endeavoring to raise a special Anniversary Fund to celebrate this occasion. I am enclosing five copies of a pamphlet which we recently published for use in this special campaign.

We are very fortunate in that before starting the actual campaign, we secured pledges to the amount of approximately \$30,000, of which \$10,000 is already in the bank. However, it will probably be more difficult to secure the remaining \$20,000.

One of our difficulties is that it is essential that the gifts we receive through this special effort should not be deducted from any gifts which might normally have gone to the Sustaining Fund. In other words, if a man has been giving \$50 a year to Fukien Christian University, we are obliged to ask him to add to this normal gift rather than shift it to another account.

Our most urgent need is for new friends. It is in this connection that I hope you will be able to help us. We will be happy to send you as many pamphlets as you require and to cooperate with you in any way possible. A list of new names for our mailing list would be very helpful.

With best regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Oliver J. Caldwell,
Field Representative

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October 14, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
c/o Mr. Glenn V. Fuller
Associated Mission Treasurers
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

This is to acknowledge your letter of August 30th enclosing list of Chinese 5% Gold Bonds drawings of December 1, 1939.

We are making an effort to secure information as to where these can be redeemed in the United States, but up to date have received no definite information. Will report to Miss Asher later on any progress made in this direction.

Surely troubles beset one on all sides with the rising prices and keen competition for commodities, and as far as budgets in all of our Colleges seem to be out of kilter. How they are to be adjusted and reconciled is beyond telling at the present time. Presumably it means a careful survey of the whole situation.

News of the arrival of Miss Asher and Miss Allen, together with Dr. T'ien has since been cabled to us. The question of Mr. Kellogg's return is a distressing one. The Methodist Board today received a letter from Mr. Kellogg which definitely determines that he will not return to China. He will, however, go to some other field if the opportunity is available.

We are greatly distressed here over the situation which develops in the Chemistry Department. Surely you all have done the best you possibly could, but we are still recognizing that some plan must be worked out where by you can be released in accordance with the action of the Board of Trustees.

I am sure that none of the cooperating agencies would be unduly harsh in dealing with Fukien in an emergency. It is when the situation becomes more or less chronic that drastic action arises. However, in view of all the reports having been mailed we have something very definite to work upon.

Again with the very best of wishes to you, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 14, 1940

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
c/o Mr. Glenn Fuller
Associated Mission Treasurers
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, CHINA

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Dear Dr. Sutton:

A cable received from President Lin makes it appear possible that your sailings have been delayed and on this supposition I am writing you to this address as stated in your letter of August 8th. That letter gives us a rather detrimental picture of the Chemistry Department, but I certainly trust that ere this letter reaches you adjustments will be made permitting you to leave Shaowu. We recognize all that you say regarding the urgency of the situation and yet there are urgent calls at this end. Possibly they do not appear urgent, but they are nevertheless very vital factors in your own future, as well as the future of the University.

I notice from the dispatches from Washington that the statement has been made that provision will be made for all who are to leave China under the present pressure of the United States Government. I think you will find that every effort will be made to provide accommodations.

Your second letter of August 8th came to hand and we are glad to note that the shipment from the Central Scientific order has been received and we are grateful for the effort which has been made to clear up the various reports required at this time of year.

We observe that the plan as outlined in your letter of July 24th to make a deposit of sufficient size to cover \$100,000.00, placing same in escrow with the American Consulate has been carried out, and that a sum of US\$6,355.00 has been involved in the transaction. This covers the entire amount of Requisition No. 4005. Presumably this will tie up this amount of Sustaining Funds for the time being.

With sincerest personal regards, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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October 29, 1940

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Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Mr. Glenn Fuller
Associated Mission Treasurers
169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road
Shanghai, CHINA

Dear Dr. Sutton:

In view of the cable received from the American Board indicating that you are awaiting sailings, it might appear to be a waste of energy to answer your letters of September 15th, but we are sending these in care of Glenn Fuller, feeling that he will understand and either hold or return as occasion demands. I can understand the difficulties involved in your efforts to get away and thoroughly sympathize with you in the facing of all of these obstacles.

It is just too bad that Dr. Cheng failed Fukien at such an important time, but when he was here in the States I could see the leaning toward Yenching University. I hope he has come to your rescue.

Before Mr. McClure returned to China, we discussed with the American Board the possibility of his taking over your work on the Fukien campus. Without doubt it had been discussed with him as the reply was that he would be overburdened with the work at Foochow. It is too bad that he has been required to take over this additional burden.

We are grateful for the word clearing up the experience with the Ariadne Moller. It shows the ups and downs of running the blockade.

In a conversation with Mr. Jacobs a day or two ago I learned that the family is getting along very well up in Alfred, and that Lois Jane has completely recovered from her illness. The period of recovery down at Ventnor seemed to be of great value to her.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Fukien Christian University,
Shaowu, Fukien.
Nov. 2, 1940.

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

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

It is over a month since I hurriedly turned over the Treasurer's work to Miss Asher just as she arrived, and left for Shaowu (Sept. 22) to fill an emergency in the Chemistry teaching staff. It has been a real treat of course, to be able to see and work with the students and teachers here after two years of long distance cooperation. The spirit here is fine and things are going along well, - I am sorry that you cannot see it for yourself. The influx of so many new staff members has greatly aided the teaching program and also bolstered up the morale. A year ago in August I was the only foreign staff member on the job in China, and now we have ten, not including a German priest teaching German, and Mrs. Storrs from the local Mission who has been helping out the English department. We still do not know if Kellogg is coming or not but suspect not, as conditions are constantly getting worse. I am hoping that the Foochow campus can carry on with its usual staff altho they are not at all happy about it. McClure is very busy so can go down but little to oversee the place and handle what is going on there. However all seems well, and my work there is done, except to put my own house in order if I can get the chance, - I left for Shaowu quite hurriedly and had much to put in order in my work before going.

There is one young man who went on to Manila, who may be coming in to relieve me. It was a very long time before we could get word from him but at last it has come through. As soon as he can make it, I will be free. One young man now teaching in our Biology department lost his possessions when his steamer was pirated outside of Foochow and had to return to Shanghai, ~~then it took him back to Shanghai~~ and the second voyage met with a typhoon, then Japanese gunboats, and he was finally landed on coast near the Chekiang border and was eight days coming in to Foochow. The trouble now is that conditions in Shanghai look much worse and it seems harder to get in. Bishop and Mrs. Gowdy came in by way of Wen Chow in Chekiang and had a week of hard boat and bus travel to get to Foochow, and my "relief" wants to bring his family!

Your letters come through steadily but very slowly, apparently. I have sent onto Pres. Lin or Miss Asher whatever was of a business nature. I have your letter of September fifth which came in fairly good time. I have entertained a secret thought that it would be nice since I must leave things here, to be home by Christmas. But that hope is fast dwindling, news in general seems slow in coming from Foochow and altho I have heard that several boats were coming in no telegram has come that my Chemist has arrived.

I am a little nearer to radio news here than when on Foochow campus. The evacuation of Americans is apparently going on and is a good thing, especially for those not really needed here. But what it really means is not at all certain yet.

enclosed Enclosed a set of the old Foochow Treaty-Port stamps used about 1895-97. One of the old British residents was in charge of them and his son is selling them for a Cemetery benefit. They are one of the more attractive of the Treaty Port sets showing a dragon boat, junks etc. Kushan Peak in the distance, looking down river from the Big Bridge in

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Mr. Evans, -2. Nov. 2, 1940.

Foochow, in the direction of our campus. When I was a boy these used to be in the Catalog put out by Scott but they have long since been crowded out and so are little known by most collectors. Wiltsie Worley, one of our Foochow boys now in USA has a fine souvenir. It was a post card sent from Foochow to America by his grandfather, and using one of these stamps.

Food prices continue to rise so that rice is higher in Foochow than ever when I was there. We are now paying our workmen a monthly wage double what we paid a year ago in September, and still they are worse off now than then. I can remember when we used to be able to buy eggs sometimes, sixty for one dollar, now you can get five! Even Shaowu which is a rice producing center is affected so that everything has gone up.

I took my Industrial Chemistry class by bus to a city in nearby Kiangsi province, there we saw the "Free China" industries being carried on, Indigo, matches; cotton, castor oil plantations; and a spinning and weaving plant making all sorts of cloth from crude white cotton material to linen and part wool cloth for suits and overcoats. They also raised a special grass and made "Panama" hats, matting etc. for special purposes. Another part of the same establishment makes knives, shears, locks and were even making a lawn mower! I bought a much needed boy scout knife there which is very interesting and seems to have good wearing qualities.

This uncertainty is hard to bear, I would like to get right down to concentrated work on teaching and still there is a feeling that any day a telegram may come changing everything. My text books have not yet come in and so it is not easy to keep things moving in the courses. But I have reason to think we will have books soon.

With all good wishes for Christmas, in case this arrives at the proper time, and in any case greetings!

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.

December 19, 1940

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 894
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

You will be greatly interested in word from Fukien which we have received through the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions.

By way of explanation, however, it seems that there was no Chemistry teacher on the staff to open up the Fall Semester and Dr. Sutton was hurried to Shaoen to carry on until one had been secured. We now have information, dated November 4, from Mr. McClure, Acting Treasurer, through the American Board, stating that a telegram had been received from Hongkong from a man they had been trying to secure for Chemistry. The letter stated that he was on the way, and as soon as he arrived Dr. Sutton could be relieved. What time he could reach Shaoen is all a matter of conjecture. Conditions are so difficult that it is possible it would be several weeks for the Chinese to get in and a like period before Dr. Sutton could get out. However, I wish to pass this word on to you.

With the Season's Greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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P. S. I am enclosing December check herewith.

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