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FUKIEN CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
SHAOWU, FUKIEN, CHINA

Jan. 6, 1940.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

Your letter of Oct. 29, reached me here a very few days ago, having been forwarded by Mr. Fuller. I would suggest that with the present uncertainty of everything that I might still be reached that way, altho most probably I will be on my way home before you receive this. Your cable to President Lin has just arrived asking date of my sailing. It is still hard to answer altho I intend to move out just as soon as is reasonably possible.

Dr. Ch'eng went to his home in Peking and I feel sure his getting married, and most probably the influence of parents, as well as the rumors of danger in travel to Fukien, all conspired to keep him in Peking. Then on top of that was the invitation of Yenching to stay there for the year and fill a vacancy, there,--all these things made it easy for Dr. Ch'eng to stay on in the fall of 1939. In Foochow I got no word at all and was still expecting him, altho Lyman Hoover telegraphed that he was not coming. But it left our department here in an embarrassing place. Then in the spring of 1940 Dr. Ch'eng wrote me saying that he really was planning to come in the summer of 1940, and apologized for his failure to arrive. He asked all about conditions ~~in Peking~~ then when Mr. Wiant went to Peking I had him meet and talk with Dr. Ch'eng and he planned to come with Mrs. Ch'eng, being accompanied by Mr. Ting who had a very hard trip in last August as I have already described to you in a previous letter. He was on the ship taken by pirates and lost all his personal effects and returned to Shanghai. The next trip he was in a typhoon, the ship was searched by the Japanese navy and then he had a hard eight-day trip overland to Foochow. So under these conditions I was thankful that Dr. Ch'eng did not come just then, altho in September and October very many foreigners and Chinese came in without any more than the hardship and expense to be expected at the present time. But the effect on our department this time was worse, as well as our need being much greater. No news came to me at all in Foochow, altho Dr. Ch'eng did write to Fuller in Shanghai and say that he would come when travel conditions improved. A second time Yenching urged him to stay on there. In our American standards safety and comfort figure very large, but in China it is an awkward truth that the brunt of the suffering often comes on the common people both as soldiers and living of every day life while some of the young leaders-to-be are permitted to avoid these things.

The other young man, Mr. Lin Chen Chi, has just arrived in Foochow about ten days ago and will be here very soon now. I arrived in Shaowu on Sept. 24 and expected to stay about six weeks, while Mr. Lin could come in and take my place.

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Mr. Evans, -2.

Mr. Fuller in Shanghai that it was really not Lin's fault that he did not get in before. He was there for about two months trying to make it but the freight steamers that were then coming had almost no passenger accommodations. But I was here always expectant that I would get word that he had arrived. He was supposed to take my place immediately, and I can assure you that such a day by day uncertainty is hard on nerves. If I could have known in advance that I must settle down for a whole semester of teaching here I could have more easily gotten into the life ~~here~~ and done a better job of teaching. But Mr. Lin in America did not realize how long it had taken letters to come to me when he wrote. He even ~~asked~~ me to tell him how to get a boat directed to Foochow. And his letter was unusually slow so that he had gone on from Hong Kong to Manila before I had received his letter asking for advice about coming in. Ever since last August I have been worried about our departmental teachers, as well as my plans for going home. I greatly feared that like many others the rumors, as well as real difficulty in coming to Foochow, would scare him out so that he would take another job in the Philippines. I sent urgent letters and telegrams by different ways and finally reached him. He first cable that he was not coming but after some delay left Manila for Shanghai, where he was waiting for about two months before he could come on. He will be here very soon now, and we will have his story. But there are only ten more days of classes and only three more weeks of school all told. It is unfair to ask anyone to take over courses at the end of the term, and I am afraid it will be a shock to him to be asked to take so many courses in any case, in the field of Chemistry as his work at Cornell was in Agronomy. So I now have to confer with Pres. Lin and reply to your cable as to when my sailing date is. I will go to Foochow just as soon as the term closes or a little earlier. I left Foochow hurriedly so that things are not in order there, but will get on as soon as I can. I have written Fuller before about sailings but there are many slips as you well know for getting to Shanghai in time to meet a definite sailing day. Pres. Lin suggests that it might be better if things get worse to go overland to a place in Kwantung (by bus), -then by plane to Hong Kong. In any case I ought, with luck, to be sailing by late February.

Our Chemistry department has been one of the leading parts of our institution both in number of students and courses, and we have handled our money well so that our equipment compares favorably with much larger schools. But now it has suffered by these staff changes etc. much greater than our wartime move and its consequent difficulties would call for. The National government being determined to keep its colleges up to standard has insisted on still higher standards during wartime. We, having been near to our sources of supply, can keep our laboratories going, altho my job this term was one of getting on without textbooks (held up on the sea coast) and improvising Industrial laboratory work on lines of local conditions. I often wonder what some of the other places can do when I

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Mr. Evans, -3.

know what difficulties we have had in moving, building furniture etc. -I have personally supervised the shipping of some hundred s of boxes, library books, science equipment and materials etc. Our department now occupies the whole upper floor of a large hospital and has entirely local made furniture. But fine equipment will never make up for staff. This coming semester there will be Prof. T.H. Wang, M.S. Cornell who has been here in continuous service over eleven years and has every right to expect to be sent to America on furlough but with no chance of going this next year, at least. Mr. Wang has faced the moving to Shaowu and reorganization under war conditions. He has built up a fine laboratory here and is one of the old reliables on the faculty. We will now have Mr. Lin Chen-Chi, $\frac{1}{2}$ year at University of Southern California in Chemistry and $1\frac{1}{2}$ years at Cornell in Agronomy. Mr. Wang Ching-Yuan is now laboratory assistant (Graduate assistant). He graduated about six or seven years ago and has been teaching in a high school. There is likewise a senior about to graduate who may stay on as an assistant, and that is the entire teaching staff of what should be one of our biggest departments in the College of Science! The school as a faculty, and as a student body, has grown considerably, but not the Chemistry department. So you can see with what emotion and embarrassment I had to tell Mr. Wang that I was leaving. No one knows what new things they may have to face here this coming year.

I am sorry to take so much of your time to get at the point, but I am to be ready to start in a few more weeks, five or six perhaps. I could write Mr. Fuller for no sailing date because it was only last week that I learned of Mr. Lin's arrival in Foochow. I am sure however that one person can squeeze in somewhere, and if needed I can go to Manila and get a freighter.

I wish you could visit our campus these days. The Gowdys were here in November and dedicated the Gowdy library. Our Christmas candlelight service was very effective, lighted by electric lights we had a huge camphor tree made into a Christmas tree for all to see. About five hundred were at the service, crowding our "open air" ex-gymnasium, -in other words, our chapel. We are building a new chapel however, as well as a wing to the library. The electric generator which I wrote you about so long ago has been installed and is lighting library, student dining rooms, and the chapel as well as a few faculty homes at the East Gate campus. It is a bit ironical that our Physics teachers who have had the responsibility of installing and maintaining this service, along with myself who bought it, should be at North Gate and so cannot share in its blessings.

Hoping that this reaches you without too much delay, and that I may see you not long after it arrives, I remain, with good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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Feb. 3, 1941.

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Dear Mr. Evans:

I was very glad indeed to receive your good letter and to learn that Dr. Sutton expects to sail for U.S.A. about the first of March. Thank you so much for letting me know.

Last Thursday, Jan. 30, on Dr. Hitchcock's advice I took Lis Jane to the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell. She was threatened with pneumonia: had a chill followed by temperature of 104° , pulse 130-140, pain on breathing in left side of chest, cough, and white blood count of 34,800. I almost ~~sent~~ ^(cabled) for Dr. Sutton. She was given sulfathiazole and in about 36 hours ^{and the next day her} her temperature was normal, white blood count ^{was} 24,000 and hemoglobin 67%. As Dr. Hitchcock himself was ill, I asked Dr. Kiper to take charge of the case. He is

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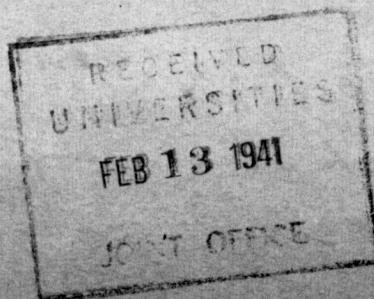
considered one of the best physicians in western New York, and was the surgeon called in consultation when his Jane was so sick last spring with a ruptured appendix. I am expecting to bring her back tomorrow to convalesce at home, so thankful for her rapid recovery.

About two weeks ago Mrs. Farley wrote that Mr. Farley was very ill in the hospital. A few days later a letter came from Mrs. Beeman saying the doctors feared cancer and held out no hope for his recovery.

I trust that you folks at 150 Fifth Ave. have been able to escape the "flu".

Sincerely yours,

Ellen H. Sutton.



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February 5, 1941

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
Box 884
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I have been intending to write you the last couple of days about the Farleys but other things have swamped me. Mr. Farley passed away last Saturday from what appeared to be a complication of diseases. I do not have the details as yet. This is an exceedingly distressing situation and it came to me as a great shock. Mr. Farley and I had many discussions centering around a variety of subjects and often differed, but invariably came back to a definite friendly understanding. It is just too bad.

Surely you have had a trying experience with Lois Jane, and at this time the very best we can do is to congratulate you on the outcome and extend further best wishes for her speedy and complete recovery. She surely has had her share of illness.

Up to the present time our staff has kept in fairly good condition, and we are trusting by the grace of God that it will so continue.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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February 11, 1941

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

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Today we received a cable from C. J. Lin indicating that you will be leaving Shaowu on the 18th. On the strength that you will be delayed at Shanghai, we are writing you with the hope that you will receive same before sailing.

The telegram which was sent from the Board of Trustees was prompted by what was considered to be extreme necessity. There is every desire on the part of every member of the Board to cooperate in every way with the requirements of the field. It was felt, however, that the action taken some time ago should be pressed to a definite conclusion as early as possible. In taking this action all of the factors involved were carefully considered in consultation with the Cooperating Boards and the Associated Medical Staff.

In another University there is a family en route home with the definite conviction that they are returning in September. If the war ceases and conditions are fairly normal, which is not at all likely, the family may return -- otherwise none of them will return. This only goes to show the attitude being taken by other institutions.

It is our understanding that there is near at hand someone who can carry on the work at Shaowu, but that difficulty has been encountered in making the trip from Shanghai to the campus. We sincerely trust that this has been surmounted and that there is someone who can fill in the gap made by your absence.

I greatly appreciate your thought in sending the Treaty-Port stamps. I am deeply grateful for same. Stamp collecting is a fascinating pastime, especially when dealing with the past. It is a thing which one never tires.

Your letter contains several paragraphs of deep interest to us, picturing the conditions and also the activities of Free China for which we are grateful.

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Dr. Sutton

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Things in this world are moving at such a pace now that every twenty-four hours shows a picture of rapidly moving events. It may be great to live under these conditions, but it certainly is trying in extreme. Add to this, that it is a time when people are dying for no cause except the will of a dictator and we have a pitiful situation.

Anticipating seeing you at no distant date, I am

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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Via "President Taft" - 2/15/41

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P.O.Box 594,
Alfred, N.Y.,
May 1, 1941.

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

Dear Mr.Evans:-

I am sorry that my plans here have miscarried so that I will not be able to be in New York before the night of Tuesday, May 6th. This is most unfortunate as I have already signed up for the China Colleges dinner, on Monday night, and the date with Dr. Vaughan is for Tuesday according to your letter just received. I now plan to be in New York Wednesday thru Saturday so will take any date that you can get for me with the doctor. Also will you please cancel my name from the dinner list?

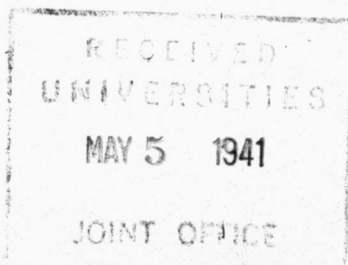
I am anxious to hear if possible any word that has come from China about Foochow and FCU. I have just received a number of letters from Foochow and Shaow u, all dated March 17. These were all started off by having received on March 16 my "broadcast" from Station KGEI (Treasure Island) San Francisco, saying that I had arrived safely and had made remarkable time, -less than four weeks from Foochow. I will assume that you have had good letters from there in recent days, but will hope to hear that you have had recent cable news by the time that I see you.

I will stay at the Parkside Hotel as you have suggested. Is it necessary for me to make reservations in advance?

Looking forward to seeing you in a very few more days, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton



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P.O.Box 594,
Alfred, N.Y.
May 14.1941.

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

Dear Mr.Evans:-

This is to inform you that my plans have had to be changed and I cannot drive to New York for at least another week. When I saw you last week I had expected to be able to see you about Friday the 15 th. I made no attempt to see you this last trip because I saw how busy you were with so many meetings etc. and I knew that you must be tired too. I will plan on seeing you some time later and will be sure to let you know in advance as to when I expect to get there.

I still have had no news from Foochow and suppose that we may have to wait some time yet before we can find out conditions there. I imagine that I could write to the State department in Washington and ask for news about my sister in law, Marion Holmes, and incidentally get any additional information they would care to give.

I have now received my rebate from the Erie Railroad and so in a few days will be able to send you my travel expense account.

Please let Oliver Caldwell see this letter.

Hoping to see you before long, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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#.O.Box 594,
(24 High St.)
Alfred, N.Y.
June 29, 1941.

Dear Oliver:-

It sure was a surprise and disappointment when I came in about 11:00 P.M. last Monday night to find that you had been here on a hurried trip. You must have been tired, and it is too bad we could not have kept you. To add to the misfortune, -you drove right thru Andover where I was at a school meeting with my mother! But all we can do now is to talk about next time. When you come anywhere near this region again, let me know a day or so ahead and I will go meet you or do whatever is necessary to get you here. Please give us another chance!

As usual I am indebted to Eunice Smith for news and get but little on my own. I am sure you know much more than I do about the Foochow war.

Summer is now upon us and we are recovering from the closing of school. Peggy, our oldest, was Valedictorian in her high school class and had to write a paper for the "Address" at the Graduation exercises. She was ⁵²sure because all the other kids were thru exams and hard work, and she was still on duty, so to speak. Well we hope to have some dividends out of it. She may get a scholarship here at Alfred University, and she has been recommended by the County D.A.R. for a scholarship too. Then there is a possibility that Peg might get a State "Regents" scholarship, so we are hoping for the best.

Now my problem is different, -as I told you, I was forced to leave our Chemistry department in very bad shape by coming away, and the situation has certainly not improved. Still I cannot go out, - I still suppose that you can go out to Hong Kong some way and get in by air to Nanyang, in Northern Kwangtung, where a person can get to YungAn, Shaowu, Nanping etc. by bus. But I cannot possibly get away now and so have flirted with the possibility of getting a job in USA. I do not want to do this exactly, but I ought to get off the payroll temporarily, as there are so many needs here and on the field for cash. I have practically been offered an Assistant Professorship of Ceramics here in the N.Y. State College of Ceramics, -not settled yet, but fairly sure. What would you advise? It will be an interesting opportunity for me and at the same time a chance to keep the family in Alfred, rather than break up their school and music opportunities. What would you advise? This fellow Yang, Miss Huang Siu Chi and others could well use the money for their study, - and above all I would like to help get out at once a ~~good~~ Chemistry man. Miss Huang Siu-Chi wants to go back this summer. She is one of our very best students, judged from personality and general all-round scholarship etc. and I hope you can find a way to get her back, and at the same time, cost what it may, a good Chemist.

I do not know what opportunity will come up for me to get back to New York again, but I hope I can make it somehow. I may go into summer school here.

I spoke at the Rochester Cornhill Methodist Church last Sunday (June 22) and got \$5.00. (If I had not been a relative of one of the members, I would have gotten \$10.00!). This was really for travelling expenses, but I want to turn it in hoping thereby to hold the interest of the church. So I send you herewith a check for \$6.00, see separate sheet. Will write more later in the meantime, please come up this way.

Very sincerely, Willard J. Sutton

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P.O.Box 594,
Alfred, N.Y.
June 30, 1941.

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

Dear Mr.Evans:-

Enclosed herewith are two copies of my expense account for the travel from Foochow to Alfred, N.Y. You will note that I received US \$350.00 from Rev.R.W.McClure by New York draft, payable to the Associated Mission Treasurers in Shanghai, and that I must therefore refund the sum of US \$35.98 which I did not use for travel. I assume that about US \$25.00 - \$30.00 of this will be charged against by Mr.McClure in Foochow, as stated at the beginning of my account, - for steamer fare and load carriers etc. Due to the conditions of travel I left behind most of the things which would have ordinarily come by freight, and there will be no later charge for this.

At the end of my travel statement I have attached a salary statement in which you will note that my field salary for April, May and June, to the amount of US \$75.00 is due and I have requested you to deduct the refund due you of US \$35.98 from this. After this will you please add the \$25.00 monthly to the usual check sent to Mrs.Sutton each month?

So far I have been able to make no further plans except that I am seriously considering an appointment here in Alfred as an Assistant Professor of Ceramics in the New York State College of Ceramics. This would allow me to keep our home here in Alfred and to temporarily get off the F.C.U. so that this money can be used in the emergency for things that may arise, or particularly to raise staff travel, scholarships and bonuses to our Chinese staff in the U.S.A. I am thinking of Mr.Yang in Iowa, Mr.Li I-Ying and Mr.Li Lai-Yung in Penn State College, and Miss Huang Siu-Chi in Crozer seminary. But above all we greatly need a Chemistry man in Shaowu to relieve the strain on Prof.T.H.Wang. That is one of our greatest needs and I hope you will send out such a man if you can find one. Miss Huang wants to go to Shaowu for teaching work this fall and I hope some way will come for her to get through. Of course one could go way round by Burma, but I know that there is a once-a-week air plane going to Nanyung in Northern Kwantung, - from Hong Kong. I thought the place was called Nanshiung, but on the map shown by Ernest Hemingway in PM magazine it was marked Nanyung and that looks more like the Chinese Post Office spelling for places in Kwantung. From this place it should be possible to go to Shaowu by bus in less than a week, perhaps even four days. In case I can get this new appointment here, I would be very glad if the salary money could be used for special bonuses to aid the right people to go out to our school.

Please note that if I do get this appointment I do not ^{wish} under any circumstances, to be considered as resigning from F.C.U. staff. Such a separation would be a great blow to me. But at present it seems impossible to get back where I am needed, so if I can temporarily get off the payroll, I can at least help that much.

I hope that Dr.Garside can soon come back to his regular work, as you have been working under a very heavy load, which no one can carry as you have done, for too long a time. Hoping that I can get in to see you, and that you will give me your reaction to the possibility of my taking this new job temporarily, I am, Sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

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Alfred, N.Y.
July 14, 1941

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

I have just received another letter from Prof. T. H. Wang, Head of our Chemistry department in Shaowu. Apparently the school is going on all right, but we have a great need for a Chemistry teacher, - Chinese, but even a foreigner if it could somehow be arranged. In my last letter I was really referring to a Chinese teacher, altho I did not say so clearly. Mr. Lin Chen-Chi who recently got in to Shaowu and relieved me, is really trained for work in Agronomy and we have a great need for him in his own field, so he quite rightly looks forward to teaching in that field this fall. My leaving at the time I did was a decided blow to the morale of the department, as well as a source of great embarrassment to me. Our graduate assistant has been forced to leave for various reasons and so the burden of the whole department, one of the largest in the school falls almost entirely on Mr. Wang. He has been working there faithfully for twelve years now and it was he who took the main load of moving the department to Shaowu and he has done remarkably well. So for his sake, as well as for the school in general, I hope that you will be able to find some one to go out. It seems to me that in this emergency, and with the money available from my salary, that it is quite important to do whatever is necessary to get a good man there, regardless of past precedents or restrictions. I also hope that Miss Huang Siu-Chi can get out as she would also add a great deal to the morale of the school. Mr. Li I-Ying in Penn State College has been a good Chemistry teacher, but he is now studying Agronomy too, and will be needed in that department, altho I am sure that no agreement has been made with him.

On September first I will become a member of the faculty of the New York State College of Ceramics with the title of Assistant Professor of Ceramics and Research Chemist. This sounds rather formidable, perhaps but it is a rather junior position, when you consider that I am entering a new field in this rather important school, which is now the largest of its kind in the world. I am most fortunate in getting such a position and at the same time being able to stay on in Alfred, - it offers good opportunity for future work as far as I can see now. So you might think that I would be very happy, and perhaps I would except that I constantly think of my friends left to carry on under great difficulty in Foochow and Shaowu. I want to emphasize the fact that I want in every way, to regard this as a temporary leave of absence for one or two years. The only consolation I get out of this is the fact that the money in the budget for me can be used for emergency needs at once. So after Sept. 1st I will temporarily sever my connections with you altho I will want to hear from you and your office quite frequently.

Enclosed herewith, are proofs of some woodcuts which I have, and which I will be glad to loan to your office when you have an opportunity to use them. Please show these to Oliver Caldwell, and

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C.A.Evans, -2

July 14, 1941.

remember that you can get much bigger and better ones made in Foochow as soon as normal contacts have been established. Just send out clear cut black and white drawings on good thin paper to Merlin Bishop, of the Christian Herald, (and F.C.U.) Foochow, the cost is very little indeed. These cuts can be printed along with ordinary type setting and their use is sometimes quite effective.

I have not yet received the report of my medical examination. I know that the examiner's offices were being moved at the time and so expect this has had something to do with it. I do not know just when I can get in to New York to talk with you again, but I will hope very much that an opportunity will come up before too long.

Undoubtedly you know all that I could tell you about the Foochow situation. It was pretty bad, but not as bad as our imagination would lead us to believe. I received a Shaowu news-letter which said that Miss Asher had mailed a copy of a letter by Mr. Bishop telling you about his experiences and conditions in Foochow. Mr. Rinden of the Congregational mission has sent me a copy of a letter written by Mr. Bishop. I do not know if it is the same one or not. The shake-up of schools near Foochow must have been considerable, - it may be that this adversity will bring our schools closer together. I have often complained to you how there was ill-feeling and perhaps pride or envy, which has kept our schools from having the solidarity which I am sure our schools need to survive and properly serve thru the next twenty years.

With every good wish for your work and good health, and with regret that present changes may take me a little farther away from you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

July 18, 1941

Dr. William J. Sutton
Box 594
Alfred, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Thank you for your letter and the enclosed woodcuts. I am wondering if it would be alright to keep the prints of the cuts for future reference. I am sure we will find use for them.

I should like to congratulate you on your appointment as Assistant Professor and Research Chemist in the New York College of Ceramics. I am very glad that you have found a position in which you will be able to develop your interests.

You will be happy to know that Miss Huang Siu-chi is going back to the University. We have received a cable, authorizing us to pay her expenses. The need for a Chemistry teacher to do some of the work you have been doing at the University is undoubtedly very great, however, the initiative in securing a new teacher must inevitably come from the field. This office will be happy to cooperate in finding a teacher but cannot do so until a request has been received.

I note that there has been a delay in receiving the results of your medical examination. This delay is, no doubt, a result of the moving of the medical office. If you wish, I shall be happy to check with Dr. Vaughan.

Before this letter reaches you, you will have received a copy of the confidential report to President Lin made by Mr. Merlin Bishop. This is, perhaps, the same document you mentioned having received direct from the field. Things apparently have been bad in Foochow, yet not as bad as they have been in some other areas seized by the Japanese.

I hope that your separation from your work at the University will only be temporary. The administration has left no doubt of its attitude towards you, and I hope that it will not be long before you and your family will be able to return to China. However, I must say that conditions at present are rather menacing.

I hope you have a very pleasant and restful summer with your family. Do not fail to call on us at this office whenever you are in New York, and remember to keep us informed of your plans.

Very sincerely yours,

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P.O.Box 594,
Alfred, N.Y.
Aug.12,1941

Mr/C.A.Evans,
Fukien Christian University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

Dear Mr.Evans:-

*forwarded
V.W.
8/14/41*
Enclosed is a letter ~~for~~ Miss Siu-Chi Huang, please forward it to her if at all possible,- I enclose 6 cents so it could go airmail if that should be necessary. If it is too late just return it to me.

I have been in summer school brushing up on Ceramics and getting warmed up for the fall work, which starts September first. I am to be in research and teaching the first-year Ceramic engineers laboratory work, as well as some lecture work.

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On Aug.18, ~~we~~ will all go to Washington D.C. for a vacation trip and visit to Mrs. Sutton's sister, Mrs. Jacob. Will you please mail our salary check (the last) to me c/o Perry H. Jacob, 6509 Piney Branch Road, N.W., Washington, D.C.?

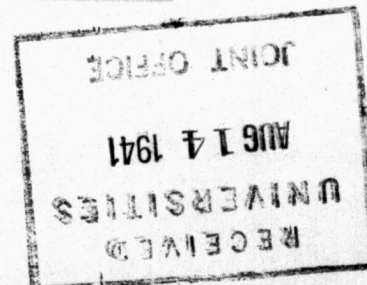
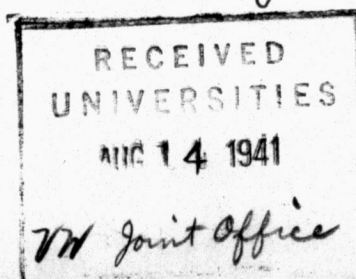
When I was in N.Y. in May you suggested that I go to the Doctor and have a routine examination after return from the field. Dr. Goddard conducted the examination but so far no report HAS REACHED me. Will you please send a memo down to the Medical office?

I am very much concerned about the Chemistry situation on the Shaowu campus. Mr. Li I-Ying and Mr. Lin I who were teaching there in 1938 when I returned to China, are no longer there, and no one has taken their place. Dr. Charles Ch'eng failed us, and I was pulled out so we are really still short two men, and Prof. T.H. Wang has carried a heavy burden almost alone. I am sure there is money available, especially with my temporary retirement, and that they are expecting me to do something about getting a man. If needed please cable the field as to the present latest need in this field and possibility of getting a man out now, along with Miss Huang. I am driving to State College, Pa. to look up two of our men there Li I-Ying and Li Lai Yung, to see what plans they now have made for the future.

Hoping that this finds you well, and relieved from some of your unusually heavy burden, and that I may get to New York to see you before many months, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton



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Dear Oliver:-

By now I am sure you have had a good visit with the Smith family. We saw them all in Rochester last Saturday, and now I can think of a few dozen questions I would like to ask them. I assume the Chinese entry into Foochow was quick and that a minimum of damage took place, also that all of your own family are safe. I know you must have been quite concerned about them. No news came from my sister-in-law Marion Holmes, in the W.F.M.S., for about two months, but now we know she is quite all right.

How is your work in the office going? Don't forget you have a date with me, if you ever get up this way. I still regret the last miss.

On Sept. 1 I started my job in ⁽²⁷⁾ the Ceramic College here, - I will have the Ceramic Lab and lecture work given to the seventy freshmen engineers admitted this fall. It is rather brief as their heavy courses come in their junior-senior years. But I am also on the research staff and the contacts and experience will be most valuable. Indeed I am very lucky to get such a job and be able to keep my family in Alfred. Bishop Goudy advised me to get a job, I suppose to help the budget. I hope, since I cannot go back without the family, that something can be done to get a Chinese Chemist out there.

The Chem. Dept. was overloaded when I was there, and no one has taken my place. Mr. Evans wishes direct word from Pres. Lin before doing anything.

Can you send me the two reels of 16 mm. F.C.U. movies I took so many years ago? I will pay charges and o.k. return in about two weeks. Hope you are o.k. Willard F. Sutton

WILLARD J. SUTTON

P. O. BOX 664, ALFRED, NEW YORK

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JOINT OFFICE

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

In response to your letter re:- my membership in the American Chemical Society, maintained by Fukien Christian University, I am wondering if you have any storage space in New York for the journals mentioned. I would be glad to receive some of these, particularly the "Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry", but as I am working in Ceramics now, I would not have time to read them all. If it would be a service to you, I would receive all here and store them until they could be sent on, but it would be a little better if your office could handle them. There are two other points to emphasize as follows:- (1) The News Edition of

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the American Chemical Society is a thin weekly and might possibly get thru by mail. It should get to Shaowen if at all possible. (2) It might be more logical to transfer my membership to Prof. T. H. Wang who has done such fine work holding the Chem. Dept together ever since the war started back in 1937. On barring that, ~~to~~ to enter a library subscription to all the Chemical Society journals. However, I can make use of, and will store "Industrial and Engineering Chemistry" and the "News Edition" if there is no better way of handling them. Also if needed I will store the others as they come. I have never notified the Society of my return, as I wanted the journals to go to Shaowen as long as possible.

Please handle this as you think best. Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

WILLARD J. SUTTON

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P. O. BOX 594, ALFRED, NEW YORK

JOINT OFFICE

Dec. 17, 1941

Dear Mr. Evans:-

It was like "home" to get your letter of Dec. 16th - the familiar letter head and signature which I have received so many times.

I have been rather buried in my life and work here and have lost contact somewhat, with things F.C.U. I am anxious to keep a firm hold on old ties, and you are my best link for that!

Most sincerely I hope that you have been relieved of part of your burden which you carried without complaint last spring and summer. We all know about the work of the "heroes" on the field, - few stop to think of those who hold things steady in the home base.

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here in the healthy and friendly
environment of Alfred. My work
is interesting - I have 67 freshmen,
Ceramic Engineers, in laboratory
and spend much time in research.
Next term I have the lectures in
Geology for Ceramic Juniors, and History
of Ceramics for the Freshmen. Ellen
is busy and happy in her Medical
work, and the children are getting
on in music and in school, - Peggy
got the highest average among the
170 freshmen here, (up to the present).

But my thoughts still go back
to Foochow and Shaoowu, and I
feel like a slacker. When the new
war spirit grips us all we may
have different attitudes, but may
this world tragedy be settled this
time! With every good wish
for you and your good work,
I am, Very sincerely yours,
Willard J. Sutton

WILLARD J. SUTTON

P. O. BOX 664, ALFRED, NEW YORK

Dec. 17, 1941

Dear Oliver:-

For some weeks I have planned to write you, then I happened to read the enclosed clipping from Radio Guide Nov. 29 - Dec. 5 and that gave me the needed impetus to get started. I am wondering if we can still send messages out, I am making a try this week, to my sister-in-law in Foochow.

Movies. Before I forget it, I still have the F. C. U. movies you sent me. Circumstances have made it hard for me to use them much, but I expect to do a lot this vacation. Any time you need them let me know.

We are a busy family these days, Ellen is School Doctor half a day at the local Centralized school and spends 7-8 P. M. at the College Infirmary. She likes it, so puts in lots of extra

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time each day. I have 57 Ceramic
Engineering students in Freshman
lab and also work in Ceramic
Experiment Station here, ^{a lot of lecture work later} a very
interesting job. Peggy, our oldest,
has just been rated highest among
170 Freshmen in Alfred, - I hope it
lasts!

Up here I am away from the
news of China and outside of the
Smith family have seen none
of the old friends. So I envy you
that part very much, with your
job in the N. Y. office.

I still hope to see you up here, but
driving in January + February sometimes
is very bad. In any case, for the
present every good wish for
Christmas, - no telling now what
the New Year will bring!

Sincerely,

Willard L. Sutton

Dec. 31, 1941

The following is the list of members of the Staff of Fukien Christian University, Shaowu, Fukien, China, to the best of my knowledge. (This is the same as when I left Shaowu eleven months ago).

Prof and Mrs. Roderick Scott
(American Board Mission)

Prof and Mrs. Samuel H. Leger,
(American Board)

Miss Eva M. Asher, Associate Treasurer
(University Staff)

Miss Leona Burr
(University Staff, formerly American Board)

Prof. and Mrs. Everett M. Stowe,
(Methodist Mission)

Miss Eunice Thomas
(American Board Mission)

Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Storrs
(American Board Mission) (over)

Please Note. Rev. and Mrs. Storrs are original members of the Shaowu Mission of the American Board. Mrs. Storrs has been teaching in the English Dept. and so is an official member of the University staff. Mr. Storrs is in general charge of Mission affairs and host to the University. The Storrs home has been a fine center for student and faculty gatherings, - the door always open.

(Miss Josephine Walker, also of the old American Board Mission, was in Shaowu, but was not connected with F.C.U.)

About May of this year Foochow College and Wen Shan Girls School were forced to move again on account of Japanese occupation of Foochow. These schools, both American Board, come to Shaowu, - and it is possible that there are two American teachers with them - Miss Susan Armstrong and Miss Virginia Tapley.

Willard J. Sutton

WILLARD J. SUTTON

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Mr. Joseph I Parker,
Associated Board of China Colleges
150 Fifth Ave.
New York.

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JOINT OFFICE

Dear Mr. Parker:-

I will rush a reply to your query about our American Members in China. It is enclosed on separate sheet, - news has been rather scant these last months, but I do not believe any members have left, or been added in the past year.

Merlin A. Bishop. Mr. Bishop was in Foochow at the Head of the Christian Herald staff. He thought he saw a "dead end" on that job and accepted what appeared to be a fine chance for future service with the University. He could not leave the Christian Herald in the lurch, but he took over from me, the Foochow campus and its responsibilities, when I left last February. It must be put on

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record; that he rendered most²⁷
valuable service, nothing short of
gallant, by coming down to the
Foochow campus and holding it
against the Japanese during their
"occupation" from April to September.
I believe Mr. Bishop is about to arrive
in this country, unless he has been
trapped somewhere by the sudden
start of the war with Japan. If you
know anything about him please let
me know.

Your list of addresses of former
F. C. U. staff members is correct ex-
cept for the following - corrected herewith
Prof. + Mrs. Francis C. Martin

1 Fernhill Road
Sandringham S8,
Victoria, Australia

Mrs. Neva H. Forley,
1757 West Minnehaha St.
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Helen Smith, c/o American Board Mission
14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., was in Foochow
and Shaowu after I left and can give you
more sure information. Sincerely, W. D. Sutton

December 30, 1941

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

We have a request from the State Department to furnish them with a list of all Americans who are on the staff of Fukien Christian University. None of our reports here give an accurate or up-to-date list. Would it be possible for you to make a list of those who you know are there, so that we may use that as a basis for securing information concerning the situation at the University?

We will very greatly appreciate your help at this point.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant Secretary

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November 9, 1943

Dr. and Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Sutton:

A telephone message from Dr. Vaughan yesterday causes me deep concern over the health of Margaret. As a result I have given a great deal of thought to some other channel of approach and have spent some considerable time on the telephone, but without any concrete results. What I would like to do is to get several opinions and am pursuing the matter with that in view.

I wish I were in a position where I could give a word of immediate relief but do not wish to be too optimistic without just grounds for such optimism.

Meantime please be assured that we are thinking of you deeply and sincerely in faith and hope.

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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November 19, 1943

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I have been trying to get the final word in amplification of my previous letter and only this morning succeeded in what seemed to be a definite conclusion. Meanwhile your letter of the 17th has been received along with a check for \$5.00, for which we are enclosing receipt herewith.

We are deeply grateful for this continued on-going interest in the cause of China, but one could well know that it is ever a part of your lives as it is of my own, even more so.

I feel deeply for you all in this distressing situation for which I find there is no relief. I finally caught a dear friend of mine this morning and rode into town with him. In the light of proper diagnosis there just is nothing to be done. I have likewise talked with every medical man in our group and it is rather interesting to note the practical universal expression of regret that more has not been done to solve the mystery of this disease. The pity of it is that everyone takes this attitude at a time when there is a particular case in hand. One doctor told me that he thought very little research along this line was being done - but, that is only one man's opinion. You will be hearing more, I believe, from the Medical Office.

In closing may I beg of you to let me know if there is anything that I can possibly do. I very much would like to see you and hope that the opportunity will be presented for you to come to New York at no distant date.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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*Cadwell is in Military Government
training in Chicago
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Nov. 17, 1943

Mr. C. A. Evans, Secy.
Fukien Christian University,
New York City.

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Ellen and I both appreciate your good letter of a week or ten days ago. It is hard to know what to say about our Peggy, - until September she was in ^{the} upper 5% of her Junior class, and well on her way toward a medical course. Ever since 1938 she has been going with a fine young man, who is now in the Air corps pilot training course. They had planned eventually to go, if possible, to China. He was just given an emergency furlough and flew back to Alfred for a visit. Peggy is still alert and keeps up a good spirit altho confined to lying in bed. We have kept the grim truth from her, particularly because her studies have already told

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her too much about the disease which²⁷ has overtaken^{her}. We are resigned to the fact that this leukemia is so rare that even medical science has done very little about it, and only a real miracle can save her now. We are not telling all the facts to friends and neighbors, because we are afraid some slip might get damaging word to Peggy. It is hard to know what to do.

For many months I have been secretly hoping I might get to New York and have a talk with you about China. Ever since early summer I have been on a rather strenuous round of teaching. We are rushing our Ceramic engineers thru with little or no vacation. In addition I am helping out, part time, in the Physics department, with the A. S. T. P. Our students are part seasoned soldiers from all services of the Army, and part the 17-year-olds who have just passed

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qualifying exams and are now
in the Army Engineer Reserve corps.
In addition I have been Chief Observer
and served with our local observa-
tion post, in the Aircraft Warning
service. — Ellen drives ten miles
per day at least, as school doctor
in the local Centralized school, and
she also serves an hour each evening
in the College infirmary. But for two
months now she has had to be re-
lieved, as she has been with Peggy
day and night, at home ~~or~~ ^{and} in the
hospitals. So we do not lack for
things to do. But without having
definite facts, I know that you
have been carrying a very heavy
load at the China College office.

Herewith a small check I have
endorsed over to F.C.U. Occasionally
I find time to get out and speak a
little and am glad to do it. There
is hardly any need for a receipt for

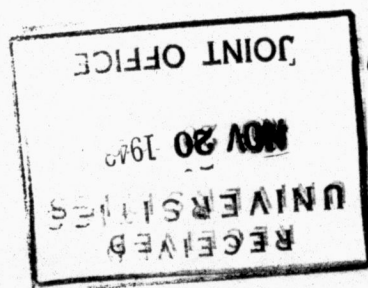
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this, it was from the Monday Club
at Wellsville, New York.

Occasionally I see some one of our
old friends from China, and we have
three Alfred friends coming in on the
Gripsholm. But on the whole we are
cut off from news from China itself.
There seems to be a place for us in
Alfred, and I wish I could talk
with you, but there are no vacations
in my present job, so will not get
to New York soon. I have been told
Oliver Caldwell has gone out to China.

With every good wish to you
and your work, and with many
thanks for your letter, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton.



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NEW YORK, N. Y.

C. G. King

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TELEPHONE
MURRAY HILL 5-6127

Dr. C. A. Evans,
Associated Boards for Christian
Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Dr. Evans:

As suggested during our recent telephone conversation, I am enclosing a check for \$100.00 made out to the Associated Boards for China Colleges, which I wish you would accept and place on record as a memorial tribute to Margaret Sutton, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Willard J. Sutton of Alfred, New York, for many years members of the faculty of Fukien Christian University.

The specific manner of using this small token of regard for the Suttons should be left to the discretion of yourself and others who may wish to recommend something different from the following suggestions. Mrs. King and I thought the small sum indicated above might be used to advantage either to buy books for replacement of the library at the university in the post-war period, or to provide assistance to one or more students of outstanding promise, either in the form of a rotating loan fund, or as a scholarship gift to a pre-medical student.

Sincerely yours,

C. G. King
C. G. King

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WILLARD J. SUTTON
P. O. BOX 664
ALFRED, NEW YORK

July 13, 1944

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C. E. W.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

My late uncle was a prominent surgeon in Wellsville, N.Y. He left quite a number of surgical instruments and now my Aunt wishes to give them away. If you know any China College, or hospital glad to get these, please have them write at once to -

Mrs. Francis E. Cornstock,
22 West State St.,

Wellsville, New York.

We have quite a little cash on hand for Peggy's memorial fund and in a few days I will report to you and send it in. In the meantime thanks for very many favors,

Sincerely,

Willard J. Sutton

May 3, 1944

Dr. C. G. King
The Nutrition Foundation, Inc.
Chrysler Building
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. King:

I am grateful for your letter of May 2nd enclosing check for \$100.00 representing a personal contribution in memory of Margaret Sutton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willard J. Sutton.

Mrs. King and you have made a very valuable suggestion regarding the replacement of books in the post-war period. As a matter of fact it had occurred to me that some particular set of books might be purchased in which Dr. and Mrs. Sutton's recommendation might be of value. Until this can be checked, however, we are crediting this to a special account and it can be readily transferred when a decision is reached. I am sending a copy of my letter to Dr. and Mrs. Sutton so they will know what we have in mind.

With many, many thanks to you and Mrs. King,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

cc: Dr. and Mrs. Sutton

enc: receipt

July 19, 1944

Mr. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Mr. Sutton:

Your letter of July 13th was indeed most welcome. I had previously seen Mrs. Jacobs and learned that you were all well, as otherwise I was beginning to think you had started back to China.

Mrs. Comstock wrote us immediately after her husband's death and upon our request sent the surgical instruments of Dr. Comstock to our office, and we are now waiting the necessary means of transportation to get them to China. This was a most gracious and generous act on her part which is deeply appreciated.

It is a very beautiful tribute to have this memorial in honor of Peggy. I will be looking forward to hearing more from you about it. Meantime, I am wishing for added blessings and thanks upon you.

Most sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

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September 21, 1944

Mrs. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Mrs. Sutton:

I regret more than it is possible for me to express in words in not seeing you. Yesterday was an especially full day with special meetings running over into the evening. As a matter of fact, I did not arrive home until 11 o'clock. Late as it was, however, Mrs. Evans and I sampled the candy which you so generously gave us. Whether it was the lateness of the hour or not I do not know, but it seemed to me to be the most delicious candy I have eaten in a long time. Probably Mrs. Evans will be writing you also.

Miss Brown tells me that you left \$45.00 for the Margaret Sutton Memorial Fund and receipts are enclosed herewith. She also states that there were some questions raised regarding the possibility of establishing a scholarship fund. Certainly any money that is given to us with the original understanding may be transferred to a scholarship account. Dr. King has also given his approval to such use of his donation.

When you were in China, as you well know, a scholarship cost relatively little and income from \$2,000 would be more than ample for a student for a year. The situation now is vastly different, and Bob McClure of Foochow who was with us yesterday estimated that the cost might run from US\$1,000 to twice as much as that. You will thus see that the present time is a poor occasion for establishing a scholarship as far as endowment funds are concerned.

Some of West China Chinese friends in America have started a revolving loan fund for students which, in my own experience on the foreign field in education, is of much greater value and effectiveness than an individual scholarship. It kept the principal intact as loans are made to students and the fund kept revolving, and as a result did an infinite lot of good.

To answer your question more specifically a US\$20,000 endowment at the present time would yield approximately \$600.00 which, under present circumstances, would be about one-third of the cost of a student for a year.

This may not be very encouraging, but it gives you some idea of conditions. Of course, when the war is over much different conditions will prevail, but none of us are looking forward to a time when prices will be as low as they were in pre-war days. It is quite possible either you or Dr. Sutton will be in New York again

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in the near future and I shall be very glad to arrange a special time to talk with you about this.

Miss Holmes has been on the water nearly a month now from Bombay and it is quite possible she will arrive on the West Coast within the next few weeks. It all depends upon which route is taken and that is a closely guarded secret. It also depends upon the boat whether it is in a convoy or travelling alone. So do not be disappointed if she does not arrive within a couple of months.

With the best of wishes to you all, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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(Dictated 9/19/44)

P. S. Miss Brown discovered some time after you left the office that you went away without taking your gloves, which you will find enclosed.

C. A. E.



December 11, 1944

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
Alfred
New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your letter of November 27th came to hand Saturday morning and I am hastening to send you receipts herewith for the checks covering \$102.40. We now have \$154.50 on the books which together with this remittance will make \$256.90.

I am wondering if it is not worth while for us to postpone any definite action until after the Board meeting on Thursday. It is quite possible that we will be able to do something in a general letter to members of the Board, principally due to the fact that we have received a cable stating that the Foochow campus was looted on October 19th and the Arts Hall was burned, and that conditions at Shaowu are normal.

I shall be looking for Miss Holmes during the early part of this week.

I will keep in touch with you regarding future plans.

Very sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

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The New York State College of Ceramics
At Alfred University
ALFRED, N. Y.

Nov. 27, 1944.

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

Dear Mr. Evans:-

It is a long time now since I have written you and our F.C.U. people are now all home, or at least out of Shaowu. My sister in law, Miss M. Marion Holmes has been with us for some weeks so I have some information on the situation, as she has been with the Methodist Board work in Foochow until she left with the rest. She will be in New York and call on her board on or about December 9th.

Under the stress of circumstances we can expect no great things to come from the Memorial fund for our daughter Margaret. We had hoped to do something in Foochow to carry on her spirit and her desire to go back in some sort of service, possibly medical. We had thought of science or medical books, or a partial aid to some girl in her study toward a medical degree at FCU. But rather than add to your burden of book keeping, ^{and} but some special conditions on this gift, it would be better to let you suggest the best way in which it could be used, especially since FCU may have urgent needs at this time.

I enclose herewith checks totalling \$102.40. I would like receipts as follows:-

R.M. Campbell	\$20.00 (others not needed).
Lloyd S. Watson	25.00

Hoping so see you sometime, and in the meantime with all good wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Willard J. Sutton

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Evans

24 High Street
Alfred, New York
December 20, 1944

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Dear China Friends:

We are so hopelessly behind in our correspondence that we shall have to use the mimeograph if we are to try to reach the many friends to whom we owe letters and greeting cards. Here in Alfred we are away from the beaten path of Foochow friends, in spite of the fact that at times we have had as many as twenty people in this village who had at one time lived in China. Helen Smith and Paul and Hallie Wiant are the ones who have actually visited us in the last two years, and so you can see how we appreciated all the news contacts we could get with all of you.

Unless you are fighting illness I know that you are all unusually busy, as we are here. This is a school town, so our life, one way or another, is wrapped up in school activities. Ellen is School Physician in our centralized school and spends several hours there each school day and also gives an hour a day to the College Infirmary. She has been bothered by a stomach ulcer but by careful diet gets on quite well; as a hobby she has general gardening and cactus plants! Lois Jane is now a freshman in college here with a leaning toward languages and music. She is still working on piano, but is also in about every musical activity on the campus that she can schedule and plays the piano for college chapel. Willard Holmes is the giant of the family - fourteen years old and six feet two. He is in first year high school and plays center on the junior basketball team. It is hard to know just what he will become interested in but the Boy Scouts, stamp collecting and pets take up his spare time. We have quite a menagerie actually - canaries, rabbits, ducks, goldfish and, more recently, tropicals. Marion is now ten and in the sixth grade. She is fortunate that her cousin, Sara Lois Jacob, now lives very near. You see, Ellen's sister Lillian is now living on our street and has been for over a year, ever since her husband, Captain Perry H. Jacob, has been in the South Seas. Another sister of Ellen's, Maybel Holmes, has only recently returned from Foochow. Her plans for the immediate future are not yet certain, but she has been near us all in Alfred for the past two months. For myself, there is but little to say. Ever since September, 1941 I have been teaching here in the New York State College of Ceramics. My regular courses were a brief course in plant practice in pottery making for our freshmen engineers, and Ceramic Geology. Due to the upset conditions I have knocked around quite a bit in other departments, teaching a number of other ceramic courses: Physics when we had soldiers here (ASTP) and now some chemistry (Qualitative Analysis). I am glad to get this needed review. For exercise I have planted nearly a hundred fruit trees on our waste land; as a rank amateur nothing great can come from all this but some trees are doing very well.

The big cloud over us all has been the sickness and death of our Peggy. In September, 1943 she started her junior pre-medical year in college with an academic record in the top 5% of her class. She was well-liked and very promising. Near the end of September she went to the infirmary with some mild illness and then came home; from October through April she became progressively worse with acute leukemia. We took her to the centers where some help might be had - Rochester, New York, Rochester, Minnesota and New York City, but science has not yet found a cure for this rare disease. For the last months blood plasma and blood transfusions were demanded at least every two weeks. It was remarkable how she brightened up after these transfusions, and her courage and spirits were fine even until near the end. The gifts and notes from many friends did much to keep her going all this time, and Ellen was with her practically day and night. The end came April 28th in the Memorial Hospital in New York City, and we all miss her very much.

With Mission Board news reports and the Walter Lacys' fine letters there is nothing we can hope to add, with the possible exception of a letter from Mrs. Martin in Australia. She has had her full load of trouble, caring for her ailing father, and on August 10th Frank was drowned near Sydney. He was interested in the commercial development of seaweed and was out collecting when the swift currents caught him. The address is still Mrs. R. Martin, 1 Fernhill Road, Sandringham S 8, Victoria, Australia.

I have heard of the loss of the Methodist Buildings in Foochow and of Arts Hall on our F.C.U. campus as the Japanese occupation again rolled over Foochow. I would rather have the looted things get into the hands of hungry Chinese than go to the Japs. Long ago we signed off our worldly goods stored there, and so our only concern is with the many Chinese and few remaining foreign friends still carrying on in spite of rising difficulties. I envy Paul Wiant his opportunity in the Marine Corps, and the possibility that he may serve out there in a new way.

So much of this letter has been occupied by our petty family affairs that I feel somewhat reluctant to send it in times like these. But we all want to send our good wishes to you and express the hope that another Christmas may see the promise of the end of all war, for a better day to come.

Very sincerely,

Willard J. Sutton.

We have always appreciated your helpful interest in spite of the great load you always carry. With every good wish for your Christmas and New Year hopes! Sincerely,
W.J.S.

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Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, N. Y.

Jan. 3, 1945.

Dear Mr. Evans:-

This is to thank you for your good letter and to repeat that I always wonder how you are able to keep so many things going at once, - letters, good services, and above all, ^{to} keep the welfare of so many people in mind. I take my hat off to you, and again send my thanks.

Herewith a check for \$25.00 from my sister-in-law Miss M. Marion Holmes (Maybel M. Holmes) for Margaret's Memorial fund.

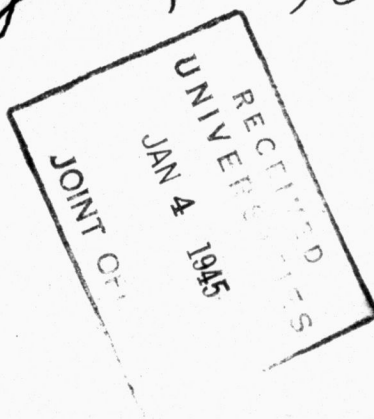
I am in correspondence with the

Marine Corps with a view to en⁽²⁷⁾tering the service as a language officer. I am rather dubious about making it, for you know my language study was rather restricted and my teaching entirely in English, so I do not stand up like Wiant, who is already in the service.

Miss Holmes was in New York only for a short time so she could not get in to see you.

With good wishes for the New Year, I am,

Sincerely yours,
Willard J. Sutton.



December 28, 1944

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
24 High Street
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I wish to take time to acknowledge the Christmas letter which reached our home and for your personal word of appreciation. We all have felt deeply for you and I want you to know that you have been on our minds and hearts more than our correspondence would indicate.

I do not know how you feel about the future of Fokien Christian University, but there is definitely faith and hope in the future in every letter which has been received from Shaowu. When President Lin speaks of staff to be returned to China you are always at the head of the list. Of course, time will only show developments and meantime we all are making the kind of contribution to this war effort which would seem best to fit into the individual life.

As the days go by and you are more and more deeply involved in the affairs of life may you have a greater increase of strength to face the duties and obligations.

With the Season's Greetings to you, I am

Most sincerely yours,

C. A. EVANS

CAE/S

January 20, 1945

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
24 High Street
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

Your good letter of January 3rd came to hand promptly, also the check which was enclosed and for which we are enclosing receipt herewith for \$25.00.

I am sorry that Miss Holmes did not stop in to see us when she was in New York. We are greatly interested in learning of your effort to get into the Marine Corps. If that is what you want I shall be very glad to do everything possible to assist in case investigators appear in our office.

Your complimentary remarks are totally undeserved. I feel so inadequate at times that I get discouraged and the only thing which stimulates me is the mass of work to be done and the shortness of time in which to do it. I do, however, recognize the responsibility which rests upon me as being the only one in this organization who has been connected with it continuously over a long period of years. It is a responsibility as well as an obligation and I praise God that I have had strength to carry on through these years.

With every good wish to you and your good family,

I am

Very sincerely yours,

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C. A. EVANS

Enc.

February 14, 1945

Dr. Willard J. Sutton
P. O. Box 664
Alfred, New York

Dear Dr. Sutton:

I am sorry that I missed your call when you were in New York recently. It is a real disappointment when I am deprived of such a pleasure.

Check for \$23.00 which you sent has been credited as per the enclosed receipts, for which we thank you.

A letter has gone to the Marine Corps Induction Office in Buffalo, which I trust adequately covers the situation. I am say nothing too good regarding your services in China and the fine influence you rendered. We want you back as soon as it can be done.

With sincerest regards to you all, I am

Most cordially yours,

C. A. EVANS

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WILLARD J. SUTTON
P. O. BOX 664
ALFRED, NEW YORK

Feb. 10, 1945

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Dear Mr. Evans:-

Two weeks ago I made a very fast trip to Washington via New York. I called at your office late in the P. M. and you were out. I wanted to make an additional contribution to our Peggy's memorial fund, but could not get a blank check. I now enclose a check for \$23⁰⁰ to come from the following:-

Mrs. P. H. Jacob	\$10 ⁰⁰
W. J. Sutton	10 ⁰⁰
Dorothy Corliss	3 ⁰⁰
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	\$23 ⁰⁰

Sometime ago the Marine Corps wrote in and asked if I were interested in service as a Chinese language officer. I do not know how they got my name. I was very frank with them as to my limitations, and said I had a job and was "established", but

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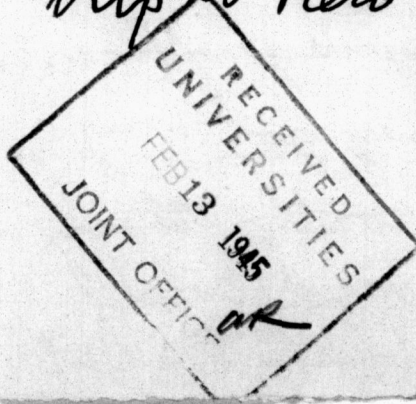
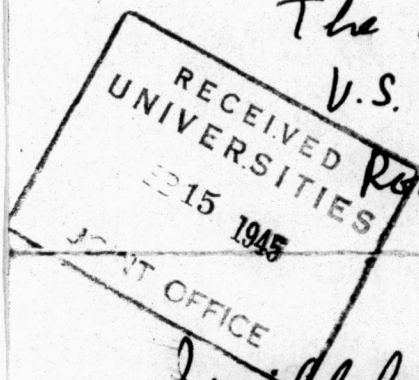
I did say that if they couldn't find enough missionaries out of a job, I would go. There are many pitfalls ahead, but they have asked me to put in application. One immediate need is a letter from you, covering anything you might care to say, but particularly as to my service and experiences in China. I hate to bother you now, but will you please send a brief letter covering the above to:-

The Officer in Charge,
U.S. Marine Corps Induction Office
Room 405 Post Office Building,
Buffalo 3, N.Y.

I will hope to take a more leisurely trip to New York and call on you.

Very sincerely,

Willard J. Sutton



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U. S. Marine Corps Induction Office
Room 405 - P. O. Building
Buffalo 3, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I received word that Dr. Willard J. Sutton has filed an application for service as a Chinese Language Officer. In this connection it seemed fitting that you should have a letter from the organization with which Dr. Sutton has been connected over a period of eighteen years.

Dr. Sutton went to Fukien Christian University, Foochow, China in November 1923 under the auspices of the Board of Trustees of the University located at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The Fukien Trustees are incorporated under the Department of Regents of the State of New York. Dr. Sutton served as professor of Chemistry up to July 1, 1941 when he came to America on furlough and conditions have not permitted his return to China as yet.

Dr. Sutton acquired a speaking knowledge of the Fukien dialect but his work largely was in the field of Science where he excelled and where his personal influence was of incalculable value to the University. While Dr. Sutton excelled in his field of Ceramic Chemistry, yet under his supervision a number of discoveries and developments were made in the general field of Chemistry--all of which showed extraordinary skill and application.

Since leaving the University in 1941 Dr. Sutton has been connected with Alfred University at Alfred, New York where his contacts and services have been equally noteworthy as rendered in China.

There are no qualifications on our recommendation of Dr. Sutton's character and professional ability. Naturally, we would like to have him return to China as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

C. A. Evans

C. A. EVANS,
Assistant Treasurer & Assistant Secretary
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HEADQUARTERS
INDUCTION AND RECRUITING DISTRICT
OF BUFFALO
Post Office Building, Swan and Ellicott Streets
BUFFALO 3, N. Y.

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15 February, 1945

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Mr. C. A. Evans
Associated Boards for
Christian Colleges in China
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, 11, N.Y.

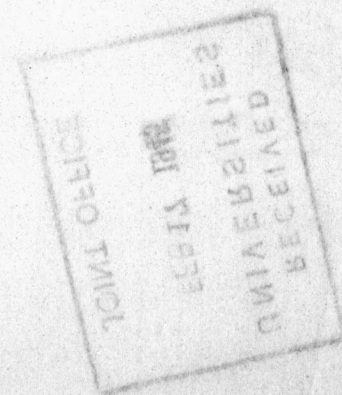
Dear Mr. Evans:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 14th in reference to Dr. Willard J. Sutton's application for commission in the Marine Corps.

I am wondering whether or not you would like to modify the last paragraph of your letter which I am returning.

Very truly yours,

E. R. BRECHER
Captain, USMCR



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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

C. M. POTTER
A. T. GOBLE
Reading Room

May 29, 1944

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

Gentlemen:

You will find enclosed a check for \$9.50
as a contribution to the Margaret Sutton Memorial. This
amount includes contributions from the entire staff
of the Physics Department of Alfred University of the
year of 1943-1944.

Yours very truly,

A. T. Goble

A. T. Goble
Associate Professor
of Physics

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February 17, 1945

United States Marine Corps
Eastern Procurement Division
Post Office Building
Swan and Ellicott Sts.
Buffalo 3, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Attention of: E. R. Brecher,
Captain, USMC

Enclosed find re-typed letter regarding Dr. Sutton
omitting the last paragraph, although we did wish to give un-
qualified endorsement to Dr. Sutton's character and ability
while at the same time hoping that the way will be open for his
return to China.

Very truly yours,

C. A. EVANS

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U. S. MARINE CORPS PROCUREMENT DISTRICT OF BUFFALO
405 P.O. Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y.

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

Dear Sir:

Reference: Willard James SUTTON, applicant
for commission, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve.

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter cannot be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious though given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant. For your convenience we have enclosed a form which covers the essential items upon which information is desired. It would contribute to our appraisal of the applicant if you would place your answers below the questions on the enclosed sheet.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance because in complying with this request you are making a very important contribution to the war effort.

Very truly yours,

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June 8, 1944

Mr. A. T. Goble
Alfred University
Alfred, New York

Dear Mr. Goble:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of May 29th enclosing check for \$9.50. This represents a contribution from the entire staff of the Physics Department of Alfred University for the Margaret Sutton Memorial. Receipt is enclosed herewith.

This indeed is a beautiful testimonial of your interest and devotion to the things which are so near the hearts of the Sutton family. I sincerely trust that the Suttons are surviving the poignant disappointments of these past few weeks with the courage and faith which has ever been characteristic of these good people.

Most gratefully yours,

C. A. EVANS

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cc: Dr. Sutton

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