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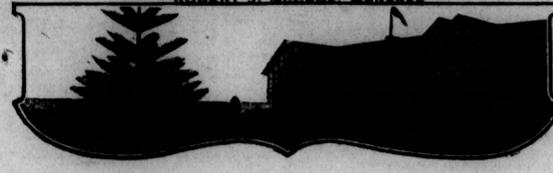
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DEL MAR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

ROBERT J. MCCABE, MANAGER



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May 1911

My dear Dr. Rice:

Your visits in our old home have remained so pleasant a memory that I felt you would be interested to know that another of our family circle had passed to the latter life. My sister Murtha made a heroic fight against that dread disease, cancer. Her bravery and cheerful courage will ever remain a stimulating memory.

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STRATFORD INN  
DEL MAR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM H. GIBBARD, GENERAL MANAGER

ROBERT J. MCCABE, MANAGER



We can but rejoice that for her  
all suffering and worries  
and limitations are over.  
I am sure she tried to live more  
on Elizabeth's account than her  
own, and for her, the loss is  
very great. They had recently  
acquired a home in Pasadena  
which they both loved and  
enjoyed many happy antici-  
pations of at least some years  
there. We are returning to Detroit  
soon and should you again be  
there we could be found through  
Berry Bros. as we have no  
permanent address at present.

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STRATFORD INN  
DEL MAR, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

WILLIAM H. CIBBOLD, GENERAL MANAGER  
ROBERT I. MCCABE, MANAGER



We should certainly hope to  
see you.

With best regards to Mrs. Luce  
and yourself.

Ever sincerely,

Kate B. Pundleton.

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Bermy Memorial Library - Fundation  
H. W. H. J., 197 Parker Ave.  
aus. d) Detroit, April 13.  
Apr 19/20 1920

My dear Mr. Luce:

I did not know  
you were to be in Detroit  
last week until I saw you on  
the platform of the Central  
Methodist Church and so  
wished we might have brought  
you up to dinner.

The information you have  
sent of the plans for Peking

University has been of  
much interest: only I wish  
to know more. Let the entire  
budget to come out of the  
funds to be raised in the  
Interchurch Movement cam-  
paign, provided, of course,  
that the full amount is raised.  
If possible I should like to have  
some part in this work at  
Peking and the Campaign  
will take everything this

year, I imagine. Can one designate one's gift for any particular object? And if so, what amounts are asked for various buildings, etc.? If not too great a tax on your time at the present, will you kindly give me a few facts and figures before the financial campaign starts. Trusting that your next visit to Detroit will

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be longer and that we may have  
the pleasure of a visit.

With best regards to Mrs. Luce  
and the family.

Cordially yours,

Catharine B. Puddleton.

Mrs. Edward W.

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Berry Memorial Library  
Pewaukee

HARBOR POINT CLUB HOUSE  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MICH.

August 29,  
1920?

Dear Mr. Luce:

I am a long while in  
thanking you for the information  
you so kindly gave me in  
July and which I trust may be  
of use to others later on.  
It is always a pleasure to hear from  
you. I hope you and Mrs. Luce  
and your young people have  
had a very enjoyable vacation.

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We are returning to Detroit  
the latter part of the week after  
a delightful summer at our  
home of many years, with its  
many associations and natural  
charms. It is one of the places of  
which we were tired and after  
an absence of two years it  
has seemed more attractive  
than ever. My sisters whom  
you know are here and  
my other sister, Mrs. Colby, with  
her family occupying the cottage  
next door, so we have been enjoying

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quite a family gathering. My  
sisters, who have been in Cali-  
fornia for the past two years  
have purchased a permanent  
home in Pasadena. Mr. Pen-  
dleton and I are planning  
to go out to California in Novem-  
ber for the winter with very  
pleasant anticipations.  
It will be quite a change as  
neither of us have ever spent  
more than a few weeks <sup>consecutively</sup> away

during the Eastern winter.  
I wish I might talk with you about  
Peking University. A friend and  
neighbor of ours here is quite  
interested in hearing all I can tell  
her of China and of the University,  
which I regret to say is not a great  
deal. She is Mrs. Henry Colbertson.  
With best regards to Mrs. Luce and  
yourself in which Mr. Pundleton  
joins,

Ever sincerely yours,

Catharine B. Pundleton.

Berry  
Pendleton

September 2, 1921

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Pendleton,  
Berry Varnish Company,  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Pendleton:-

I am sending you herewith a copy of the Peking Leader which devoted most of its space in one edition in June to Peking University. You will find lots of interesting material in the paper. I find on arrival here that we have a very limited number of copies, so may I ask you, if convenient, to let Miss Berry and Mr. and Mrs. Colby have an opportunity to look it over.

During the summer I have often wondered where you were but am sure that if you are in some pleasant place you will find it restful and enjoyable. Mrs. Luce and I have been on Lake George where I devoted most of my time to making a summary of a survey of our educational work that I made before leaving China. At the present time in China a very careful survey is being made of all our missionary work, as possibly you may know, and I was almost compelled by those in charge of the work, to devote my summer to getting this part of the Survey into shape.

The other day I was talking to a gentleman who was asking about the library and I told him that a friend of mine had a tentative refusal on it. It made me realize how eager I am for the library, not only because it should be one of our most useful buildings, but I covet very much that your family might have the privilege and pleasure and joy of erecting there at that great centre a building worthy of the task that we all have in mind.

in the work before us.

Your interest always adds to my courage

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With warm greets to you both, believe

Most sincerely yours,

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HENRY W LUCE

0621 PEKING UNIVERSITY 156 FIFTH AVE NEWYORK NY

SISTERS AND I ARE GIVING CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSED PLAN PERIOD  
 IF WE FINANCE THIS PROJECT THE BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY MUST  
 BE THE PROMINENT BEATURE OF THE BUILDING PERIOD WE SHOULD WISH  
 PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS SUBMITTED TO US FOR APPROVAL PERIOD WE  
 DESIRE PERMANENT MONUMENT TO OUR FATHER AND MOTHER AND WOULD TAKE  
 GREAT SATISFACTION IN HAVING THIS MEMORIAL ASSOCIATED WITH  
 MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA PERIOD

C P PENDLETON.

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Berry Memorial  
Library  
Pendleton

November 3, 1921.

Mrs. E. B. Pendleton,  
2 Westmoreland Place,  
Pasadena, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Pendleton:

I should have acknowledged receipt of your kind telegram before this but I have been out of town on a trip to Chicago, where Dr. Reinsch and I spoke at a meeting of the Chicago Presbyterian Social Union, and then hurried back here to a luncheon where Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick spoke. He is just back from Peking and is enthusiastic beyond words as to the situation and opportunity there.

In a day or two I will be writing you more at length in regard to the library matter. You may be sure that the interest you are showing in Peking is deeply appreciated by all who are eager to see a great University built up in Peking worthy of the cause it stands for. There is no place in all the world where I would rather place a memorial for a beloved relative or friend than in Peking.

I would give a good deal for a little chat with you but instead I will write you more fully in a day or two. The matter is now under consideration for my spending the month of January in Southern California. Would it not be fine?

Ever sincerely your friend,

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Pendleton

November 10, 1921

Mrs. E. W. Pendleton,  
2 West Moreland Place,  
Pasadena, California.

My dear Mrs. Pendleton:

I have just asked our architect, Mr. Murphy, to send you the ground plan of the University buildings which will give you a general view of our plans. You will be interested in knowing that in North China where there is such great lack of water, we have running through our grounds the Jade Fountain stream coming from the new summer Palace. This property was the old Ducal Estate and has on it, also, many trees, as perhaps you have seen from the pictures I had. We are delighted with the whole prospect. The old summer Palace is just to the west a little way and the Jade Fountain Pagoda is right on the line of our main axis, facing the Chapel (building #12) and the main College (building #11).

Plans for buildings #5, 9, 14 and 15 are now on the way to China. I am sending you a picture of one of them so that you may get some idea of the architecture. Indeed for the first time I was able to say to Mr. Murphy that I thought at last he had solved the problem of the combination of the beautiful Chinese architectural lines with the utility of a modern building. At the present time these are all the detail plans we have of any of the buildings. It costs us about \$2,000 for each building to have the detail plans drawn so you see we must approach the matter very slowly. Mr. Murphy is now at work on a new birds-eye view which will have a good deal of finality about it and enable us more clearly than ever before to form in our minds a conception of what we wish to do. I think you have the old birds-eye view which was a very poorly drawn picture and yet the main lines of it hold still. The main change has been that the Chapel has been put into the center of the dormi-

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ories and the Woman's College and the Industrial Department added to the south.

Referring to the question of the Library, we of course want to do just the thing that you desire to do in harmony with the general plans for the development of the University. In these ground plans that I am sending you, the names of two or three of the buildings are not absolutely fixed. Indeed, the present plan that I am sending you was changed by the architect himself after informal conversation in regard to building #11 which he named Library and Administration building. The previous plan, as indicated in the brown covered pamphlet, had building #2 (on the new plan building #1) down as the Library. The thought was that inasmuch as experience in libraries of various colleges indicated that in due time they outgrew their quarters as the college grew, and as the number of books grew, both of these items enter into the matter quite seriously and the suggestion was made that we might have the upper part of our largest building, #11, as a Library and the lower part for the purpose of administration, looking toward the time when the Library might grow to fill it all. The other possibility is to take building #10, which would be more central than building #1, and make that the Library.

Building #11 will cost about \$90,000. Buildings #1 or #10 would cost about \$50,000. Of course building #11 will be a very magnificent building and will be one of the two main buildings in the whole group. The central part will be three stories high. You get a little hint of it in the birds-eye view in the brown colored pamphlet. As you see from the drawing, I am sending you of the recitation hall, they are going to be very nice looking buildings. I expect building #11 will be very fine because that central part being raised a story gives a very fine effect in larger, similar drawings which I have seen.

I do not know how much you feel that you can put into this Memorial. If it is \$50,000 and you want an entirely separate building, then I think we would probably better plan to have the Library where we have now building #10. If you desire, we might regard the upper half of the main building as distinctly the Library and perhaps endeavor to find funds elsewhere for the remaining \$40,000. Of course if you feel that in the course of three or four or five years you could compass it, the very finest thing to do would be to put up the whole of building #11. It would be understood that at first we could not fill it all with books but it would eventually be the great Library center of the University and would amply plan for the future growth. Of course I do

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not know just how far you would care to go, I only know that if I could compass such a thing and could put that building up to the memory of my father and mother, there is nothing I would rather do on this whole wonderful plan than to put up that building.

They are considering very seriously my coming to Southern California in January and if I do, we can talk over the whole matter then. As I said, we want to do the thing that will best fit in with the plans of the University. I do not know whether I have made it all clear in this letter, which I am writing a few moments before I have to go to the train, but I hope I have made our general attitude clear, which is simply one of desire to cooperate with you in the very best way so that you would be entirely satisfied with the carrying out of your heart's desire. Your earnest cooperation in this matter has been a great encouragement to me as I go forth on the difficult daily task.

Ever with warm regards to you and Mr. Pendleton,

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Berry Memorial Library  
E. Berry

Pasadena, California,  
February 10th. 1922.

Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
Vice-President, Peking University,  
Peking, China.

Dear Dr. Luce:

It is our purpose to contribute the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the construction of the Library Building of Peking University, to be known as the Thomas Berry and Janet Berry Memorial Library, - to continue a perpetual memorial to our father and mother, and for the advancement of higher learning throughout the Republic of China.

We cannot tell, at this time, the exact date when these funds will be available, this being contingent on certain sale transactions now in progress. We fully understand, however, the urgency of the building operations in Peking and shall do all in our power to make payment at as early a date as possible.

It is understood that we shall be consulted relative to the location and construction of the building.

Yours very sincerely,

Catharine Berry Puddleton  
Francis Berry Colby  
Elizabeth M. Berry  
Elizabeth M. Berry  
Executrix of the will of  
Martha C. Berry

(EW)  
(F.L.)

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Pendleton

Mrs. E. W..

September 12, 1923

Dear Mr. Stock:

Mr. Warner has arrived back quite enthusiastic about the situation there at Peking, and the outlook for the new buildings. As they have worked out their plans in detail, one of the most urgent buildings now is the library, and that, as you know, is dependent upon the selling of the old Pendleton homestead away out on Jefferson Avenue, in Detroit. Mrs. Pendleton has been spending the summer in Europe, and I am not quite sure when she will return. Of course, I think that Mrs. Pendleton would have at her command a sum sufficient to cover the library wholly apart from the selling of this homestead, but Mr. Pendleton drew up the paper in a very strict way, and at present the agreement reads that the amount will be forthcoming when that homestead is sold.

In order to hasten the possibility of building the library, would it not be right for us to suggest to Mrs. Pendleton that they borrow money on that property as collateral, and thus make it possible for the earlier building of the library? Would you, from your knowledge of real estate in Detroit, and possibly of that particular bit of property, think that we might wisely make this suggestion? I would appreciate a word from you giving your thought on the matter.

We have just cabled Dr. Stuart to return to help us in the fall campaign. We had a partial meeting of the Finance Committee yesterday, and we meet again tomorrow. When are you likely to be in New York.

Ever sincerely yours,

HWL/T

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September 12, 1923

Mrs. E. W. Pendleton  
c/o Berry Brothers Company  
211 Laib Street  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mrs. Pendleton:

Your letter from England was received and I forwarded it to Mrs. Luce. I am not quite sure whether she got it before sailing, or not. She was delayed five days in San Francisco by a fire on the boat she was to take, and had to change to the S/S President Lincoln. For two days, September 2nd and 3rd, as near as I could reckon when out of the city and away from printed schedules, I thought her boat was at Yokohama the very day of the earthquake. I now have news that her boat reached Shanghai with all on board safe. I rather think they were just leaving Kobe about the time of the earthquake. In all probability she is in Peking by this time.

I am not sure that you know that Emmavail has been appointed to Tainan. When Mrs. Luce sailed I think she was inclined not to set up housekeeping this winter, and she even entertained the thought of spending some time in Tainan, with Emmavail. A later letter from Emmavail says she thinks it would be best to open up a home in Peking, where Sheldon could spend week-ends, and where Mildred Miles and Marion Ferrin could stay. These girls are classmates of Emmavail's and are teaching in Yen Ching.

Mr. Franklin Warner, our most active trustee, has sailed from Peking, and bring enthusiastic word about the progress of the buildings. I think they have given up hope, however, of being able to get out in any event by the fall of 1924, as they hoped.

Our trustees feel that the securing of funds sufficient enough to carry out these plans is so urgent that we have just cabled Dr. Stuart to come home again to cooperate with us. We are now meeting from day to day, planning out our work, which will be very strenuous after a week or two.

I still hold to my plan that we have had in mind that I can leave

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Mrs. H. W. Fundleton ---2

The East by January 1st, going across the continent slowly, and picking up loose ends here and there. I hope I can sail the latter part of March.

I had a good month of July at Glenburnie on Lake George. Then I went up into Canada for a three weeks study of the life of Christ. Twenty-five of us devoted all our time to this one thing, and we really had a very wonderful time. I hope some day I can tell you about it. My vacation has been very helpful to me, and I feel in excellent trim for the heavy work which is before us.

I hope you have continued to have a good summer, and that you will let me know when you return, so that I may be able to see you at some point where our paths may cross. I am sending this letter in care of The Berry Brothers Company. I had intended to write you in England but in some way I mislaid your address, and so delayed until my arrival here.

Hoping to see you before long.

Ever with sincerest regards,

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September 15, 1923.

Miss Elizabeth M. Berry,  
350 Arlington Drive,  
Pasadena, California,

My dear Miss Perry:

I have been wondering of your most permanent address so that we could put it on our mailing list and make sure that you receive such literature as Peking University sends out from time to time. I am sending Mrs. Pendleton's mail, care of Perry Bros., Detroit.

As possibly you may know, Mrs. Luce has gone on to China ahead of me - partly because I was to be "on the road" all the time this fall and winter and partly because it was necessary to put our son, Sheldon, in the American school near Peking. I hope to be able to start for China sometime during the early part of next year.

In early September, we had several anxious days, for according to our reckoning when out of the city away from printed ship schedules, we thought of them as being at either Yokohama or Tokio on the very day of the earthquake. Happily, we have had later news that the boat has reached Shanghai in safety. You can imagine it brought us no little relief.

Am wondering where you are just now. It is my thought to leave the East here in very early January and take a trip along the coast from Pasadena northward, such as I took with Prof. William Hung a year ago next January. Mr. Hung has just now reached Peking and I know that there will be a great work there before him.

Mr. Warner has just returned from Peking with Mrs. Warner. He reports that he is delighted with the buildings which are now in process of erection and the preliminary plans of the library which will come to you in due time will look exceedingly attractive. I sent to Mrs. Pendleton, the other day, a report from our library committee which shows how central the library is even now in our little temporary quarters. It bids fair to be possible the most central building in all our group.

Hoping you are well, and looking forward to the possibility of seeing you when I am in Pasadena in January, believe me

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Berry Memorial  
Library

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E. Berry

December 8, 1923

Miss Elizabeth M. Berry  
330 Arlington Drive  
Pasadena, Cal.

My dear Miss Berry:

I was indeed glad to get your letter of October 21. Since I received it I have taken dinner and spent an enjoyable evening with Mr. and Mrs. Colby in their new apartment in Detroit. They were looking forward to the reunion you are to have at Christmas time in Pasadena. I expect to be in Chicago on Christmas and I am hoping our daughter, Elizabeth, who is a senior at Wellesley may be with me.

Directly after Christmas I am starting for the Pacific Coast to go over the ground covered by Mr. William Hung and me a year ago last January. I shall start in at Tacoma in early January and hope I may reach Pasadena in late January or the early part of February. Of course I shall look forward to the pleasure of seeing you at that time.

I return east for a rapid farewell visit here and there in the interest of the University, planning to sail on the President Cleveland April 3 from San Francisco. I do not think that Mrs. Luce will feel that I am really on the way until I land in Shanghai. I sincerely hope that some day you will come out to see us at Peking.

I was so sorry to hear that you missed Mrs. Luce at Honolulu. How glad she would have been to have seen you.

With all best wishes for the Christmas tide, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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Berry Memorial Library  
Colby

February 12, 1924.

Pekin University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have been talking with Dr. Luce about the pledge of \$50,000.00 which was made to the University for the special purpose of building a library in memory of my father, Thomas Berry. *and my Mother, Janet Berry.*

This pledge was made, as you will remember, by Mrs. Catharina B. Pendleton, Miss Elizabeth M. Berry, the estate of Martha C. Berry and myself, in equal amounts, and payment was to be made upon the sale of the old family residence in Detroit, Michigan. The property has not sold, but myself and my sisters feel that the work should not be longer delayed in Pekin, and I am ready to pay half of my share, amounting to \$6,250.00, any time that it may be needed this year, and the remaining half of my share, amounting to \$6,250.00, as soon as it may be needed after the 1st of January, 1925.

I feel quite sure that my sisters are, or will take, similar action, though Mrs. Pendleton is in Europe and it will take several weeks to correspond with her on the subject. As soon as things are definitely settled by the four donors, and you have your plans sufficiently advanced for the erection of this building, please advise me and my share of the fund will be forthcoming.

With all good wishes for the completion of this wonderful work, I am

Most sincerely,

Francis Berry Colby

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Feb. 14, 1924

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Elig. M. Berry  
330 Arlington Drive, Altamonte  
Pasadena, Calif.  
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Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

My dear Dr. Luce, -

Instead of  
waiting longer for the  
sale of our home, when  
it was my intention  
of writing with my  
wishes in supplying  
\$50,000.00 for the erection  
of the library building

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of Peking University,  
to be known as the  
Thomas Berry and  
Janet Berry Memorial  
Library. I am plan-  
ning to make <sup>in</sup> two pay-  
ments of my share of  
the pledge.

On or about July  
first I will give  
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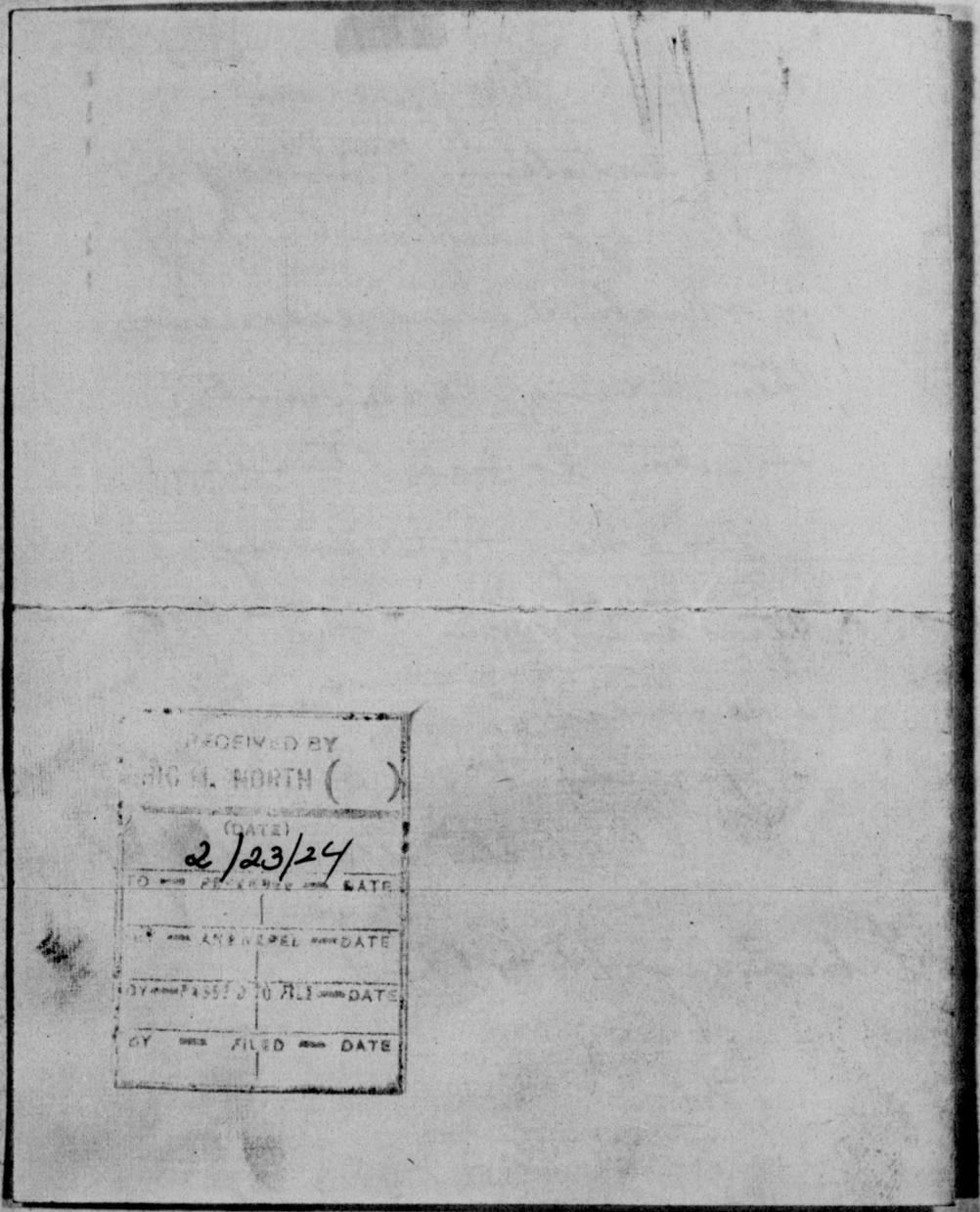
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ning to pay from  
the ~~estate~~ of my  
sister Martha C. Perry,  
of which I am executrix,  
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Wishing you every  
success in your work,  
I remain,

Yours very sincerely,  
Elizabeth M. Perry.

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1924.



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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA  
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Colby  
July 16/24

Dear Eric:

I send the enclosed letters directly to you as you will know how to deal with them more promptly than anyone else.

You will see that in Miss Birry's note to me reference is made to what she plans to do with the share from her deceased sister's estate. I have every reason to believe that Mrs Colby & Mrs Puddledton will do the same.

As the next step is to have plans drawn up on that basis

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

CORRESPONDENCE TABLES

lay claim to these payments?  
If we had actual plans, -  
I think that would hasten  
the payment of the whole  
sum.

I am planning to reach  
Chicago (70 Hamilton Club  
Dorborn St) on Friday  
next.

I am glad I am nearing  
the end of my "suit-case life."  
But it is a glorious task,  
isn't it? ~~And~~ things do seem to  
be moving. I think I have  
"collected" a W.B. legacy for  
Peking for \$25000.

Hope I may see you in  
N.Y. within two or three weeks  
Ever . . . Harry Wheeler

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
PASADENA, CALIFORNIA  
CORRESPONDENCE TABLE

My dear Sir,  
I have just received your letter  
of the 20th and am glad to hear  
that you are still in Pasadena.

I am planning to track  
down the location of the  
YMCA (No. 1000) in  
Pasadena (CA) on Friday  
next.

I am glad to hear  
that you are still in Pasadena  
and hope to see you soon.

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HAMILTON CLUB  
OF CHICAGO  
18 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET

Berry Memorial Library  
Chicago Ill.  
Colby

Feb report

2-14-24 from E. Berry  
2-12-24 " Mrs. Colby

Dear Eric:

The two letters I sent to you & which were given me by Miss Perry, were (as you may have noted) signed by Mrs Colby & also by Miss Perry for herself & deceased sister's estate.

This makes a definite <sup>time for</sup> pledge of 3/4 of the amount to be paid, & there is no doubt that Mrs Cavalletta will agree to her part. She is in England now & it will take a few weeks to hear from her.

Have just arrived here and am just getting my bearings preparatory to the next flight!

Ever sincerely  
H. H. H.

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Berry Memorial Library  
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VERMONT,  
Jadworth WALTON-ON-HILL,  
SURREY.

February 26.  
1924.

My dear Dr. Luce:

I wish to give one  
half of my pledge to Peking  
University this year and  
followed by the second half  
during the year 1925 and am  
instructing my agent in  
Detroit, The Detroit Trust Co.,  
to forward the same to  
New York. My pledge is one  
fourth of the \$5000 for the  
erection of the Library given  
by my sisters and myself.  
Yours very sincerely,  
Catharina B. Puddleton.

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*Berry Memorial Library  
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MEMO FOR L. B. MOSS  
SUBJECT Library plans

DATE 2/26/24

I attach herewith certain important letters which Dr. Luce has sent to me. We should promptly get together the existing plans for the library, and confer with Stewart when he arrives here as to the desirability of our accepting those plans and going forward with the matter. If we can say to the ladies that the plans are ready, and that we shall be ready to break ground and begin the construction just as soon as the funds are received from them, if not a little before, I think we can cheer up Mr. Gibb by getting another building under way at once, or at any rate within a short time. We probably should wait until we hear from Mrs. Pendleton. Dr. Luce will know whether we ought to write Mrs. Pendleton, or whether Mrs. Colby or Miss Berry is going to take it up with her.

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Berry Memorial Library  
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VERMONT,  
WALTON-ON-HILL,  
SURREY.

May 15, 1924.

Mr. Eric M. North,  
Secretary Peking University,  
My dear Mr. North:

I had previously  
received a duplication  
of three letters and enclosures  
of some number of Peking  
News and today's mail  
brings yet another. As  
the money for this splen-  
did enterprise has been  
so hard to raise, and since  
we used to be taught that  
"a penny saved is a penny

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made" I am venturing to  
call your attention to the  
unnecessary duplication,  
for it is hardly likely that  
mine is the only case of  
the kind. Mrs. Edw. W.,  
E. W. and Catharina Pen-  
dleton 211 Leis St. Detroit  
and 12 Westmoreland Place,  
Pasadena, are one and  
the same. Kindly send  
one copy in the future  
and address Mrs. Edw.  
W. Pendleton, 211 Leis  
Street, Detroit, Michigan.

Yours very sincerely,  
Catharina B. Pendleton.  
(Mrs. Edw. W.)

Berry Memorial Library  
E. Berry

June 11, 1924

Dear Miss Berry:

You will be interested to know that the architect has nearly finished the plans for the library which you and your sisters are so generously contributing to the University. We hope that these plans will be given their final drawing within the next two or three weeks and I will forward a copy of these to you at once. We want them to meet your approval and I am sure they will. I will write about them in detail, of course, when I see them.

Very sincerely yours

Executive Secretary

Miss Elizabeth W. Berry  
380 Arlington Drive  
Pasadena, Calif.

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Berry Memorial Library  
Colby

June 11, 1924

Dear Mrs. Colby:

You will be interested to know that the architect has nearly finished the plans for the library, which you and your sisters are so generously contributing to the University. We hope that these plans will be given their final drawing within the next two or three weeks and I will forward a copy of these to you at once. We want them to meet your approval and I am sure they will. I will write about them in detail, of course, when I see them.

Very sincerely yours

Executive Secretary

Mrs. F. L. Colby  
211 Lieb Street  
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211 LIEB STREET

DETROIT, MICH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HOUSE

June 18, 1924.

Pekin University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City.

Gentlemen: -

On February 12th, I wrote you from Pasadena,  
as follows, but have never had a reply:

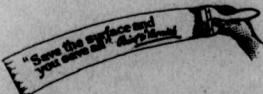
"I have been talking with Dr. Luce about the pledge of \$50,000.00  
which was made to the University for the special purpose of  
building a library in memory of my father, Thomas Berry, and my  
Mother, Janet Berry.

This pledge was made, as you will remember, by Mrs. Catherina  
B. Pendleton, Miss Elizabeth M. Berry, the estate of Martha C.  
Berry and myself, in equal amounts, and payment was to be made  
upon the sale of the old family residence in Detroit, Michigan.  
The property has not been sold, but myself and sisters feel that  
the work should not be longer delayed in Pekin, and I am ready to  
pay half of my share, amounting to \$6,250.00, any time that it  
may be needed this year, and the remaining half of my share,  
amounting to \$6,250.00, as soon as it may be needed after the  
1st of January, 1925.

I feel quite sure that my sisters are, or will take, similar  
action, though Mrs. Pendleton is in Europe and it will take several  
weeks to correspond with her on the subject. As soon as things are  
definitely settled by the four donors, and you have your plans  
sufficiently advanced for the erection of this building, please  
advise me and my share of the fund will be forthcoming.

With all good wishes for the completion of this wonderful work, I  
am"

Will you kindly advise me how soon you will  
need the funds covered by my subscription, as it is quite probable  
now that the whole amount of \$12,500.00, which is my share of the  
\$50,000.00 subscribed, will be paid within the next two or three  
months.



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Sheet No. 2.

Pekin University, New York City.

Awaiting your reply with interest, I am

Yours truly,

MRS. FRANCES BERRY COLBY  
DETROIT, MICH.

*Frances Berry Colby*

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Berry Memorial Library  
Colby

June 21, 1924

Dear Mrs. Colby:

I am sorry that I had not yet come to the office here when you wrote from Pasadena on February 12, concerning your conversation with Dr. Luce. I assure you that always in the future you will receive a prompt reply either to letters or questions for information.

I wrote to Mrs. Pendleton on the 11th of June, mailing the letter to 211 Lieb Street, but probably the letters were forwarded directly on to Europe. I told her in that letter that the architect's plans for the library are very nearly finished. I hope these may be finished within the next week or two and then I want to send a copy to you and your sisters. It looks to us as though the building will be a very beautiful one and one which you will be happy to have stand as a memorial to your father and mother.

We should be glad to have the 1924 payments made at any time now that it is convenient for you to do so. In our own records we rather hope the payments might be made on or before the 30th of June. This then will enable us to carry on the work on the library directly through the use of the funds which you and your sisters provide, rather than drawing upon our reserves and refunding to them later.

If it is convenient for you to pay the entire amount of \$12500.00 within the next two or three months that would be a very large help to us as we are, of course, conserving our funds with the greatest care.

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I was in Kansas City two days during the middle of this week, helping to secure the salary for the next three years for a man who will be in our Department of Journalism. While there I met a prominent business man who had just returned from a trip around the world. He happened to attend a club luncheon at which I spoke, at the close of which he came to me and said, " Peking University is the most striking piece of educational work I saw on my trip around the world. The campus site is finer than anything I have ever seen anywhere. It is the most forward-looking piece of Christian educational work I have ever come in contact with."

I am wondering whether you plan to remain in Detroit throughout the summer. I hope I may have the privilege of calling on you either there or at your place of residence during the summer, or in the early fall.

With very cordial regards,

Sincerely yours

Executive Secretary

Mrs. Frances Berry Colby  
211 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Michigan

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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HOUSE

June 27, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Sec'y,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

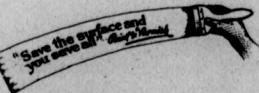
Your letter of the 21st., addressed to Mrs. Colby, is at hand. If things turn out as I expect, it will be possible for Mrs. Colby to pay her whole subscription of \$12,500.00 early in July but unless the whole amount is needed within the next six months, I think it would be decidedly better for her to pay \$6,250.00 in July and the balance in January of next year. This would be more help to her than otherwise in making up her Income Tax for next year. I feel quite sure she will be guided carefully by your actual requirement. Please let me hear from you.

Mrs. Colby expects to be Detroit most of the summer but will undoubtedly be absent for three weeks following July 30th. If you are in the city during the summer, she will, of course, be glad to see you.

Yours truly,

*F. L. Colby*

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Berry Memorial  
F. L. Colby

June 30, 1924

F. L. Colby  
211 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr. Colby:

We will, of course, be glad to follow the suggestion which you make in regard to Mrs. Colby making one payment of \$6,250.00 in July and the balance in January 1925.

Dr. Stuart cabled a few days ago that the rate of exchange was very favorable and he wished to draw a considerable amount of gold immediately and exchange it for Chinese money. He felt that in doing this he would be able to save a considerable amount. We will take the matter up at a special meeting of the Finance Committee tomorrow, but if the Finance Committee feels that this is a wise course, I am quite sure that the way can be provided to accomplish this result.

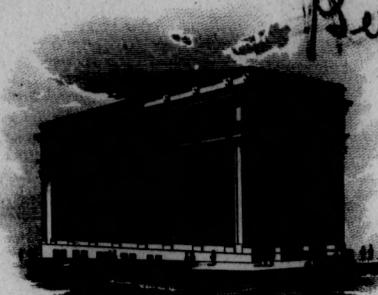
I am interested to know that Mrs. Colby expects to be in Detroit for a considerable portion of the summer and in the early fall. I do not know just when I will be there again, but I will get into touch with you when I do come. I shall look forward to the privilege of meeting her and yourself.

Very sincerely yours

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Trust #1848

DETROIT, MICHIGAN July 1, 1924

Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Our client, Miss Elizabeth M. Berry, has instructed us to remit to you the sum of \$6250.00, as a gift from her for the Peking Memorial Library, and a like sum as a gift in behalf of her deceased sister, Martha C. Berry.

We enclose you herewith our check for \$12,500.00. Will you kindly sign and return to us the enclosed vouchers?

We have instructions to send, on July 1, 1925, similar remittances, so that Miss Berry's entire subscription in behalf of herself and sister will be \$25,000.00.

If you desire to communicate with Miss Berry, kindly send the letter to us and we will forward it to her.

Yours very truly,

*C. E. Hilton*  
Secretary.

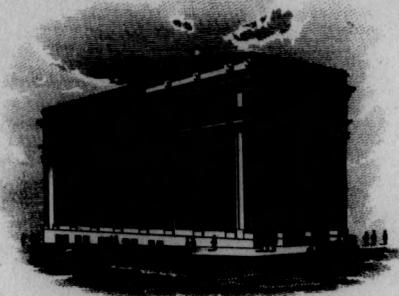
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# DETROIT TRUST COMPANY

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Trust #2333

DETROIT, MICHIGAN July 1, 1924

Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

We have been instructed by our client, Mrs. Catharina Berry Pendleton to send you check for \$6250.00, representing one-half of a gift she desires to make to the Peking Memorial Library. We enclose you herewith our check for that amount. Will you kindly sign and return to us the enclosed voucher?

We have instructions to send a like amount on July 1, 1925.

If you desire to communicate with Mrs. Pendleton, please send the letter to us and we will forward it to her.

Yours respectfully,

*C. E. Hilton*  
Secretary.

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July 5, 1924

Detroit Trust Company  
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Attention C.E.Hilton, Secretary  
Trust numbers 1848  
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Gentlemen:

We appreciate very much your letter of July 1, 1924, enclosing the check for \$12,500.00 and one check for \$6,250.00, being the gifts of Miss Elizabeth M. Berry in behalf of her and her deceased sister, Martha C. Berry, and the gift of Mrs. Catharina Berry Pendleton. These gifts, as you say, apply on the total amount being given by the sisters for a Memorial Library at Peking University.

I am writing Miss Berry and Mrs. Pendleton today, and will send the letters to you and will ask that you forward these letters as you suggest.

With cordial appreciation,

Yours very truly

Executive Secretary

(Enclosure)

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VERMONT,  
WALTON-ON-HILL,  
SURREY.

July 7, 1924.

My dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter, with  
enclosure is much  
appreciated. I shall  
anticipate, with pleasure  
and much interest, the  
arrival of the blue prints

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of the place of the library.  
They will be mailed to me  
here? I have been in  
England for the past  
year and had the  
pleasure of a visit with  
Dr. Stuart during his  
brief stay in Britain.  
I first knew him and  
his family in Peking  
five years ago.

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How happy both he and  
Dr. Luce are to be there  
again.

Hoping that I may have  
the pleasure of meeting  
you when I return to  
America.

Sincerely yours,

Catharina B. Pudditt

(Mrs. Edw. W.)

Wotton, Wotton on the Hill  
Surrey, England.

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DETROIT, MICH.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HOUSE

July 10, 1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis,  
Pekin University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis: -

Funds have come in from which Mrs. Colby can take care of the first half of her subscription for the Memorial Library in Pekin, and I am glad to enclose her check herewith in the form of \$6,250.00. A like amount will be due you early in January, 1925, that completing her subscription in full.

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I am quite sure Mrs. Colby will be delighted to see the finished plans when they are ready for her inspection.

Yours very sincerely,

*J. L. Colby.*

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Berry Memorial Library  
Colby

August 1st,  
1924.

Dear Mrs. Colby:

I am delighted to be able to send now by registered mail and under separate cover a copy of the blueprints for the memorial library which you and your sister are so generously providing at Peking. I have also had our architect draw to scale a small perspective of the building and to color it according to the specification, in order that we might see just how the building will look when it is all completed.

We here are pleased with the way the whole plan works out. It means for the University, not only an exceedingly useful center for the scholastic life of the University, which so dominantly bulks in the thought of the Chinese, but it also will become a building of beauty and an enduring tribute, worthy of the memories which will cluster about it.

I have sent a duplicate of these plans and this drawing to Mrs. Pondleton in England. We, of course, have other copies of the blueprints and I had the sketch photographed so that we can use it for our own records here in the office. Please keep the plans and the sketch for your own records.

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I had expected to go out to the middle west, before this during the summer, but have been compelled to remain in New York by the pressure of work here. It is barely possible that I will be able to get out there before the first of September, but if not, I shall look forward to the pleasure of seeing you in the early fall when I shall be in Detroit.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. F. L. Colby  
244 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Michigan

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Berry Sisters

Berry Memorial Lib.  
Pendleton

August 1st,  
1924.

Dear Mrs. Pendleton:

The architect, Mr. Murphy, has finally completed the plans for the library building, together with a little sketch which I asked him to make according to scale to show exactly how the building will appear, when it is finally erected, in connection with the rest of the group of buildings on the new campus. I am sending to you a copy of the blueprints, and also this sketch. Please keep these for your own files as we have duplicates of the blue prints here and I have had a photograph made of the sketch for use in this office.

Mr. Murphy was so delighted with the final appearance of the building after the coloring was brought out that he wanted to frame the picture and keep it in his own office. I told him, however, that you might want to do just this thing, as becomes a really beautiful building. I hope you are as delighted with the way it works out and its appearance as we are here.

I am sending to Mrs. Colby a duplicate of what I am sending to you.

I shall look forward to your return to America when I hope I may have the privilege of meeting you.

We are getting out a pictorial number of Peking News this month and I am sure you will enjoy it as it will show more exactly just how the new buildings are beginning to look as they are constructed on the new campus.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Edward W. Pendleton  
Vermont, Walton-on-Hill  
Surrey, England

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SURREY.

August 18.

Dear Mr. Lewis: 1924

Your letter, and  
later the enclosures,  
have been received  
with much pleasure.  
It was most interesting  
to go over the blue prints.  
And the delightful  
sketch of the Building

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makes me more eager  
than ever to see the con-  
summation of the plans.  
I hope I may later.

I am just in receipt  
of letters from the fam-  
ily of President Stuart  
and from Mrs. Luce,  
so feel quite in touch, at  
the moment, with Peking.  
It is so lovely that John

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Stuart is with his parents  
and grandmother this sum-  
mer and they are so appreci-  
ative of its having been made  
possible.

Thanking you for the kind  
thoughtfulness which has  
enabled me to visualize the  
long dreamed of Memorial  
Library at Peking.

Yours very sincerely,

Catharine B. Puffer.

(Mrs. Edw. W.)

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Berry Memorial Fibra  
Pendleton

August 29, 1924

Dear Mrs. Pendleton:

I am grateful for your kind note and will look forward to the very great pleasure of meeting you when you return to America.

We too are very happy that John can be with President and Mrs. Stuart this summer. What keen pleasure must come to one for having made this possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Colby were in town a week ago to meet Edward on his return from Europe. I did not know they were coming in town or I would have called on them. However, they very kindly stopped in the office for a few minutes and we had a delightful chat together.

You will receive the next number of the "Peking News" within a few days upon the arrival of this letter.

With warm regards,

Sincerely yours

Mrs. Catharine B. Pendleton  
Vernon, Walton-on-Hill  
Surrey, England

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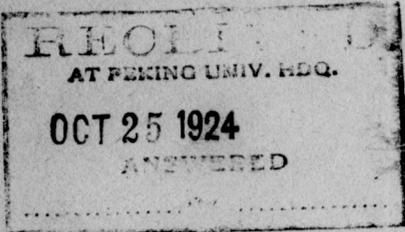
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*Berry Memorial Library  
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October 24, 1924.

Pekin University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Sirs: -

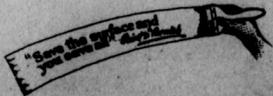
As you know, Mrs. Colby and her sister, Miss Berry, are leaving early in January for a "Round the World" trip. Prior to their leaving, they had anticipated making the final payment on their pledge to the Pekin University, but it has occurred to me that owing to troublesome conditions over there, work may not be progressing as you had anticipated, and if so funds may not be needed at the time you anticipated. I do not see any need of making payments and letting the funds lie idle in the bank, and I'd like to have you reply frankly as to whether you will require the funds before the middle of the summer. If not, I should say that payment might just as well be delayed a few months.

I await your reply with interest.

Yours truly,

*J. L. Colby*  
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Colby  
October 31, 1924

Mr. F. L. Colby  
Berry Brothers  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr Colby:

I have just returned from a rather extended trip in the Southwest and find your letter of October 24th awaiting me.

I know that the building of the Library has been going on quite rapidly during the late summer, and so far I have been advised that to date there has been no delay because of the unsettled political conditions in north China. From letters received within the last week, we had two or three day's delay in getting through a load of freight but this was corrected and aside from a slight inconvenience we were not put out at all. If matters go along as they have been going up to the present day, we probably will need to draw on the balance of Library funds shortly after January 1st in order that the building may be completed for occupancy in September 1925. However, I will take this matter up at once with the Building Committee here in New York and write you again on Monday or Tuesday.

A letter just received from President Stuart states, "I cannot overemphasize the absolute importance of our moving to the new site in September of next year. We cannot possibly continue in our present quarters."

As you know, for the last two years we have had to refuse three-fourths of the students applying for entrance to the Freshman Class. This fall the demands have been so great that we did let our enrollment go to 430 men and 100 girls with about twenty or thirty more whom we had to allow to come back. We have a teaching staff now of 96, with 30 more professors engaged for part time teaching.

Our faculty includes Chinese, American, English, Scotch, Canadian, and Swiss professors serving full time, while our part time professors include not only leading Chinese, but also at least one Russian and perhaps more. It is truly an extraordinarily international university.

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I anticipate that Mrs. Colby and Mrs. Berry will  
have a delightful and fascinating trip around the world.

Very sincerely yours,

J. H. Lewis

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Berry Memorial Library  
Mrs Pendleton is suggesting  
putting in a Classical Section in Library  
in memory of her husband. This letter

Bromat  
Waller-on-the-Hill  
Surrey, England.

Peking.  
December 1, 1924.

My dear Mrs. <sup>Sw</sup> Pendleton:

We are reminded that the out-going mails must carry any Christmas greetings we have in our hearts to send and you can be sure that Mrs. Luce and I have them in our hearts to send to you. I imagine you will still be in England at the Christmas Tide.

We had the wettest season in thirty years last summer with all sorts of rains and floods, but the fall has been almost perfect up to the present moment. The building operations have been going on nicely on the new site and the land is all cleared for the Berry Library. The plans are at hand and the building will be going up as soon as spring opens. I imagine this will be sometime in March. The Library Committee is taking tremendous interest in all the details of the library. We now have a fine Chinese who is thoroughly trained in modern library methods as the head librarian. When I see how constantly the students use the little, inadequate, cramped library we have now, I see in it an earnest need for the larger library.

We are now giving considerable thought as to how we can supply it properly with books. The Library Committee hailed with delight your suggestion about having the Pendleton Classical Section. We shall send you later more details about that, but their present plan is to place it in a prominent place on the south side near the east end of the library. Their thought is to use the word classical in its broadest sense, not only to include the Latin and Greek Classics, but also the Chinese Classics. In due time when the matter is shaped up in your mind we should be glad to know your thought as to the amount of the investment you would like to make in this exceedingly important part of our work. Indeed now that you have the Berry Memorial Library, I think nothing could be finer or more important than to put your major interest and strength into its endowment. We would like to make it one of the great libraries in China where students and scholars of many centers would come to it as a great center. This can be done only in two ways: First, by having a well ordered library, which is now well within our power; and second, by having in our library books that will attract. There is nothing the Chinese are more keen about than books. They put into their books a larger proportion of their own funds than is true of us Westerners. If we can stock the library adequately, I see no reason but that in due time it would be the central building in point of usefulness on our whole campus.

I hope that our Executive Secretary (Mr. J. H. Lewis, Peking University, 156 Fifth Avenue) has sent you a drawing of the Berry Memorial Library. It is certainly very beautiful and the drawing is not as beautiful as will be the reality for we now have Sage Recitation Hall fully completed as to the outside and it is certainly a thing of beauty.

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The Library will be quite as beautiful.

I feel gratified that you have chosen the library for your building for I am sure for a like amount, there never will be another such prominent building built on all the University site.

We are enjoying having Emmavail and her husband with us this fall and winter. Our daughter, Elizabeth, has gone into Social Work in the East Side House, 540 East 76th Street, New York City. If you are ever passing through New York City, I hope you may see her. This summer she was off at a summer camp with a lot of East Side urchins and seems to have developed a passion for that sort of work. We should have liked to have had her continue her studies along sociological and religious lines in Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, but she finally made her choice for East Side House. The news magazine, TIME, of which our lad, Harry, is one of the two progenitors seems to be getting along well and meeting with ever widening favor. Our lad, Sheldon, is attending the American School at Tung Chow, fourteen miles east of here, and we are now in the midst of trying to decide whether he should take his last two years of high-school here or in America. As he spends his week-ends with us his mother is rather favoring keeping him here.

As I said I am not sure just where you will be at Christmas-tide but wherever you are there will be hearts in Peking thinking of you.

Ever most sincerely your friend,



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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE HOUSE

December 8,

1924.

Mr. James H. Lewis,  
Executive Secretary,  
Peking University,  
156 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

On October 31st, you wrote me relative to payment of final pledges to Peking University, and your letter was rather indefinite. But you did state, in the second paragraph, that you would write me again on Monday or Tuesday of the following week. I have not received the promised communication.

If I do not hear from you this month, I shall arrange with Mr. Charles Hilton, of the Detroit Trust Company, to hold the amounts in question, until especially needed by you, when they may be forwarded to your New York Office. I can't see any particular need of letting the money lie idle until it is needed.

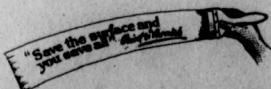
Yours very truly,

*F. L. Colby*

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BERRY Memorial Library  
Colby

December 11, 1924

Mr. F. L. Colby  
Berry Brothers  
211 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Colby:

I have gone over very carefully with Dr. North, the Assistant Treasurer of the University, the expenditures thus far on the Library Building together with the drafts which we have reason to expect before the Chinese New Year. I believe you are familiar with the fact that the Chinese New Year comes the latter part of January and it is the one time of the year when the Chinese all straighten their accounts and pay all their debts. Because of this fact prices drop very decidedly in a period of liquidation, though immediately after the resumption of business in the New Year prices rise again for the longer pull. It is for this reason that we have been advised by the field that they will draw on us very heavily for the purchase of materials within the next thirty days, even though such materials may not be used in construction until March or April.

The books here show that already we have paid out to date \$8,900.00 and we have been advised that there is an additional \$15,000.00 or \$20,000.00 which they have already drawn against us in the purchase of steel, cement and other building materials as well as the labor costs in the construction of the foundations. The exact amount of this latter figure we will not know for two or three weeks, or perhaps for a month, as the distribution figures are now on their way to us by mail.

I quite assure you that the funds will not lie idle here but will be in constant use.

I expect to be in Detroit next Tuesday and will call at your office some time during the forenoon, probably in the latter part of it.

Very sincerely yours

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New York City.  
23rd Dec. 1924.

re: PEKING UNIVERSITY.

Miss Elizabeth M. Berry,  
c/o F.L. Selby, 211 Lieb St.,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Miss Berry:-

At the request of Mr. James H. Lewis, of the New York office of Peking University, we sent you by first-class mail on 23rd Dec., a package containing a water color rendering of our perspective drawing of the new Berry Memorial Library Building now under construction at Peking University.

Very truly yours,

HENRY KILLAM MURPHY.

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BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
Colby

December 31, 1924

Mr F. S. Colby  
211 Lieb St.  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr Colby:

I am sorry to report that engagements which have been hanging fire, dependent upon other groups of persons, have now so crystalized as to require me to be in the West when you and Mrs Colby are to be in New York preparatory to sailing on the Franconia.

I hope that if there is anything which our office can do to smooth the preparations you will call upon us to do it. Either Miss Sillman or Miss Wills will be glad to do anything you may ask

I am enclosing in this letter a little information sheet about Peking in which you will be interested. We plan to secure the passenger list two or three days in advance of sailing and to mail a copy of this to each person or family going on the boat.

You might be interested to know that I was invited to go on a cruise as general lecturer and chaplin and was terribly sorry to have to turn it down.

A cable received this week from Peking indicates the possibility of Dr Luce coming back to America to help complete the campaign for some of the buildings in which he has a very important personal share, and also to help insure our budget income, as we move out to the new site next fall.

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I know he will not want to come but at the same time he has made sacrifices all his life and the cable indicates his appreciation of the need and his willingness to respond. If he comes, it will mean that he will miss you in Peking, but Dr Stuart will know of your coming long in advance and I am sure that he will do everything possible to make your stay there not only profitable but delightful.

With warm personal regards and greetings for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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The Whittier  
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Berry Memorial Library  
E. Berry

Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1924.  
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Mr. James H. Lewis,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Lewis, - I was much delighted to receive the water color of the Berry Memorial Building, which you so kindly sent to me this Christmas season. When with my sister Mrs. Colby, last fall, I saw and admired hers and did wish that I had one out in California, where I am living. I have come East to spend the holidays, and in two weeks will start with our little family party, on a

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The Whittier

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Cruise around the world, and one of the places I am most anticipating seeing is Peking, and the friends and all that there is to see of the new University buildings.

I am sorry not to be able to contribute to the Mechanical, Equipment and Expense Fund, but besides the Memorial Building I am helping carry another big project, and my regular objects cannot be neglected.

Thanking you and with all good wishes for the Happy New Year, I remain,  
Yours very truly,  
Elizabeth M. Perry.

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DETROIT, MICH. January 6, 1925.

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Mr. Jas. H. Lewis,  
Executive Secretary,  
Peking University,  
150 - 5th Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I regret to learn that we shall not be able to see you when we are in New York from the 19th to the 22nd. We are also sorry to learn that we shall not see Dr. Luce in Peking when we are there. By the way, I am awfully glad that I haven't his job.

I am enclosing Mrs. Colby's check for \$6,250.00, being one-half of her share of her total subscription towards the building of the Memorial Building at the University. Check is made out payable to the treasurer of said university.

If you have not already received the remaining subscriptions from the other members of the family, you should take the matter up with Mr. Charles Hilton, Sec'y. of the Detroit Trust Company, as he is handling the personal accounts of the other ladies and of the Estate of Margaret Berry.

Our kindest personal regards and well wishes.

Very sincerely,

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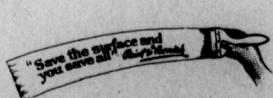
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BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
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January 8, 1925

Mr F. L. Colby  
211 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Mr Colby:

I am glad that I delayed my trip one day because otherwise I would not have received your cordial letter of January 6th until after you had sailed. I am leaving this afternoon to be gone until about the first of February.

I am very grateful to you for your check for \$6250, being the payment in full of Mrs Colby's share, and I am writing to Mr Charles Hilton as you suggest.

I do not blame you for not wishing to exchange work with Dr Luce. Surely this business of going up and down the world seeking friends for Peking or any other enterprise is not a task to be coveted. It is a lonesome business, as it makes hotels and trains one's dwelling places rather than one's home and intimate friends. There are however, two compensations; the first is the worthwhileness in service of the enterprise, and the other is the pleasure of making the acquaintance of friends like yourself and Mrs Colby and her sisters.

I wish you every happiness and comfort on the trip you are undertaking, and I know you will find in it a great deal of information and enjoyment.

With most cordial regards  
to Mrs Colby and yourself,

Very sincerely yours,

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January 8, 1925

Charles Hilton, Secretary  
Detroit Trust Company  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hilton:

I have just received from Mr. Colby this morning Mrs. Colby's check for payment in full toward the pledge of Mrs. Colby and her sisters for the Memorial Library at Peking University, and in Mr. Colby's letter to me he suggested that I write you a note concerning the final payment from the estate of Martha Berry and from Miss Elizabeth Berry's and Mrs. Pendleton's funds.

We are being drawn upon from Peking for these funds and so if it is convenient for you to send a check, it will be very greatly appreciated.

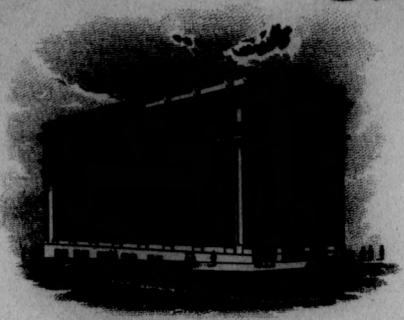
With best wishes of the New Year,

Sincerely yours

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Mr. James H. Lewis,  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:-

We have your letter of January 8th, with reference to final payment of the subscriptions made to the Memorial Library Fund at Peking University by Miss Elizabeth M. Berry, Mrs. Catharina B. Pendleton and the Estate of Martha C. Berry.

If the moneys have not already gone forward, the checks will be sent at once. I think I gave instructions that the remittance should be made on or about the 15th of January.

Yours very truly,

*C. E. Hilton*  
Secretary.

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Jan. 22, 25.

My dear Mr. Lewis,-

The beautiful  
flowers that came to me  
were most opportune, as  
I went to bed upon ar-  
rival, and have only  
gotten up to take the  
boat this morn. Only  
a bronchial cold, which  
I did not have time to  
nurse before leaving, and

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which I hope to leave  
behind me.

The flowers  
have kept so beautifully,  
I am taking them  
along, so we can all  
continue to enjoy them.

As are some you  
did not see your way  
to joining the party &  
lectures, but for your  
wifes sake I am glad,  
as I know what it  
is to have full respon-  
sibility of little ones.

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With kindest regards, and  
many thanks from us both,  
most sincerely  
Frances Bury Colby.

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*Perry*  
*E. Berry*

January 29, 1925

Charles E. Hilton, Secretary  
Detroit Trust Company  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hilton:

I am very grateful for your note of the 10th in regard to Trust #1848. I have just this day returned from an extended trip in the middle west and I am told that your checks arrived here at the office on the 19th and were receipted for in due form.

Cordially yours

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BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
Colby

April 1, 1925

Mr F. L. Colby  
211 Leib St.  
Detroit, Mich.

My dear Mr Colby:

I know that you are on the Franconia with Mrs Colby and Miss Berry, but I am addressing this letter on the envelope in such a way that it will be opened by your assistant at the office.

There is to be a special exhibition of architectural drawings here in New York for the next month at the Grand Central Palace, and it is a national affair. Our architect, Mr H. K. Murphy, is very desirous of exhibiting his perspective of the Berry Memorial Library for Peking University. Unfortunately, there were only three perspectives made in color; one of these is in the hands of Mrs Pendleton, one in the hands of yourself and Mrs Colby and the third in the hands of Miss Elizabeth Berry.

Your party is now abroad but I am hoping that your assistant may have some way of securing temporarily one of the renderings of the Library which is in your possession in Detroit. If he can secure it and forward it at once, express collect to H. K. Murphy, 22nd floor, Pershing Sq. Bldg., 42nd St., New York City, we shall be exceedingly grateful and will return it within six weeks. We feel that the exhibition will be rather worthwhile from the standpoint of advertising for the University, and it is because of this that I am making bold to ask for this loan.

Very sincerely yours,

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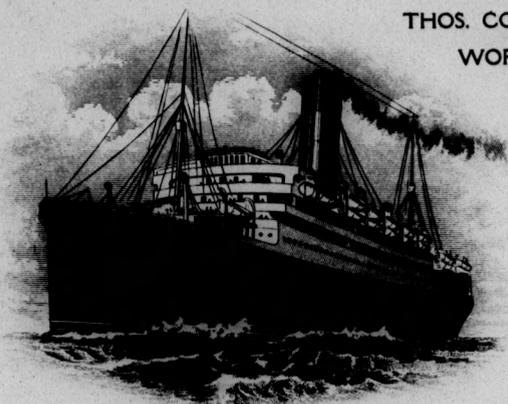
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CUNARD R.M.S. "FRANCONIA".

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Stuart,

Our  
visit to Peking was a  
joy and your kindness  
added so much to our  
pleasure.

You made possible for  
us to lunch with Dr.  
You, which was one of  
the most interesting ex-  
periences of our trip.

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He also enjoyed so  
much being with you  
in your home. My  
only regret was, that ~~the~~  
time was so limited. He  
could not again visit  
the University with you.  
However if all goes well,  
that will be a pleasure  
deferred, for I do hope  
to come back for the  
dedication.

If you come to Southern  
California, I hope you  
will consider my home  
330 Arlington Drive,  
Pasadena, Your host.

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quarters - Perry Mem. Library  
E. Perry  
Thanking you for all  
your kindness, believe  
me,

Very sincerely yours,

Elizabeth M. Perry.

April 16<sup>th</sup> 1925.

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DETROIT, MICH.

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Dr. Henry Luce,  
Peking University,  
150-5th Ave.,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Luce:-

The world trip is over and we are back safe and sound after the most interesting experiences, not the least of which was our visit in Peking and the family dinner with your own family there- our only regret being that you were not a member of the little gathering.

I was about half sick for eight weeks- probably the result of bad water or bad food in India and I did not feel like doing a lot of things that the others did. Consequently the view of the Peking University Buildings was only had by the ladies of the party while I rested at the Hotel. I think Dr. Stuart was hurt because of my absence but I only did what I thought best.

Progress has evidently been much slower than you anticipated and hoped and has brought heavy burdens on your shoulders which I wish you did not have to bear. It is not nice for either you, or your family.

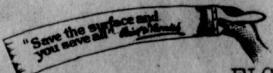
I often felt that if the Peking University could have had a representative on the world tour it might have paid good dividends. There were frequent missionary meetings and fifty to seventy five people on the ship seemed decidedly interested in such subjects. Among them was John L. Iglehart of Evansville, Ind. He is a splendid man; is interested in philanthropic and religious work and I had his permission before we left the ship for you to write him on the subject of the Peking University but I told him you would not call upon him without his permission, so please be governed accordingly. I think a friendly letter telling him something about your hopes and aspirations and also about the needs would be an opening wedge. Thereafter you would have to be governed by your usual good sense. I do not believe he is a man to be forced. ✓

Our kindest regards to Mr. Lewis and to you too.

Most Sincerely

*F. L. Berry*

*See comes later with the 71 Coly*



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Peking University,  
150-5th Ave.,  
New York City.

Attention Mr. James H. Lewis.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

The Colby family has at last returned from its wanderings having had a very wonderful experience, but at the same time some experiences that were not quite so pleasant. The Tropical heat and food did something to the writer's digestive apparatus which made him feel about half sick for about two months and during that period he did not have as much pleasure as he expected. On reaching Peking the ladies of the party all went out to the new buildings but I, personally, did not feel like it and so did not go- much to Dr. Stuart's disgust I think. We were delightfully entertained by the Stuarts and the Luce and also by Mr. Barber and his wife and they all seemed enthusiasts on the subject of the University. I judge, however, from what they have told me that progress has been much slower than was originally anticipated and that some changes had been necessary in the working plan.

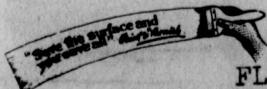
I shall always think it was a mistake for you not to go on the Franconia when you had the opportunity. There were quite a number of people on board who were interested in Missions and I believe the trip from a financial viewpoint would have been worth while so far as the University is concerned. We cannot always tell however until things are over just what might have been the best thing to do.

I regret that Fred Jr. was not able to locate the colored drawing of the Library Building when he wired you April 6th. The picture was in the house at the time but he did not know it and had no means of knowing where to find it if he had.

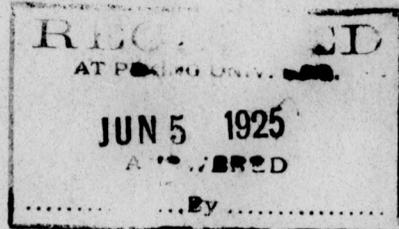
Our kindest personal regards to you and Dr. Luce too. if he is somewhere in America. I think his wife was rather worried over his physical condition when we saw her in April.

Very sincerely,

*J. L. Colby*



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BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
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June 8, 1925

Mr. F. L. Colby  
211 Lieb Street  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Mr. Colby:

I am delighted that you really had a wonderful experience on your trip around the world, though it is rather disquieting to learn of the unfortunate effects of the tropics upon your physical self. A long journey of that sort is tiring and is a strain.

I had a note from Dr. Luce and I believe that Miss Berry planned to stop in California on her return so I presume she is not with you and Mrs. Colby in Detroit.

I owe you an apology for even attempting to borrow the colored drawing of the library building, particularly during your absence. The reason I wired, hoping that Fred, Jr., could locate it, was because at the meeting of the American Association of Architects, held at the Grand Central Palace this spring, a number of architects were asked for special drawings for exhibit. Mr. Murphy was particularly anxious to show the library building. When this became impossible, he did take our photograph of the colored drawing and exhibited that, together with a few of our other buildings.

It was a big disappointment to me not to be able to go on the trip. I agree with you that as a general principle it would be very much worthwhile for us to have a representative on those round-the-world tours. I wish we could afford it! I am not sure but they would pay their way right from the start.

You will be pleased to know that since you and Mrs. Colby have gone, we have received \$200,000 additional endowment for the University so you see we have not entirely wasted our time.

I have noted particularly your word about the slow progress in the erection of the library building, together with the fact that some changes became necessary. I doubt whether these changes were on the outside of the building, with the exception of some minor window arrangement. There were some interior changes made in order that the plan might be a little more flexible. I trust that whatever changes were necessary have been made at no increased cost, because we are already concerned in nearly all of the buildings with increased charges for materials and construction, and unfavorable rates of exchange, running nearly 25 or 30% above original estimates.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Colby. I shall

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hope to see you both on my way west during the summer. I am expecting to go to China myself this summer but only for two or three weeks.

Please remember me to Miss Berry if she happens to come on to visit you.

With warm personal regards to yourself,

Ever sincerely yours

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MEMORANDUM (JULY 12, 1926) REGARDING FUNDS NEEDED FOR  
COMPLETION OF BERRY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

First: Needed now to complete the building and to make the furniture etc.:

On building	\$3,700 ✓	
On furniture	<u>2,300</u>	
		\$6,000

Second: Needed now or within five or six weeks to provide the steel shelving for a bit over one-half capacity:

Stack for gallery alcoves	\$1,033.	
1/2 stack for stack-room	10,386.	
Freight	1,440.	
Cost of erection	<u>750.</u>	
		\$13,609.

(see note 1 below)

Third: Needed to:

Complete shelving in stack room	\$12,086.
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(see note 2 below)

NOTE 1: The first and second items should be in hand as soon as possible in order to complete the building by Fall for use on or about the opening day in September. The stack should be ordered immediately as it will take several weeks to manufacture and deliver and we are not allowed by our Trustees to place the order until funds are received.

NOTE 2: It would be a very great advantage if it were at all possible to be able to order the whole stack, (covering the three items, about \$31,695.00) at the same time, not only for economy in first cost but also because with the whole stack in place the books can be classified in their permanent locations and it would free the current budget from the expense and the wear and tear of moving whole sections of the library two or three times, and in addition enable a finer and more complete showing at the formal Dedicatory Exercises in early October 1927.

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Berry Memorial Library

Sent to:  
Colby, F. L. (Mrs.) and Berry, Elizabeth (Miss)  
1408 Seminole Ave  
Detroit, Michigan

Pendleton, E. W. (Mrs.)  
Cromwell, Connecticut

North, Eric M.

July 18, 1926

To the Donors of  
The Berry Memorial Library  
Peking University.

Dear Friends:

A cable from Peking just at hand has made us see more clearly than heretofore the necessity of taking up at once the matter of completing certain items if we are to enable them adequately to carry on their work in the new buildings next year and get ready for the formal dedication in the fall of 1927. So urgent is it that I am planning to travel in hot Kansas and Texas the last of July and part of August rather than take the much needed rest which I had long been planning for at the present time. But the inspiring task there at Peking is worthy our best and utmost efforts, even if it does cost!

Our Fine Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Eric North, has just handed in a memoranda regarding the Library. in harmony with our conversation with Mrs. Colby and Miss Berry a few weeks ago. It would mean much in every way if you could cooperate with us at this time as suggested in this memoranda. If the whole were accomplished now it would mean about \$8,000 from the funds of the four original donors - one now of sainted memory.

You will be interested in the following enthusiastic paragraph in a letter to me from our New York architect who had just returned (in May) to Shanghai, from a month at Peking University, where he had seen the buildings for the first time since he drew them:

"I have just got back here from my month's stay at Peking, and I cannot refrain from getting a letter off to you on the 'Canada' tomorrow telling you something of my Yenching enthusiasms; and to let you know how very worth-while I feel my trip to have been.....My immediate reaction at my first visit to the new Yenching - (which I made entirely alone, by special request to Dr. Stuart)- when I saw for the first time the

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"realization in actual buildings of the first part of the picture I had worked out five years ago, was one of exaltation - with perhaps an unbecoming amount of exultation, also. Dignity, stately beauty, seriousness of purpose, the true scholastic atmosphere of a University - I could see all these qualities in the group and I knew at once that we are on the right track..... I explained, at my meeting with the Buildings and Grounds Committee on 22nd April, that my decision to extend my visit for another week was due to my feeling, resulting from the study I had already made of the planning work, that the thing is so fine that I was inspired to make it still finer, by putting in still more work, on my present visit; not only in critical analysis of what has been done, but in constructive cooperation and initiative."

When I arrived here a few days ago I found that my own opinion was confirmed by others here that the University had been recently so admirably handled as to be carried on the strong tide of nationalistic spirit (so characteristic of present-day China) as to have attained a position of nation-wide importance which I had thought might take another five or ten years to reach. We are all certainly engaged in an incomparable task.

Hoping you will all have a good summer, believe me,

Sincerely your friend,

HWL:D  
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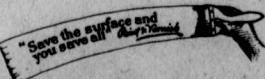
Dr. Henry W. Luce,  
Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Luce:

Your several communications regarding further financial needs of the University have been received, and have been awaiting Mrs. Pendleton's arrival from the East so that the donors might confer together regarding the situation.

First of all it might be wise to go back into ancient history. The original requirements of the institution for the erection of the Berry Memorial Library were placed at \$ 50,000; the same to be paid upon the sale of the old Berry residence property. After several years of exhaustive effort on the part of the writer to dispose of this property, I did succeed in moving a portion of it, and the total amount of \$ 50,000 was paid. It seemed impossible to move the balance of the property at any reasonable price.

The original subscription did not include the furnishing and equipment of the building itself, but the ladies do feel strongly that they want the building to be truly a Berry Memorial proposition, and are willing to finance the finishing of the building proper, providing the additional expense is not over \$ 3,700. That will make the building really theirs. So far as they can judge at the present time, it will be absolutely necessary for you to find donors for the furniture and the book stacks. You probably realize that, while the Peking University is very near and dear to the hearts of these ladies, they have many other religious, philanthropical and educational demands, and it is no more than right that they should in a measure divide their benefactions.



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I really believe that the Berry sisters are more worried over the extra work that their decision would place on your shoulders than they are worried over their inability to further finance the proposition. They all appreciate your friendship and also your willingness to give your whole self to this most worthy cause.

Again referring to the amount involved, when the figures are definitely gotten together you are at liberty to advise me the exact amount, providing it does not exceed \$ 3,700, and I will arrange with the donors to take care of the remittance when needed.

With the kindest personal regards of all of us,

Very sincerely,

*F. L. Colby*

Frederick L. Colby.

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November 15, 1926.

James H. Lewis,  
Executive Sec. Peking University,  
150-5th Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:-

I have been ill for the major part of the last three months, though I am decidedly on the mend and attending to business matters again.

Just prior to my illness, I wrote Dr. Luce, but have never had a reply from him nor have the ladies heard anything about the progress being made on the Berry Memorial.

The situation in China is serious, and I have wondered whether anything is being done along the building line at the present time. This refers to the University, of course.

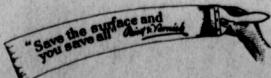
May I have the pleasure of hearing from you at an early date?

Yours very truly,

*F. L. Colby*

Frederick L. Colby.

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November 20, 1926.

~~Dr. H. W. Luce~~ Sept 11 -  
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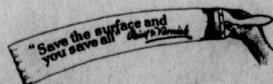
Dr. H. W. Luce,  
Vice Pres. Peking University,  
150 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor Luce:-

Your letter of the 17th brings news which is new news to me, or I should not have written Mr. Lewis as I did a few days ago.

Neither Mrs. Colby nor myself knew Mr. Lewis as well as we know you, for we met him only once or twice; but during those visits found him a very lovely man. His death is, as you say, tragic. I am not even sure that Mr. Lewis had a family, but if he did, when you see any of them, please express our sympathy.

I feel sorry for you too, for the added burden which Mr. Lewis' death has thrown on your shoulders ought to be carried by someone who has not been a day laborer in this cause for so many years. You worked yourself into the hospital two or three times before, but evidently past experiences had not taught you a lesson any more than they have me. I suppose if I had had common sense for the last five or ten years, I would not have been in bed ten weeks this Fall, and I suppose if I still had commonsense, I would not be rushing around just as I am at the present time. Don't you think that you and I might make a new year's resolution and turn over a new leaf a little before New Year's?



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I shall look forward with eager anticipation to further news from you covering the Peking situation, and don't forget to tell us about your own good family when you write.

Very sincerely,



Frederick L. Colby.

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Mrs. Colby

Berry Memorial Library  
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December 7, 1926.

Mr. Frederick L. Colby,  
C/o Berry Brothers, Inc.,  
211 Loib Street,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Colby:

In reply to your letter of November 20, addressed to Dr. Luce, we had hoped by this time to have final figures on the cost of the Berry Memorial Library, but to date they have not come to hand, because the interior of the building is not yet finished. You will be interested to know, however, that at the opening exercises on the new campus, the Berry Memorial Library was used for the opening ceremonies, and all faculty and student meetings are being held there, pending the completion of the Bashford Memorial Building, which is also nearing completion. Under separate cover I am sending you a photograph of the Berry Memorial Building. The Bashford Building will contain the executive offices and auditorium.

Mrs. Luce, in a letter to Dr. Luce, states that, among all the beautiful buildings on the Peking Campus, she believes the Berry Building to be the most beautiful. Our architect, Mr. Murphy, returning from Peking, says that he believes that the Forbidden City is the most beautiful group of buildings in the world, and that the beauty of the new campus approaches that of the Forbidden City.

The years 1925-26 have had some very serious problems for Peking University, but we have made wonderful progress, and building has gone ahead through all the stress of times and circumstances, without ceasing, so that we are actually housing some six hundred students, and taking care of them in class rooms in the new buildings. We have a power plant completed that will deliver light, heat and water in abundance to the whole campus. While we still have serious problems ahead, and need the continued interest of all our friends, we have every reason to be thankful for the great accomplishments of the past.

As soon as final figures are sent to us from the field, we will advise you as to what additional funds may be needed to complete the Berry Memorial Library.

Dr. Luce left last week for the Pacific Coast, and on December 22, Mrs. Luce arrives in San Francisco. You can well understand his joy in anticipation of the reunion after nearly two years of separation.

Yours very sincerely,

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