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Hotel Windermere-West,
Chicago, Ill.,
January 9, 1928.

Mr. Franklin H. Warner,
President Board of Trustees,
Peking University, American Office,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Warner:-

At the Hyde Park Baptist Church yesterday I had the pleasure of hearing a sermon by Dr. T. T. Lew, and meeting him afterward. At my request he was kind enough to call upon me to discuss matters that I have long contemplated with regard to doing what my little lies in my power to help in China-- in memory of my late father who spent ten years of his young manhood in China, and learned to love and respect the Chinese people.

We discuss various ways that this money be spent and he urged me to contribute this money to the cause of furthering Yenching University--a cause which he considered would be the means of doing the greatest amount of good.

We discussed the particular ways in which the sum could be used, and after careful consideration, I decided on the following:

I hereby promise to pay to Yenching University the sum of Eleven Thousand dollars (\$11,000.00) gold in five (5) annual instalments as follows:

On March 5, 1928, \$3000; March 5, 1929, \$2000; March 5, 1930, \$2000; March 5, 1931, \$2000; March 5, 1932, \$2000.

I desire the above sums to be used for the following purposes:

(1) Five thousand dollars(\$5000) to found a psychological Laboratory in memory of my father, the late Edmund Dana Barbour of Boston, Mass., who passed away on March 5, 1925. Throughout his life he had a keen interest in China and her people.

This gift is made conditional upon the Trustees of Yenching University providing a sufficient annual sum to maintain such a laboratory, and that the University authorities providing such quarters in one of the university halls as in the judgment of professor of psychology adequate for such laboratory.

I heard of the remarkable record made by Dr. C. W. Luh, your professor psychology during his student's career here at the University of Chicago and also his subsequent excellent record of professional service at the government university at Nanking. Since it is through Dr. T. T. Lew that I became interested in this department I wish to entrust the responsibility of organizing this laboratory to Dr. T. T. Lew and Dr. C. W. Luh and trust that this will meet with your approval.

(2) The sum of four thousand dollars (\$4000) to found a Library of Psychology to be maintained as a departmental library separate from the main

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University Library for the ready reference of the instructors and members of the Department of Psychology.

(3) One thousand dollars (\$1000) to start a Religious Educational Library to be maintained as a departmental library separate from the main University library for the ready reference of the instructors and students of the Department of Religious Education.

These two gifts are conditioned upon the University Authorities providing adequate quarters to the said departments for these libraries and upon the Trustees providing annual appropriation for adequate maintenance and for additional books in order to keep the libraries up to date.

I desire to entrust the responsibility of furnishing these two libraries to Dr. T. T. Lew and Dr. C. W. Luh.

(4) One thousand dollars (\$1000) to start a departmental library of Political Science for the ready reference of the professors and students of the Department of Political Science separate from the main University library. I desire to entrust the responsibility of furnishing this library to Dr. Shuhsi Hsii.

This gift is conditioned upon the Princeton-Peking Committee to provide the same amount for the same purpose./

Please advise me how best to remit this money without a loss.

Very truly yours,

Mary Barbours Blair

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This gift is conditioned upon the Princeton-Peking Committee to provide the same amount for the same purpose.

Please advise me how best to remit this money without a loss.

Very truly yours,

Franklin H. Warner

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November 19, 1929 E. W.

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Feb. 1st, 1928

Mrs. Mary B. Blair
Hotel Windermere, West
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

As President of the Board of Trustees of Peking University I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 9th which arrived during my absence from the city. At the meeting of our Finance Committee at the end of last week, your most generous contribution was presented in detail and accepted with great appreciation. Your gift has made possible the development of two departments in the University that will prove of great value to China. My own son, who has a Ph.D. from Columbia along the same lines of psychology, is tremendously interested in this subject and I am hoping some day he may have the opportunity of coming in contact with Dr. C. W. Luh and to make a comparative study of the psychologies of China and America.

I am so glad that you have had an opportunity of meeting our mutual friend, Dr. T. T. Lew. I consider him my greatest Chinese friend and we all want to strive together to keep that remarkable person in mind for the life of China as long as we can. Your help in aiding him in his department, thus relieving him of financial strain and worry, is going to do much to accomplish this end.

Regarding the last paragraph of your letter asking how to remit this money without loss, I think it is readily answered by advising you to send a check on your Chicago bank direct to Peking University, at 150 Fofth Avenue, New York City. We collect these checks without exchange.

Again thanking you for your generous contribution and trusting that some day I may have the privilege of meeting you, I am

Sincerely yours,

)Signed)

Franklin H. Warner
President

Board of Trustees, Peking University

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November 19, 1929 E. W.

February 18, 1928

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair, ✓
Hotel Windermere, West,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

You have already received from Mr. Warner, the President of the Peking Board of Trustees a letter expressing the profound gratitude of the Board of Trustees for your generous pledge amounting to \$11,000.00 dated January 9, 1928, forwarded to us through the courtesy of Dr. Timothy T. Lew.

It is my pleasant privilege to convey to you the formal action of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of Peking University in accepting this pledge. At its meeting a few days ago the Committee took the following action:

"F-2227 VOTED that the Committee gratefully accepts the pledge of Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair amounting to \$11,000.00 and agrees to the conditions therein named."

This generous support of the work of Peking University has done much to stimulate those who are now seeking to promote here in America the interests of this outstanding center of Christian education in the East. Your contribution will do much to strengthen the work of Yenching in the departments to which it is to be devoted.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) B. A. Garside)

Assistant
Secretary

BAG-H
Office

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March 11, 1928
Blair, Mrs. M.B.



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Mr Franklin Warner,
President of Board of Trustees,
Pekin Community.

My dear Mr. Warner, -

A letter from you
and from Mr. Garaidi, have
reached me, saying that
the Board accept my gift
to Peeking Community and
approve my attached "condition".

And I now enclose my
check for three thousand
dollars - my pledge for
\$3,000.00 (4.76) (\$3,000)

1928, being \$1000. for the psychology
library, \$1000. for psychology
laboratory, and \$1000. for the
political economy library, these
two libraries to be in a
special room, and apart
from the general college
library.

It has given me the
my greatest pleasure to meet
and know Dr. T. T. Lew; and
China, and its welfare, are
very near my heart, were
this my hands can do so
very little. If only I could
do some little thing to
help the Chinese people.

splendid people) to look
themselves in this very
dark hour.

Very sincerely yours,
Mary Barber Blair

Hotel Windermere - West

1614 E. 56th Street,

Chicago

March 11/28.

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Blair, Mrs. Mary B.
Chicago, Ill.

March 13, 1928

\$5000 on pledge

Gift received 3-13-28

Receipt clip # 1875

Entered on control record ✓

" " acct. card ✓

" " contrib. list ✓

Serial No. on board card 386

Pledge signs attached ✓

X-file card ✓

Letter ack. sent 3-13-28 by JLS & LM

Checked for O. L. ✓

" " class card ✓

" " stencil ✓

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March 13, 1928

My dear Mrs. Blair:

We are enclosing herewith the official receipt of the University for the \$3000 just received which we understand is to apply as the first installment on your pledge of \$11,000.

Thanking you most sincerely for this generous gift, I am

Yours very truly,

Office Secretary

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere-West
1614 East 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Receipt #1875

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March 13, 1928

My dear Mrs. Blair:

This morning when I arrived in the office I was delighted to find your very kind letter to Mr. Warner enclosing the first instalment on your pledge to the University. As he is out of the city, I am taking this opportunity to reply for him and to express to you my personal appreciation of what you are doing for Yenching. Please permit me to thank you also for Dr. Low. He is at present lecturing in Boston but we both expect to be in Chicago during the latter part of this month and shall then take great pleasure in calling upon you in order to thank you in person.

We are sincerely grateful, not only for the help these contributions will give the University, but also for the encouragement we have received from your enthusiasm and wholehearted spirit of giving.

Very sincerely yours,

Signed by JLS

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere-West
1614 East 58th Street
Chicago, Illinois

LM

\$3000.00
pledge
\$11,000

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CHINA UNION UNIVERSITIES

Fukien Christian University
University of Nanking

Shantung Christian University
Peking University

West China Union University

Cable Address
Nanfushan, New York

CENTRAL OFFICE
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City
B. A. GARSIDE, Secretary

Telephone
Chelsea 2130, 2132

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Peking University

April 3, 1928

Mr. O. D. Wannamaker,
12 East 41st St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wannamaker:

I am not sure whether your office received a copy of Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair's pledge of \$11,000.00, so I am enclosing a copy of that pledge herewith. I am also enclosing a copy of a letter she wrote on March 11th forwarding \$3,000.00 of the amount of the pledge.

Princeton-in-Peking is particularly interested in the fourth clause in her pledge dealing with a departmental library of Political Science. At the time Mrs. Blair's pledge was brought before the Finance Committee Mr. Merle-Smith said that he would be responsible for Princeton-in-Peking meeting the terms of Mrs. Blair's pledge for the Political Science Library.

Since Mrs. Blair's thousand dollars for this Library has now been paid in we will be glad to talk with you further as to how the money can best be used in accord with Mrs. Blair's desire and to the greatest advantage to the University.

Very sincerely yours,

M. Barbour Blair

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December 3, 1928.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

By special request of President Stuart, we are mailing you under separate cover a colored photograph to give you an impression of one unit of the architect's scheme of Yenching University. The physical equipment of the institution is nearing completion. It is universally recognized as being satisfactory and truly beautiful, harmonizing in a wonderful way with the scenery of the Western Hills and its setting among the ancient Chinese palaces and gardens. We hope that in the midst of this beautiful setting Yenching University will truly embody the spirit of Christ which will give new life to the China now evolving out of ancient Cathay.

You are one of the friends in America without whose generous and devoted help Yenching University could not have come into existence. We hope this picture will bring vividly to your conscience the value of what you have done and be a reminder of our lasting gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President.

Mrs. Mary B. Blair
Hotel Windemere West,
Chicago, Ill.

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DEC 1 0 1928

Yenching University
My dear Mr. McTear:

Your favor of the
16th received and I am much
interested in the invitation
to attend the dedication of
the new plant at Peking, China,
in October, 1929.

I should be very glad in-
deed to go along with some
other party and hope to take my
~~own~~ ^{own} compensation with me to
share my room; and should
like to have you make
arrangements for me (two) on

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steamers, at hotels etc if possible,
What date do others expect
to sail, and from what port?

Is Dr J. J. Luv now
in China? When I last saw
him, he was very anxious
about his wife and child in
Peking, and promised to
send me word. But I have
not heard anything as yet.

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

Mary Babson Blair

Hotel Windermere West

Chicago

Dec 6/28.

December 10, 1928.

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Hotel Windermere, West,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I wish to thank you for yours of December 6th, and we shall be glad to give you full information in regard to dates, etc. as soon as we receive replies from all our friends who desire to go.

We will be glad to make reservations for you in due time.

We have not as yet set the date of sailing nor the port. We thought the first thing to ascertain was the size of the party and whether people desire to go in a party or go separately "on their own".

There doubtless will be a number going out in a party and if you would like to join the party it will indeed be a pleasure to have you with us and we will be glad to make the arrangements.

Some will be leaving about August 1st, stopping a little time in Hawaii and in Japan and going to Peking via Korea. Would this suit you or would you prefer to go direct to China?

✓ Dr. T. T. Low is now in China, and we have heard from him since his arrival. Apparently his wife and child are in good condition at present.

Sincerely yours,

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THREE HUNDRED I WILL BE IN NEWYORK SATURDAY MORNING=

CHESTER E JENNEY.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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To aid YENCHING UNIVERSITY of Peking, China, in carrying forward its Christian educational activity and in consideration of the securing, by representatives of this University, of gifts from others for this purpose, I am sending herewith a cash gift in the amount of

\$ 7,500.⁰⁰ (or) (and) I hereby pledge the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$ 7,500.⁰⁰),

in accordance with the plan checked below:

- In 2 annual payments beginning (not later than Jan. 1, 1929)
 In 2 semi-annual payments beginning (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
 In 4 semi-annual payments beginning (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
 In 4 quarterly payments beginning (not later than Oct. 1, 1928)
 At my convenience, on or before Jan. 1, 1930.

At my convenience over a period of six years.
Signed W. M. Barbours Blair

Full name of my local church:

Street Hotel Wainwright West

Swedish Evangelical New Church,

City and State Chicago

Dec 13/28.

Date Dec

Please remit to the order of E. M. McBRIER, Treasurer, Yenching University, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

NOTE: I shall expect to be reminded previous to due dates

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This money is to be used for a
residence for ^{J.J.} Dr. Lee and is contingent
upon the ^{entire} \$500,000 being raised.
M.B.V.

Blair, Mrs. M. Barbour
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Ill.

Dec. 17, 1928.

Pledge \$7500 for 1928 Campaign -Residences

Gift received	12-17-28
Receipt slip #	_____
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	550 ✓
Pledge card attached	✓
X file cards	_____
Letter ack. sent	12-18-28 by O.D.W. <i>special letter</i>
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	✓
" " stencil	✓

Payable "At my convenience over a period of six years"

Pledge dated Dec. 13, 1928

On the back of her pledge Mrs. Blair wrote the following:

"This money is to be used for a residence for Dr. T. T. Low and is contingent upon the entire \$500,000 being raised."

Pledge card in safe

NOTE: The full amount of the campaign and \$2000 over was raised by Dec. 18th

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Residence - Bl

✓ X to Blair - general

December 18, 1928

Dear Mrs. Blair:

Your great generosity in pledging a second contribution toward the campaign for Yenching University encouraged us tremendously. When we received a telegram from Dr. Jenney informing us of this pledge we felt confident that we could complete the campaign. By every possible effort, through solicitation, letters, and even some telegrams at the end, we have just this morning brought the aggregate of cash and pledges up to the full \$500,000 with a few hundred dollars of margin. I am about to write a report to Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd showing that all conditions have been met prerequisite to the confirmation of their conditional offer of \$90,000 made early in the campaign so that this generous amount will be secured for the University and we shall have the full sum for which this special effort was initiated.

Dr. Stuart has recently not been very well. He has been under a great strain. I know that a cablegram reaching him at Christmas time with the news that we have completed the campaign will do more than the rest the doctors have prescribed for him to bring him back to his usual good health.

Dr. Jenney also reported that you wished to have detailed information about sailing dates for the formal opening next fall. Mr. McBrier has that matter in charge and I am requesting him to send you full information.

Dr. Jenney joins me in sending you our earnest wishes for a joyful Christmas season which you so richly deserve.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windemere West
Chicago, Illinois

P.S. For your own records we are enclosing a copy of your pledge card

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Res: Blair

December 22, 1928

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Our campaign is successfully over. When you gave me the \$7,500 last week, the impetus you added to it really finished it. Mr. Wannamaker and myself and the office force here can never thank you enough for this fine generosity on your part that came at the hour we needed it so much.

It was a great pleasure to meet you. When I was with you, you spoke of some special friends of yours in and near Boston. I am going to Boston on January 6th. I wonder if it would be too much to ask you to write those people at Boston or in the vicinity telling them that I am to be there on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of that week and asking them to see me. I could meet them at their convenience and might arrange an evening or two with them if that should be agreeable to them. I wish you would let me know the names and addresses of these people in order that I may have them with me when I go there.

I shall be in Chicago sometime in the next month for several days and I shall call on you and trust we may have dinner together somewhere.

With great regards and wishing you a joyful Christmas season, I am

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windemere West
Chicago, Illinois

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January 5, 1929

Dear Leighton:

Please discuss this somewhat delicate little problem with Dr. T. T. Lew. Please do not have any letter addressed just now about the matter otherwise than to this office since we ought to see just what happens in order to avoid any possible complication.

Near the end of the campaign we were under the necessity of going to a few friends and asking for second contributions. One of these was Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair from whom Dr. Lew secured so generous a donation. She pledged \$7500 to Dr. Jenney for a residence for Dr. Lew. I knew nothing about the circumstances till this had been done. I understand that Dr. Lew is now occupying a residence that was especially financed for him. Dr. Jenney suggests that Dr. Lew request Mrs. Blair to allow her donation to be used for the erection of a residence for some member of Dr. Lew's staff. I suggest that he address a note to Mrs. Blair giving her some news about himself and the University and making this request but that he mail the letter to this office to be forwarded to her. My reason for this suggestion is that Dr. Jenney would like to talk with Mrs. Blair personally and it will probably be easier to handle the matter without complication if we can transmit Dr. Lew's letter in this way to her. If you personally think it best not to handle the matter this way, simply ignore this letter and inform us how the matter is handled.

Cordially,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking West, China

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Handwritten: Mrs. B. Blair
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HYDE PARK BOULEVARD AT JACKSON PARK

Chicago

Mr Chester E. Jenney,
150, Fifth Avenue
New York,

My dear Mr Jenney,

I was very glad to hear that the \$500,000.00
fund for Yenching University was successfully completed. It
was a real achievement.

I am leaving for Florida in a couple of days
and so shall not be here the latter part of this week. The
gloomy, sunless weather that we have had here in Chicago this
winter have proved too trying for me.

I regret that I shall be unable to see you when
as you request,
you are in Chicago, but trust that the college work is prospering.

Very truly yours,

May B. Blair

Jan 21/29.

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January 28, 1929

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Hotel Windermere West,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I find a memorandum on my desk that you advised Dr. Jenney you would like some information about sailing dates and so forth, for the dedication of Yenching University, which is to be held in Peking on September 27 to October 1, 1929.

*✓ to Form
Openers*

We have not as yet made up any definite itinerary. We have sent out requests to friends of the University asking if they could attend. I gather from your inquiry that you will consider attending these exercises, and now ask these questions:

1. Would you be interested in going with other friends of the University as a "party" or would you prefer to go at your own convenience?
2. Can we be of any service in getting reservations, or would you prefer to manage these matters yourself?

The memorandum on my desk is dated December 18. I am sorry to be so long in taking the matter up with you. It arrived during the completion of our campaign, to which we were obliged to give all of our attention up to December 31, and unfortunately since then I have been wrestling with the "flu" and have only lately returned to my office.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EMM:RL

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Chicago

Dear Mr. Warramaker:

Thank you for your kind "inquiry". I have meditated so much this year that my pledge to the Young University fund, second payment, will have to be sent June 5th in place of March 5th. Several companies in which I own stock have issued "rights" and it has distracted some of my plans.

I shall be interested to hear from you concerning further news of the work, and of the proposed trip to China. I have not made any navigation yet for going myself, as I have

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Y. H. in N. Y. C. of the pair being
written for particulars, but not yet
heard. And it seems like a good
deal of an undertaking to me. I
may just go to Japan and Hawaii
instead. Anna is unsettled.

Accept my thanks for the
delightful "Langley Lima" book etc.

With your pleasure to start
payments on my pledge for Dr. Lewis
house in Peleia also.

Very sincerely yours,
Mary Babour Blair

April 6/29.

April 9, 1929

Dear Mrs. Blair:

Let me thank you for your letter of April 6th. We are making note of the transfer of date of the second payment of your generous pledge to June 5th.

It is indeed unfortunate if any inquiry you have sent regarding the proposed visit to Yenching University has failed to receive prompt attention. The inquiries do not seem to have come to this office. In order to facilitate plans for our friends, we have recently taken advantage of the offer of services of the World Acquaintance Travel, Inc., 29 West 49th Street, New York City. This does not cost the University anything nor does it render the trip more expensive for any of our friends. On the contrary, this organization can obtain the lowest possible rates and is glad to do so. The representative who has been assisting us is a very fine woman deeply interested in such institutions as Yenching University. I am asking her to write you and give you detailed information. Please do not hesitate to inquire further either of this office or of Miss Scheeley at the World Acquaintance Travel, Inc.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

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April 9, 1929

Dear Miss Schooley:

Mrs. Mary Harbour Blair of the Hotel Windermere West, Chicago, Illinois is one of our most important friends. She is a woman of advanced age. In a note I have just received she says, "I have written Yenching University in New York City for particulars of the parties going but have not yet heard. And it seems like a good deal of an undertaking to me. I may just go to Japan and Honolulu instead. China is so unsettled."

Please note my reply to Mrs. Blair. I think it scarcely probable that any letter from her has been received here without immediate attention. Certainly my office has had none. Will you correspond with her at once and do all you can to encourage her.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Miss Ella Schooley
World Acquaintance Travel, Inc.
29 West 49th Street
New York City

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Hotel Couraine
Boston

May 22/29

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:

In time, to your knowledge, a student or assistant to Dr. J. J. Low in Palau, who may possibly be authorized to sign for registered letters for him?

I am sure an important letter made to, and the receipt is signed by one T. H. Fung, and the postmark seems to be "---N&FU."

I am wondering if it went astray and Dr. Low has received it, or he has not written about receiving it himself.

Do you know of any T. H. Fung?

Thanking you,

Very truly yours

Henry Barlow Blair

Copy to G. L. S.

5-23-29
see me
Hotel Comraite
Boston

to Mrs. [unclear] (personal) - 29
Formal
Room 807.

My dear Mr. Wanamaker:
forward

After practically
giving up the trip to Paris, I find
that my friend, Miss Doris Cummings
has accepted a position out there
(and is sailing from Seattle Aug 10
with the Porters, I believe.)

So I have decided to go at
the same time.
On leaving Chicago last week, —
I expected to be here in

Boston for only a few days, and so
left all my "itinerary" papers in
Chicago. So will you kindly

hand this to the proper person
who is to make reservations etc,
and also send me another
itinerary?

I thought I'd go to China
with Miss Cummings, and have
her share my stateroom; and,
if the room I choose is better
than the one allowed her, to
make up the difference in price.

I should like to see some-
thing of Japan, & Seoul, ~~hankow~~
and might give the "visitors"
there, in Japan and go on to
Peking, and later return to America
with them.

My pledge to the College for
this year, I will pay on June 5th.

I wished to send it in Nassau,
but for many other demands
for money, recruited it.

Miss Cummings said
that Miss Harriet Taylor makes
steam navigation. If so,
will you kindly send this
over to her?

Please address me here,
till May 30th.

Very truly yours,

Mary Barbour Blair

May 22/29.

May 23, 1929

Dear Leighton:

Please consider the following inquiry confidential. If you discuss the matter with Dr. Lew I will, of course, not say to Mrs. Blair that I have written. It would be best that any note from Dr. Lew to Mrs. Blair should seem to be spontaneous.

The inquiry is best transmitted to you by enclosing a copy of the note I have just received from Mrs. Blair herself. Can you either give me information which I could pass on to her or can Dr. Lew clear up this matter by a direct communication addressed to Mrs. Blair herself?

Cordially yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peping, China.

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May 23, 1929

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Immediately upon receipt of your letter regarding your proposed trip to Peking I had the content of the letter telephoned to Miss Schooley of the Travel Bureau, which is handling all these matters for the convenience and comfort of our friends. Miss Schooley informed us that she had received a letter a few days ago from Miss Doris Cummings. Miss Schooley expects to be in Boston on Sunday and says she is writing immediately to you in the hope of seeing you personally. Miss Taylor has acted with the same Travel Bureau as Miss Schooley but Miss Taylor is at present in Europe.

May I reply at the same time to your note concerning your registered communication to Dr. Lew. I do not know Mr. T.H.Feng.

I have inquired also of Mr. Garside, our Assistant Treasurer. We did not find such a name registered in connection with the faculty at Yenching. A student assistant, however, would not be registered in that list. I am sorry that I am not able to give you any information regarding this matter. Except that Mr. Garside says that the partially obliterated post mark represents the proper postmark for a letter delivered at the University. Unless you prefer that I should not write to Peking for information I shall be glad to make inquiry by the earliest mail.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Room 809,
Hotel Touraine,
Boston, Mass.

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My dear Mrs. Wananaker:

It has pleased
in reading involved a cheque
for £2000. As promised for
funding University in Piping,
to be apportioned as follows: £
\$500 Religious Education Library fund,
\$500 Psychology Library fund, and
\$1000 " Laboratory "

None of the present trouble
on the Chinese frontier with
the Russians does not sound
very encouraging for my
proposed visit to Piping, but

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perhaps it will subside before
September. At least I hope so
as I desire greatly to see Peckham.

I intended to send this
claque on March 5th this
year but was unable to
manage it, but hope to
make the next payment
on my pledge by March 5/30.

Very truly yours,

Mary Barbours Blair

I leave Chicago June 17th, and
my address from then till sailing
on Aug 10th, will be

Care, Bank of America

660 Spring Street
Los Angeles, Calif.

Blair, Mrs. Mary Barbara
Chicago

June 10, 1929

\$2000 to cover as follows:
on pledge # 86

Gift received	6-10-29
Receipt slip #	2469
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	86 ✓
Pledge signal attached	✓
X file cards	
Letter ack. sent	
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " class card	
" " stencil	✓

\$500 - Religious Ed. Library
500 - Psychology " Laboratory
1000 - " "

(2nd installment on
pledge)

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June 10, 1929

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Thank you for your check for \$2000.00 to apply on your pledge to Yenching University. We have made note that this amount is to be used as follows:

\$500 for the Religious Education Library
\$500 for the Psychology Library
\$1000 for the Psychology Laboratory

Receipt #2469 for \$2000 is enclosed herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere-West
Chicago, Illinois

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June 21, 1929

My dear Dr. Stuart:

I have three or four things to write you about which I think you ought to know as you plan your future work. I returned from Detroit, this morning, and go back to see Dr. and Mrs. Hoobler on July 9th. I hope the matter of the dormitory as a memorial to Mrs. Hoobler's mother may be successfully worked out at that time.

While in Detroit, I saw Mr. Arthur J. Stock, one of our Trustees. Mr. Stock is coming to China for the Dedication Exercises. He told me he hoped to give a residence to the University while he was there. I think if you asked him, he would do so. I think it would not be wise to use my name. X ✓

I am very anxious about Mrs. Blair's receiving recognition in the group that comes for the Dedication Exercises. Mrs. Blair is very much interested in our work; she has a great deal of money and has no relatives to whom she intends to leave her money. I feel that if you and Dr. Lew see to it that she has a good time, that she will remember us in her will very liberally. Indeed, as you judge her attitude of mind while at Peking, I do not think it would be wrong if you would suggest to her such a procedure. I could tell you a great deal about Mrs. Blair, but I think I have told you enough to lead you to see just how important it is that she be made to feel very much at home, and a good welcome be given her. I have taken the matter up with Mr. McBrier, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Stock and they have promised me that they will see to it that she is made a part of their group.

I have the City of Philadelphia so well set up through a group of influential women, many of whom are my personal friends, that on your return to the United States in the fall, I think we can do a very fine piece of work in that city. I will talk the matter over with you in detail when I see you.

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Dr. Stuart.....#2

June 21, 1929

I also have the Pacific Coast very well set up from Seattle to San Diego, and would advise if it meets with your judgment and approval, that we begin at Seattle the first of January and go South. I am sure there is a good deal of money on the Pacific Coast for us that can be gotten in the winter months of 1930.

I know the field well enough now so that I can definitely relate your work and mine in the fall of 1929 and the winter of 1930, so that there will be very little waste motion in the happy and successful results obtained, I am sure.

I wish you would write me as fully as you can, just when you will be in the United States and just where you would like to begin, in order that I may begin the set-up of a program that will not only keep you very busy, but which in the end, I trust, will be very successful for our work.

I shall put in the summer getting what money I can, by largely cultivating people at the Lake Placid Club, Bar Harbor, and other summer resorts to which I have invitations.

I am sorry I shall not be present for the Dedication, but on the whole, because of your immediate return to the United States, I figure it is a good thing that I do not come at this time. I will keep in touch with you from time to time, but very earnestly urge that you let me know where you would like to begin in the fall, and when.

Mrs. Jenney and Ruth join me in the expression of highest personal regards.

Most sincerely,

Executive Secretary

Dr.: J. Leighton Stuart,
Yenching University,
Peking, China.

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1014 NATIONAL CITY BUILDING
17 EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK
VANDERBILT 5007

December 20, 1929.

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Referring to your note of the 18th, Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair is not the same as Mrs. Watson F. Blair, whose maiden name was Alice Keep.

Mrs. Mary Blair apparently was a friend of Dr. Lew. She was impressed by an address he made in the Presbyterian Church at Lake Forest, and was therefore the special "property" of Yenching, hence we kept no record of her. I am, however, writing our Chicago office to see if they can give you further information regarding her.

If Dr. Stuart is now back, please give him my best regards. I surely hope to get to see him while he is in this vicinity.

With holiday greetings,

Cordially yours,

Harold J. Strong

Professor Olin D. Wannamaker,
Yenching University Office in America,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

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Mr Garside,
Yenching University Board
150 Fifth Avenue N.Y.

My dear Mr Garside:

I have completed the trip to Yenching opening at Peip'ing and returned safely. It was an extremely interesting occasion and some day I hope to see China again. I have returned more interested in and fond of the Chinese than ever. Dr Lew and his wife entertained me in Yenching and were everything that is charming and kind.

In getting my tickets for the trip, I followed your advice and took the all-expense round trip offered by the World Acquaintance Travel (Miss Ella Schooley) of N.Y.C.

I expected to join a party of eight or ten, but when we sailed from Seattle, the party had dwindled down to my friend (Miss D.I.Cummings) and one other lady and myself.

Our trip was to be first class everywhere and with a special guide to take us through Japan, Korea and Manchuria to Pei'ping. Then I was to return overland to Shanghai and thence home by steamer.

Arrived at Yokohama, our guide Shinosaki, met us and said almost at once that he would not go further than Japan with us but would send his "cousin" with us from Kobe to Mukden and we would have to go without a guide from Mukden to Peip'ing. This did not please us very well for we concluded he was afraid of the war conditions there.

He gave us very little sightseeing at the various cities, returned to his home in Yokohama every night when he possibly could, told us there was no theatre in Tokyo (where there is the biggest i Japan!) took us to call on a Japanese whom he said was "Baron Hiakawa" and member of the Emperor's Council but who spoke no English. (I have since met people who know the baron and they say that the real baron was educated at Pennsylvania University and certainly speaks English.)

And finally, after many other most unsatisfactory performances on Shinosaki's part, including a cheap sandwich lunch (on a train) that caused me to be desperately sick,-- as climax, at ~~Kobe~~, he informed us that he was leaving us that night and would not provide tickets, guide, hotels, fares or his contract with Miss Schooley further. This out

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of a clear sky, so to speak! He defied us to call on the American consul and was very insolent but extremely anxious that we should not state to Miss Schooley that the trip through Korea &c was abandoned because of him. I also found out that he was picking up a party of ten the next day to go back through Japan.

With the kind help of an American doctor, we made Shinosaki pay our hotels in Kyoto and Kobe, Railroad fare to Kobe and steamer to Tungku, China. But our trip was entirely ruined, as you see.

And from Tungku on, I had to pay all my own expenses at hotel Railroads sightseeing &c as no one was in touch with Miss Schooley nor had anyone heard from her in any way to provide for me. Luckily I had a letter of credit with me; although all my expenses had been prepaid by me at the outset to Miss Schooley.

I paid Miss Schooley \$1425.00 for myself, \$420. for Miss Cummings Yokohama overland to Peip'ing and also \$13.75 agents commission for the voyage from Seattle, (for which Miss Cummings had already paid her through you for the steamer, that is.) This makes a total of \$1858.75 paid by me.

In return I had only:

Steamer, Seattle to Japan, \$300. less 10%	270.
" " returning 346 " "	311.
Twelve days in Japan @ \$10. aday	120.
" " " " for Miss Cummings	120.
Steamer to Tungku, China 60 yen @ 47cents	28.20
" " " Miss Cummings	28.20
	<u>877.40</u>

Miss Schooley has had three letters from me which you can see and you can also refer to Dr Stuart who is probably in N.Y.C and to Professor Barber at Yenching, as they know most of this. *also Mr. J. M. Brier, who was there at same time and* *latter part of all.* Thos Cook & Son and the American Express Co give first class accommodations and make complete refund of all unused portions of a trip.

I am leaving for Florida about the first of February, and as as I went to Miss Schooley through you on your advice and you are handy to her there in N.Y.City, I will put the collecting of the refund for myself and my guest in your hands; and request you to apply the \$981.35 on my pledge to Yenching for this year.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

Mary Barbou Blair

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Chicago

Dear Sir,
I am pleased to hear from you and to learn that you are planning to visit Chicago during the coming year. The Windermere Hotel is a most desirable place to stay in Chicago, and we are sure that you will find it most comfortable and convenient. We have a number of rooms available at the rate of \$10.00 per day, including breakfast and taxes. If you would like to make a reservation, please contact our office at 1234 N. Dearborn Street, Chicago, Illinois. We will be glad to assist you in every way possible. Very truly yours,
The Windermere Hotel

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February 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Hotel Windemere,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I am sending this to your usual address because I do not know what your Florida address will be during the coming weeks.

We were all very much concerned to learn of the travel difficulties on your trip to Yenching which you reported in your letter of January 17. Mr. McBrier wrote me when he was in Peking and spoke briefly of the difficulties and vexations you encountered on your outgoing journey, but I had not realized that these troubles were so serious or so prolonged.

It seems that one of the most fundamental difficulties in arranging for the group going out to Yenching for the formal dedication was that practically everyone contemplating the trip had different plans and desired to make different sailing arrangements. During the spring and summer of 1929 Mr. McBrier and Mr. Wannamaker, who were the two members of the special committee on arrangements for the formal dedication, devoted a large amount of time and thought to planning for the travel arrangements of those who were to attend the Yenching dedication. It was hoped at that time that a party of ten or more would go out to the dedication together, thus making it possible to arrange for someone to accompany the party the entire distance without prohibitive additional expense. However, those planning to make the trip reported one by one that they had personal interests and special engagements en route which made it impossible for them to join any large party making the trip for the special purpose of attending the dedication. Miss Schooley worked with Mr. McBrier and Mr. Wannamaker during the spring and summer on this general supposition that a party of ten or more would be secured, and I believe she found it quite difficult to reconstruct her plans to meet the needs of the smaller group of three who finally composed the party.

Your whole experience with the Japanese guide was certainly most unfortunate. I understood that the bureau which supplied this guide has an excellent reputation for reliability, ^{and} courteous and efficient handling of parties. But if your guide is a fair sample of the men they employ an investigation of their organization should be made.

I am sending Miss Schooley a copy of your letter and am asking her for a conference on the matters of arrangements and finances to which you refer. Since Mr. McBrier, who had charge of the details of the arrangements we made with Miss Schooley, has not as yet returned from abroad,

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Mrs. Mary B. Blair-2

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I do not have full information as to the agreements made. We may possibly find it necessary to await Mr. McBrier's return in five or six weeks before reaching any final decisions.

Assuring you of our profoundest regret that your journey to Yenching was so seriously impaired by these unpleasant travel experiences, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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CC: Promotional Office ✓
Miss Schooley,

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February 13, 1930

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Windsore Hotel,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I have today had a long talk with Miss Ella Schooley on the matters contained in your letter of January 17 and my letter of February 5.

I find there is one point on which we do not have any information, viz: the amount and method of handling your expenses from Peking to Shanghai. Did you pay these expenses yourself, and if so, what was the total amount? If any of these expenses were met by the travel bureau or others, will you kindly give us details?

I am sorry to trouble you for information on this particular point, but it seems that we must have these facts to complete our settlement with Miss Schooley. I sincerely hope that within a short time we can make a satisfactory settlement of these financial matters.

In the hope that your Florida weather is much more pleasant than the rain and snow we are now having in New York City, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

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Bay Island Hotel

TRANSFER

A. L. DAWSON, Manager

ON BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA BAY

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

March 7/30

My dear Mr Gardiner,

Yours of Feb 13th received,
and if you will kindly refer to the three (3)
long letters I wrote the W. A. T. (Miss Sabony)
and the one to yourself, you will find
all points covered.

Shall I repeat that there was
no W. A. T. agent anywhere, after
Shimozaki disembarked at Kyoto; and
I paid everything all over again. The
W. A. T. made no provision for me
whatsoever, — after taking my money,
giving me my round trip American
tickets on the Pacific, & turning
my gun & me over to Shimozaki's
under mercies (of 12 days only) in Japan.

Dr Stewart, Prof Barber, Mr Warner
& Mr Mc Brier will confirm all this.

Very truly yours,

Mary Barbara Blair.

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Yenching University

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March 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Bay Island Hotel,
Sarasota, Fla.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Thank you for your letter of March 7.

The chief reason for the inquiry I made in my letter of February 13 as to your expenses from Peping to Shanghai, was that last summer, at the request of Miss Schooley, we asked Dr. Galt, the Field Treasurer at Yenching, to assist the ladies in Miss Schooley's party in any way they might need to an advance in transportation not already covered by Miss Schooley's arrangements, with the understanding that Miss Schooley would make reimbursement for any expense thus incurred. We had received no report from Dr. Galt as to any advances made but Miss Schooley desired to have your confirmation of our general understanding that Dr. Galt had not rendered any assistance while you were in Peping.

Very cordially yours,

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March 14, 1930

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I have been in the country several months, but have been chiefly in this locality or on the Pacific Coast. I am writing to ask when you will probably be back in Chicago so that if at all possible I can plan my own arrangements to have my little visit with you before I return to China, which will probably not be, as it now appears, until some time in June. I hope that you are having an enjoyable stay in Florida.

I have very pleasant memories of your visit to Yenching and of our associations on the steamer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Bay Island Hotel
Sarasota, Florida

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Yenching University

March 17, 1930

Miss Ella Schooley,
29 West 49th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schooley:

After my telephone conversation with you a few days ago I had an opportunity to talk over briefly with Dr. Stuart our problems relative to Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair.

Dr. Stuart informs me that Mrs. Blair was living on the Yenching campus during all, or practically all, of her time in Peking. So far as he is able to recollect she did not spend any time at the Hotel de Peking. He also expressed the opinion that Dr. T. T. Lew would not wish to present any bill for personal expenses he incurred on Mrs. Blair's behalf since Mrs. Blair has been very generous in supporting the work in which Dr. Lew is definitely interested.

I also talked over with Dr. Stuart the statement made by Mrs. Blair in the last paragraph of her letter of January 17, 1930 (a copy of which I sent you on February 5):- "I will put the collecting of the refund for myself and my guest in your hands; and request you to apply the \$391.35 on my pledge to Yenching for this year". While Dr. Stuart recognized the great undesirability from a financial standpoint of accepting such a commission as this from Mrs. Blair, he agreed that we might be forced to do as Mrs. Blair suggests to avoid offending her still further and thus risking the loss of future payments on her pledge. If the University were to follow Mrs. Blair's instructions to apply refunds on her travel toward her pledge for this year it probably makes little difference whether or not there are any payments still due to Dr. Galt or others on the Yenching campus. Any necessary adjustments of this sort would be purely a matter of internal University financial administration.

Dr. Stuart suggested that I request you to send us a statement of the way Mrs. Blair's account now stands on your record and the amount of refund due her without any deductions for possible outstanding bills from Dr. Galt or Dr. Lew. If you will send me such a statement I will bring the matter to the attention of our Yenching Finance Committee and ask for their instructions. This Committee meets next week so I will be glad to have this information sometime before the end of this week.

Very sincerely yours,

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cc: *Presidential office*

M. Blair

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With kind wishes
from
my
mother
Bertie
Larkin

Direct, to Hotel Windermere - West

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Bay Island Hotel Res.

ON BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA BAY
SARASOTA, FLORIDA
June 23/30.

L. JOHNSON, Manager

Dr. Stewart;

It would be a
pleasure to see you in Chicago
and chat about the dear Chinese
family of whom we both are
so fond.

I expect to leave here April 2nd,
around Apr 4-7th in Boston at the
Hotel Touraine; and April 10th to 17th
in Chicago at the Windermere - West.
After that I plan to go out to
Arizona & N. Mex for 6-8 weeks
on a ranch.

I wrote Timothy in February
but have had no reply as yet.
I asked him to let you know
when he had secured a house
for his summer vacation &
I would send him the \$150 (gold)
cheque for the rent, through you.

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That you & I had talked it over so
as to see how to secure official
recognition of his vacation (three
months each summer, entirely
free to read, write & travel without
interruption) without the official
delay if the money were sent to
the Board to go on and then
forward to him, - for several years.

Will the present war in
China interfere with his getting
away?

I look back upon my
visit to the Loo and Yushing
& Peking with the greatest pleasure,
and as being the most interesting
trip of my whole life and should
like to see them all again some day.
But my experience in Japan &
with the Japanese, more bitter.
Even the Japanese crystals I bought,
none to be glass!

This is Swiss money to be paid by Dec. 1934
I promised to give some
money for a house for Zurothay &
Kathrine, & it is not needed. I
wish the \$7500. could be used in
Zurothay's work & department.

April 4, 1950

Miss Ella Schooley,
World Acquaintance Travel,
29 West 49th St.,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Schooley:

At the meeting of our Yenching Finance Committee held a few days ago we went into a thorough discussion of Mrs. Blair's trip to Peping. I gave members of the Committee copies of the correspondence I have had with Mrs. Blair and yourself, so I believe they had a fair knowledge of the various issues involved.

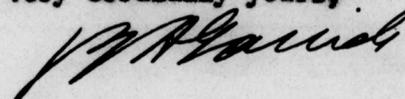
It was the judgment of the Committee that the best procedure to follow is for the University to accept from you the \$882 which you estimate, according to your letter of March 19, is due Mrs. Blair. We will then send Mrs. Blair a receipt for the amount of her claim of \$981.35, charging the difference of \$99.35 to the object designated in Mrs. Blair's pledge. In accepting your settlement for \$882.00 the University must, of course, assume responsibility for any unpaid bills incurred by Dr. Galt, Dr. Lew, or others in connection with Mrs. Blair's stay on the Yenching University campus.

If this method of disposing of the affair is satisfactory to you, will you please let me know? I should like to have the matter cleared up as promptly as possible for I suspect that Mrs. Blair is becoming quite impatient over the fact that two and a half months have now elapsed since she wrote her letter of January 17 without any final settlement having been effected along the lines she proposes.

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CC: Promotional Office ✓

Very cordially yours,



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Bay Island Hotel

ON BEAUTIFUL SARASOTA BAY

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

A. L. DAWSON, Manager

April 7/30

My dear Dr. Stuart:

A nice letter
came from Katherine Lee
today.

My return to Chicago has
been delayed a week and
I now expect to be there the
week of April 21-27, and should
be very glad to see you and
talk about China and our
Chinese friends.

Yours very sincerely
Mary Barbour Blair

Hotel Windermere - West
1614 E. 56th St.,
Chicago

April 17, 1930

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I was in Chicago last week and called up the hotel only to learn that you had not yet returned. Since then your letter to the same effect has reached me here. I am the more disappointed because there is no assurance that I shall be in Chicago again in the near future. I shall, however, keep in mind the possibility of seeing you if there should be this chance, and in any case, on my way back to China, which will probably not be before some time in June.

I should like especially to explain to you face to face my point of view regarding the house for Timothy Lew. No one can be more sympathetic with his problems of different kinds, nor more anxious for him to have what he needs and wants. On the other hand, the housing problem of the University is an extremely acute one and it may be necessary at any time to require his evacuation of the one he now occupies, because of our commitment to its former occupants, who are very anxious to return to our staff. They will certainly do so if the necessary conditions can be met, and they, as well as myself, are making active efforts to this end. It would, therefore, help very much in the general administrative burdens I am carrying, and I venture to believe be in the end, all things considered, more satisfactory even to Timothy himself to have his own home with undisputed possession of it. This might either take the form of securing his right to the one he now occupies and the erection of another one elsewhere, or building a new one for him as originally planned. If you will accept this arrangement at least tentatively, I shall write you frankly if at any time it seemed possible to release this money for Timothy's more immediate needs. *X to Re*

Thanking you again for your generous interest in him, as well as in Yenching University, and with very pleasant remembrances of my visited with you, including those on the steamer together, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windemere West
1614 E. 56th St.
Chicago, Ill.

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Hotel Couraine
Boston

April 25/30

My dear Dr. Stuart:

Detained here by
a slight indisposition, I expect
now to be in Chicago the week
of April 30 to May 9th, - if you
wish to discuss things I will
with me.

Winter seems to have
returned here in Boston and
I shall be glad to get to the
western mountains.

Very sincerely,
Mary Barbours Blair
(Windsor Hotel, Chicago)

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Hotels Windermere



Chicago's Most Homelike Hotels
HYDE PARK BOULEVARD AT JACKSON PARK

Chicago May 2nd, 1930,

My dear Dr Stuart:

Upon my assurance that the house now occupied by Dr T.T.Lew will be assigned to him during his life time, I am willing and desirous to have my gift devoted for that purpose in lieu of the original plan to build a house for him.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Barbours Blair

incl. check of \$1,020.00 dep 9/8/30
or. Harry, Dr. Lib. Blair
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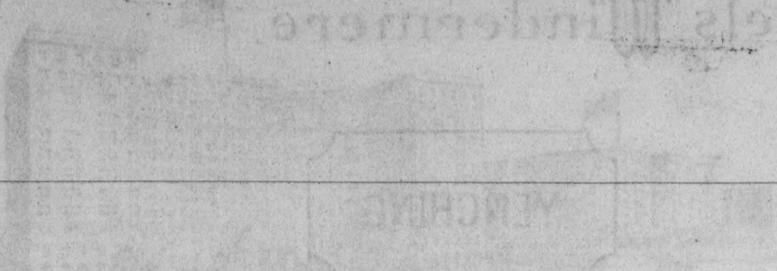
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Dear Mr. [Name]:
 I am writing to you to inform you that the house now
 occupied by Mr. [Name] will be assigned to him during his
 life time, I am willing and desirous to have my gift devoted
 for that purpose in lieu of the original plan to build a house
 for him.

Very sincerely yours,
Henry [Name]

This check of \$1000.00 on [Date] is for the purpose of the gift.
 [Signature]
 [Date]

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332 La Salle Street,
Chicago, Illinois

May 2, 1930

My dear Garside,

Enclosed are the results of an interview with Mrs. Blair. She already had the statement of her grievances typed and I asked her to address it to you as she had by hand. The check for \$1020 represents her \$2000 due this year less the \$980 which she feels to be due her. My suggestion is that this, plus whatever has been or can be recovered from Miss Schooley, be sent to Galt with the explanation that the loss will have to be adjusted (through T.T.Lew) among the designated objects. In other words, the University will not make up this difference.

The letter to me was written at my suggestion. She had raised the question of diverting her pledge to some object that Timothy Lew many need, and I felt that we had better clinch it for his residence, especially in view of the increasing improbability that the Vincents can return to Yenching. In any case I feel that we cannot hold this house too long for such an uncertainty. I am writing Vincent, and suggest that you merely acknowledge her letter and assure her that the matter will be taken up in due course by the Finance Committee of the Trustees and by me on my return to China. (Put it on Docket for Finance Com when I am present).

Yours

/s/ J. Leighton Stuart.

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TRANSFER

My dear Mrs Garside:

Last year, on going to China as "delegate" to the opening of Yenching University, on the advice of Mr Wanamaker, Mr Garside and Mr Mc Brier I took tickets for a "de luxe tour" through the World Acquaintance Travel bureau (Miss Schooley) to cost \$1425. as per the itinerary. And I was to pay \$420. for Miss Cummings as my guest from Yokohama, through Japan, Korea and Mukden to Peiping. (She having paid the W.A.T. \$291.25 for her own \$300.00 - less missionary discount - passage across the Pacific, and for the steamer trip from Kobe to Peiping.)

As Miss Cummings had paid her \$30. in advance for the Japan to China voyage, I was to pay the difference for her as my guest or \$390.00.

My bill should have been:

Tour for self	\$1425.00
BB " Miss C. (Japan &c)	390.00
<i>my total</i>	<u>1815</u>
Paid by Miss Cummings (2 steamers)	291.25
<i>grand total</i>	<u>2106.25</u>

But Miss Schooley or the W.A.T rendered me a bill which I protested at the time but paid in my hurry to sail as follows: (dated July 11/30)

"Mrs Blair, Orient trip	1425.
Miss Cummings "Pres McKinley	300.
" tax	5
" Land portion, Aug 24 to arrival	
In Peking, Sept 27	<u>590.</u>
	2120.

I sent cheques to Miss Schooley (W.A.T.) as follows:

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(Cheques sent by me):

May 25/29 in advance	# 100. (gold)
Aug 3,	1620.40
Aug 14	66.60
Aug 19/29	43.75
	<u>1830.75</u>
Already paid by Miss Cummings	291.25
(Across Pacific 261.25	<u>2122.00</u>
S.S. Kobe to Peiping 30.)	

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Because of the outrageous behavior of the Japanese guide, which has been reported in full by me to Mr Garside and the W.A.T.(Miss Schooley), we had to lose the overland trip thro' Korea , Mukden to Peking; and war conditions prevented my going overland from Peking to Shanshai; and as there was no one whatever delegated by the W.A.T.(Miss Schooley) to look after me anywhere after the Jap guide, Shinasaki, quit our party at Kyoto, I was forced to pay all my expenses all over again everywhere (except for the delightful visit with my personal friends, Dr and Mrs Lew at Yenching.)

Shinosaki was forced to show us his correspondence with Miss Schooley (the W.A.T.) showing she had a contract with him on our account of ten dollars aday per person. We had ~~half~~ (12) in all in Japan, or \$120.00 per person and he bought our tickets from Kobe to Tungku (only) which cost him per person, Missionary rates:

60 Yen less 10% A 47 cents th yen,..... . \$ 25.38 gold
(15% ?)

So, all I got from my de luxe tour was:

S.S. "Pers McKinley to Japan	
\$300. less 10%	. . . 270.00
12 days in Japan @ \$10.00	120.00
S.S. Kobe to Tungku	25.38
S.S. Shanghai to San Francisco (less)	<u>311.</u>
	726.38

On behalf of Miss Cummings:	120.	
S.S. to Japan	261.25	415.38
BB" Japan to Tungku	25.38	<u>1141.76</u> total
	415.38	

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The difference amounts to:
Paid the W.A.T (Miss Schooley) \$2122.00
"Value received" 1141.76
Balance due me for unusable portion \$980.24(gold)

for self + guest, of "tour de luxe"
As I have considered giving Yenching University a good deal of money, (to be paid at intervals) and as I went to the W.A.T (Miss Schooley) for my tickets and transportation etc, through the advice of members of Yenching Board, (Mr Mc Brier, Wanamaker and Garside)

I have requested and instructed Mr Garside, as treasurer, to collect the sum due me from the World Acquaintance Trust and apply it on my account of my promises of gifts to the University. It is more than five months since I landed in the U.S. Very respectfully,

Mary Barbour Blair
(Mary Barbour Blair)

Hotel Windermere- West,
1614 E. 56th street,
Chicago, Ill
May 2/30

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(Order sent by me)
May 2, 1930
Dear Sir:
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th inst. in relation to the above captioned matter.
The Bureau is at present unable to furnish you with the information requested in your letter.
I am, however, forwarding you a copy of the report of the Bureau dated May 1, 1930, which contains the information requested in your letter.
Very truly yours,
Special Agent in Charge

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HYDE PARK BOULEVARD AT JACKSON PARK

Chicago

May 3/30.

My dear Dr. Stuart:

After a thorough search among my stored papers, I have found the direction for distribution of this year's \$2000 gift & Generaling:

Psychol. Laboratory	1000.	} as desired by Timothy.
" Library	500.	
Religion Education Lib	500	

I greatly enjoyed seeing you yesterday and hearing so many interesting things about China. Every American is interested in China & the Chinese apparently, these days.

I shall be glad to hear that Timothy is to remain in his present home, for his life time; and on that condition shall be glad to send Generaling the money I

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promised for a house for him &
his family. In fact, I make my
gift conditional upon his leaving
his present quarters; and will
commence payments after the
other house is started, as we
said in our conversation yesterday.

With all good wishes for
the success of your trip and
"many happy returns" - to the
State and to China, -

Very sincerely yours,

Wm. Barton Blair

In view of the ^{10%} discounts on steam
that I received as "missionary delegate"
thru the G. University, last year on the
China trip (I returned the long way via
Manila, Hong Kong etc) and also the 16¢
as the Lord's guest at fueling when I
had no hotel bill, I have figured
up a saving to myself of \$2,124.50, as I
don't want the University to lose too
much thru the about savings of the W.A.T.
I am sending a cheque of \$300.00 to
be added to the one I gave you the
other day (but of \$1020, you recall?)
I appreciate the kind feelings of the
Board in the matter of the W.A.T.
(Miss Sch.) behavior. This makes the cost

of my trip to my ^{own} hauling entirely ^{my own} ^{at the way}

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Mary B. Blair

HOTEL WINDERMERE
Chicago, Ill.

May 3, 1930

My dear Dr. Stuart:

After a thorough search among my stored papers, I have found the directions for distribution of this year's \$2000 gift to Yenching:

Psychology Laboratory	\$1000	(
" Library	500	(as desired by Timothy.
Religious Educ. Library	500	(

I greatly enjoyed seeing you yesterday and hearing so many interesting things about China. Every American is interested in China and the Chinese apparently, these days.

I shall be glad to hear that Timothy is to remain in his present house, for his life time; and on that condition shall be glad to send Yenching the money I promised for a house for him and his family. In fact, I make my gift conditional upon his keeping his present quarters; and will commence payments after the other house is started, as we said in our conversation yesterday.

With all good wishes for the success of your trip and "many happy returns" - to the States and to China, -

Very sincerely yours,
/s/ Mary Barbour Blair

P.S. In view of the 10% discount on steamer that I received as "missionary delegate" through the Yenching University last year on the China trip; (I returned the long way via Manila, Hong Kong, etc.) and also the 16 days as the Leu's guest at Yenching, where I had no hotel bill, I have figured up a saving to myself of \$212 + ; so, as I don't want the University to lose too much through the short comings of the W.A.T., I am sending a check of \$300 to be added to the one I gave you the other day (bal. of \$1020, you recall?). I appreciate the kind feelings of the Board in the matter of the W.A.T. (Miss. Sch.) behavior. This makes the cost of my trip to me as if I had been traveling entirely "on my own" all the way.

copy to BAG

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May 5, 1930

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Hotels Windermere,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair,

I sincerely regret the delays we have encountered in securing from the World Acquaintance Travel the refund due you in connection with your trip to Yenching last fall. I have been in frequent communication with Miss Schooley, and almost a month ago obtained her approval of this procedure in caring for the refund due you, though actual reimbursement by the World Acquaintance Travel has delayed the final closing up of the matter.

Let me now acknowledge receipt of your remittance of \$1,020.00 in payment of the balance of your pledge for this year. In accordance with the action of the Committee on Finance, Property and Investment of the Yenching Board of Trustees, I am authorized to send you the formal receipt of the University for the full two thousand dollars due on your pledge this year. I am happy to enclose herewith a formal receipt for this amount.

I wish to assure you again of how deeply we have all been grieved over the unfortunate incidents which marred your trip to Peking. For any share we may have inadvertently had in these annoyances through our recommendation of the World Acquaintance Travel bureau we are all the more distressed. I sincerely hope that within a few years you will again find occasion for a trip to the orient and to Yenching, and that when such a trip is taken it will be wholly free from the annoyances you encountered last autumn.

Very sincerely yours,

BAG/G
Enc.

Secretary

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May 6, 1930

Received from Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair the sum of \$2,000 to
be applied on her pledge to Yenching University as follows:

Psychological Laboratory	\$1,000
Library	500
Religious Educational Library	500

TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

J. M. Blair

Assistant Treasurer

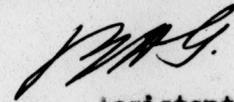
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May 7, 1930

Received from Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair the sum of \$300 to be
allocated as follows:

Psychological laboratory	\$150.00	
" library	75.00	
Religious Education Library	<u>75.00</u>	\$300.00

TRUSTEES OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY



Assistant Treasurer

To replace receipt No. 2770.

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Blair, Mrs. Mary Barbour
Hotel Waukegan - Great
Chicago, Ill.

May 7, 1930

\$ 300 { $\frac{1}{2}$ (\$150.00) for Psychological Laboratory
 $\frac{1}{4}$ (\$75.00) Library
 $\frac{1}{4}$ (\$75.00) .. Religious Educ. "

Gift received 5-7-30
Receipt slip # 2770
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card ✓
" " contr. list ✓
Serial No. on L. and card 987 ✓
Hedge signal attached ✓
X file cards
Letter ack. sent 5-8-30
Checked for O. L. ✓
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May 8, 1930

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I take great pleasure in sending you herewith our official receipt for \$300. You are exceedingly generous in making this additional contribution because of the somewhat unfortunate experiences in connection with your trip to the Orient.

I am sure that the Board of Trustees would wish to have your special generosity in this matter used for the benefit of the work of Yenching University in which you are so deeply interested. We are, therefore, distributing this \$300 to the three special objects named by you for the distribution of the previous remittance for the present year. I hope this will satisfy you.

We are deeply grateful for your intention to provide the additional residence at the University. We will secure information as to when the residence is actually begun and we will then inform you. It is expected that Dr. Lew remain in the same house he is now occupying. It is a very fine and friendly service you are rendering to him in assuring him of not being disturbed in this matter.

Doctor Stuart would wish to join me in thanks for you' but he is again on a trip in behalf of the University.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windemere
Chicago, Ill.

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Hotels Windermere



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HYDE PARK BOULEVARD AT JACKSON PARK

Chicago

May 19/30

Dear Mr. Manamaker:

Your letter of
May 8th received, acknowledging
receipt of my cheque for \$300.
But if you will refer to Mr. Jucid's
letter to me of May 5/30, you
will see that I am to be credited
with my full \$2000. gift for
this year: - \$1020. + \$300 plus
Miss Schooler's balance due me
on my disappointing tour bought
through her.

And that the \$2000. for
this year is to be apportioned:

Psychol. Lab -	1000.
" Library	500.
Chicago World Fair	500.
July, 2d "	2000.

(I trust there
will be no
further



misunderstanding about this, as
I would not have Dr. Lee
think I had resign'ed on my
promise for anything.

Miss Schoddy paid to
your Board a part of what
she owed me, and the Board
credited the \$980⁰⁰ she owed
me, onto my pledge acct.

Very truly yours,

Mary Barton Balin

May 10/30.

Blair

May 14, 1930

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I assure you there was a complete understanding between Mr. Garside and myself when I sent you the receipt for \$300 which you have returned. Because of the preceding correspondence between you and Mr. Garside in reference to the handling of your trip to the Formal Opening, he completed that correspondence by sending you the receipt for \$2,000 and accompanying letter in accordance with instructions from the Board of Trustees. You now hold that receipt signed by him as Assistant Treasurer. Our usual procedure, however, in acknowledging contributions to the University is to mail the receipt from my office accompanied by a letter of thanks. I followed this usual procedure in the case of the additional contribution of \$300. In other words, you have Mr. Garside's receipt for \$2,000 and I am now sending you an additional receipt for \$300 to replace the one you returned.

Since we wish to keep the serial numbers of our receipts unbroken, I am sending this receipt on ordinary Yenohing University letterhead. Mr. Garside used the same letterhead for his previous receipt for \$2,000.

As stated in my previous letter to you, the trustees would wish your gift to be applied to those special objects in which you are so generously interested. For this reason, we are indicating on the enclosed receipt a division of the \$300 between the three objects in the same proportion in which you indicated that you wished the \$2,000 divided. The full amount of \$2300 will be provided to Dr. Timothy Low for these purposes.

Should you prefer to have a single receipt for \$2300, we shall be glad to send you one to substitute for the two you now have. With renewed thanks, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Windemere Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Assistant to the President

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C O P Y

WORLD ACQUAINTANCE TRAVEL
INCORPORATED

29 West 49th St.
New York

May 23, 1930.

Mr. B. A. Garside, Sec'y and Treas.
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Garside:

Apologies are certainly in order, and without further ado, here are mine two-fold!

Frankly, the memo that I was to send along to you our check in connection with the refund on Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair, was misplaced and forgotten by me. I make no other excuse for there is none.

Here is our check for \$882.00 as per our letter and statement to you on March 19th, and as before stated, this releases us from any further financial responsibilities for Mrs. Blair's trip.

Very sincerely

(signed) Ella Schooley

\$882. check encl.

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Blair, Mrs. Mary Barbour

Hotel Windermere - West

Chicago, Ill.

May 27, 1930

*This division auth.
by C. O.*

\$882.00 - (\$475.50 for Religious Education Library) :- toward the 1930
(\$406.50 for Psychology Library) instalment on pledge #86

Gift received 5-27-30
Receipt slip #2781
Entered on control record ✓
" " acct. card
" " contr. list
Serial No. on L. and card 86
Pledge signal attached
X-file cards
Letter ack. sent
Checked for O. L.
" " ~~class~~ ML
" " ~~signal~~ Renewal

This check came from Miss Schooley of the World Acquaintance Tours at the request of Mrs. Blair to whom the money was owed as overcharge on her trip to the Orient. Mrs. Blair decided to have Miss Schooley remit to us to cover part of the instalment due for 1930 on her pledge as above stated. The balance of the \$2000 due on this instalment of the pledge was paid by Mrs. Blair May 7, 1930.

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Res: Blair

October 23, 1930.

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair,
Hotel Windemere,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

In accordance with our agreement last May I am happy to report that the conditions have been fulfilled by which the house now occupied by Timothy Lew is to be made over to him for whatever period he may be connected with our university which I hope will be for many years. Another house has been started and is in fact now nearing completion which will take the place of the one to have been erected for him. As the money for this has been advanced by the Trustees of the university at our urgent request, and in part at least because of your generous promise, I hope that you will be able to arrange with Mr. Wannamaker of our New York office for the settlement of this item in a way that will cause you no inconvenience.

Because of the urging of myself and of all his best friends, Timothy is withdrawing himself from most of the scattered activities which have in the past more or less sapped his vital energies and impaired his finest achievement. He is giving himself almost entirely to teaching and literary work, which are the two things he can do best and so much better than anyone else. I very much hope that he will find more and more satisfaction in this form of activity and learn to refuse to attend meetings and make speeches, etc., except when these are of special significance, and that in the process his health will constantly improve.

With cordial greetings to yourself, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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Hotels Windermere
Chicago



Res: Blair

Jending University,

Dear Mr. Waterman,

Dr. Stuart informs me that Dr. Lu is to remain permanently in his present large house at Jinding in China, as being more suitable than the smaller house for which I was asked to subscribe for his use.

This satisfies me on condition that his house is in good repair. I was out there last year and believe the roof leaked etc. When these matters are corrected, I will commence payment of my \$6500. house pledge. (I have until Jan 1/35 to do so.)

Very truly yours,
Mary Barber Blair

It was for \$7500
Nov 29/30 res.

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TRANSFER


Hotels Windermere
Chicago

Dec 3/30

Yenching University

Dear Mr. MacKinnon:

In May of this year, I sent my \$2,000 pledged to Yenching for the work of Dr. Luotting. It has to be apportioned as follows:

Psychol. Lab	1,000.
" " Library	500.
Religion Ed "	500.
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	2,000.

but Dr. Luotting says the money has not yet been forwarded to date to him out there.

As you recall, I requested

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the Board to recover ² ^{\$98100} from
him I should for my dis-
appointing tour in 1929 and
to apply on my 1980 pledge.

I have repaid only \$400.⁰⁰
Your Board made up 280.00 more
& I sent charges for 1020.
and $\frac{300.}{2000.}$

I have receipts.

Please find out why this
\$2000 has not been sent
out to China for the work
there that I am interested in,
and let me know.

also I want the \$2000,
sent there in gold for
them to get the advantage
of the exchange out there.

I am cabled Dr Lew that
I ~~have~~ ^{did} send the money
to N.Y. I regret this delay &
the inconvenience for
him. But I have done my
part in sending the \$2000. I
for the work I am doing there.

This \$2000. has nothing
to do with the money that
I was asked to give for a
house for him & his Lew.

Will you please send
this \$2000. in gold to the
Cliffside College at once?

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

Mary Babson Blair

Please let me know the
cause of the delay for it has

held up Dr. Lewis work badly
this year. I amt myologues on
May 2nd.

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HOTELS WINDERMERE
Chicago

December 3, 1930

Yenching University

Dear Mr. McBrier:-

In May of this year, I sent my \$2000 pledged to Yenching for the work of Timothy Lew to be apportioned as follows:-

Psychol. Lab. 1000.
" Library 500.
Religious Ed. Library 500
2000.

but Dr. Lew says the money has not yet been forwarded to date to him out there.

As you recall, I requested the Board to recover \$981.00 from Miss Schwoley for my disappointing tour in 1929 and to apply on my 1930 pledge.

She repaid only	\$400.00
Your Board made up	280.00 more
and I sent cheques for	1020.
and	300.
	<u>\$ 2000.</u>

I have receipts.

Please find out why this \$2000 has not been sent out to China for the works there that I am interested in, and let me know.

Also I want the \$2000 sent there in gold for them to get this advantage of the exchanges out there.

I am cabling Dr. Lew that I did send the money to New York. I regret this delay and the inconvenience for him. But I have done my part in sending the \$2000 for the work out there.

This \$2000 has nothing to do with the money that I was asked to give for a house for him and Mrs. Lew.

Will you please send this \$2000 in gold to the China colleges at once?

Thanking you,

Very truly yours,

/s/ Mary Barbour Blair

Please let me know the cause of the delay for it has held up Dr. Lew's work badly this year. I sent my cheques on May 2nd.

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Res: Blair

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December 4, 1930

Dear Leighton:

Upon receipt of your letter, stating that Timothy Lew would occupy indefinitely his present home, Mrs. Blair wrote me that she would be prepared to begin payment on her pledge for the erection of a residence as soon as she should be informed that Dr. Lew's present home has been put in complete state of repair. She said that she had the impression while she was there that the roof required some attention. I thought of cabling you, but am writing instead. If I cabled and gave Mrs. Blair a very speedy assurance that the house had been put in perfect repair, she might have the impression that I was simply making a gesture in response to her letter. I am, therefore, writing her that I am taking the matter up with you immediately.

If everything necessary has been done to the house, I think you might cable me that information. A letter from Dr. Lew to Mrs. Blair, informing her that the house is now entirely satisfactory to him, would be the best way to clear this whole matter.

Cordially yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peking, China

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JLS merely said the repairs
were being arranged.

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Res - Blair

December 8, 1930

Dear Mrs. Blair:

I am glad to have your note of November 29th. I have written immediately to President Stuart, requesting that he see that anything necessary is done to put the residence of Dr. T.T. Low into perfect condition of repair. I shall hear from him either by letter or by cable in the course of one or two months, and will then inform you regarding the matter. I assure you that under present financial conditions in America the help of such generous-hearted friends as you is the only thing that keeps our courage up. There have been few occasions when it was more difficult to raise funds for an institution located so far away from the base of supplies. The Chinese are coming forward and help more and more, but it will be a long time before they can carry the main part of the load.

My memo
asked
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With renewed thanks.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere
Chicago, Illinois

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P.S. Since the above letter was typed, my attention has been called to the letters which have been received from you by Mr. McBrier and Mr. Garside regarding the transmission of the \$2,000.00 which you sent the New York office last May. I merely wish to add that these gentlemen will take the matter up immediately and send you a reply at once.

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\$11,000.
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December 10, 1930

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair, ✓
Hotels Windermere,
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Blair:

We have been very much distressed to learn from your letter of December 3 that Dr. Lew has not been acquainted with the receipt of the \$2,000 which we received from you in May to be apportioned between the Psychology Laboratory and the Psychology and Religious Education Libraries.

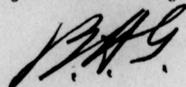
At the time these gifts were received from you in May the usual information of their receipt was transmitted to the field. President Stuart was also familiar with the fact that the money had been received, though with the innumerable matters pressing upon his attention we had no thought of his taking any responsibility in communicating this fact to the field.

The usual procedure of our office is to inform the field of the receipt of designated gifts and to authorize them to draw on us by draft for the full amount of the fund whenever they choose to do so. We have awaited drafts from the field covering the amount of your gifts, and had begun to wonder why the drafts had not arrived. Obviously some link in our chain of communication with the field regarding this matter has been broken. I regret that Dr. Lew did not raise some question with our office concerning the matter several months ago, for we would have been able to adjust it very quickly.

Immediately upon receipt of your letter we cabled the field Treasurer of the University authorizing him to draw on us at once for this \$2,000, and asking him to inform Dr. Lew. This procedure gives Dr. Lew the maximum benefit of having the full amount immediately available at the favorable rates of exchange prevailing on the field. This rate is usually a trifle better than we are able to get here in New York and is substantially better than we could secure if we were to transmit the \$2,000 to the field by cable.

I am also writing Dr. Lew and the Field Treasurer giving them full information with regard to your gifts.

Very sincerely yours,



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Blair, Mrs. Mary Barbours
Bay Island Hotel,
Sarasota, Florida

Mar. 23, 1931

\$2000 } \$1000 - Psychol. Lab. } 4th ann. instal.
1000 - " Library } on pledge
#86

Gift received	3-23-31
Receipt slip #	2961
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	86 ✓
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	4-7-31
Checked for O. L.	✓
" " close-card	ML ✓
" " stencil	Renewal ✓

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April 29, 1931

My dear Mrs. Blair:

It was a keen disappointment to me not to have seen you when you were in New York. I tried repeatedly, but somehow my engagements conflicted with the time when you were accessible, and I failed to have this pleasure. If I find myself in Chicago before returning to China the end of next month, I shall certainly make an effort to see you.

Meanwhile, I want to assure you of Timothy Law's continued activities in various useful ways, his maintenance at least of his general health, and of his very touching devotion to you. The questions regarding his house, as to having been permanently assigned to him and as to being put in proper repair, are all satisfactorily arranged for, so that you need have no further hesitation on this score. Let me tell you once more how deeply all of us appreciate what you have done for him, and therefore, for the whole of Yenching University.

Very sincerely yours,

President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere
Chicago, Illinois

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Hotels Windermere
Chicago

Nov 5/31

My dear Mr. Wannamaker,

Your two letters of July 17 + Oct 2 were both waiting for me on my return (from four months in Europe) a few days ago. No mail was forwarded by this hotel during my absence, because I was travelling so fast.

I realize perfectly the "most utterly abnormal financial conditions" and am enclosing my cheque.

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for \$1000. on my pledge for
Timothy Linn's house in
Gardiner even though, according
to his wife's letter, the house
is not fully repaired.

Perhaps you can use part
of this money to complete the
needed repairs?

I hope to complete my
pledge to the University (\$1000
for the Psych Lab. ¹⁰⁰⁰ + ¹⁰⁰⁰ for the library)
in March/31 - making a total to
the University of the \$1000 pledged
in 1928.

I will see if I can squeeze
out some more towards the
house fund, ^{in 1932} when I hear it
has been repaired properly.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely

Mary Barber Blair

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Res: Blair, Mrs. Mary B.
Hotel Windermere
West

Chicago, Ill.

Nov. 7, 1931

\$1000. — 1928 Camp. — Res. for T.T. Lew

Gift received	11-7-31
Receipt slip #	3087
Entered on control record	✓
" " acct. card	✓
" " contr. list	✓
Serial No. on L. and card	550 ✓
Pledge signal attached	✓
X-file cards	
Letter ack. sent	11-9-31 by O.D.W.
Checked for O. L.	✓ M.L.V.
" " check card	✓ Renewal

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Nov. 17, 1931



Hotels Windermere
Chicago

copy sent JHS 11-20-31

My dear Mr. Wainmaker:

Knowing how
desperately hard it is to raise
funds at present, I am going
to make an extra effort. I have
till 1935 to pay off my pledge for
Timothy Lewis house, but will
try to send you around \$5000
in January. Please remind me.

Very sincerely,

May Barton Blair

Nov 17/31

Do you feel that the
people at Gustiny are
safe at this juncture?

What danger from the Japanese
war?

Hotel Hindemere
London

My dear Mr. Hindemere,
I am very glad to hear
that you have been so long
in the East. I hope you will
write me soon. I have not
heard from you for some time.
I am well and hope these few
lines will find you the same.
I have not much news to write
at present. I am, however,
very interested in the
progress of the war. I hope
it will soon be over.
I am, dear Mr. Hindemere,
very truly yours,
John Hindemere

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Mr. Wannamaker

Res. Blair

December 24, 1931

Mrs. M. Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Mr. Wannamaker has sent me a copy of your very generous letter of November 17th.

I am very much touched by this thoughtfulness, all the more so because we happen to be in an especially embarrassing situation in meeting residence obligation based upon as yet unpaid pledges.

Furthermore, after much consultation our Comptroller and Dr. Lew have come to a complete understanding regarding the alterations remaining to be done in his house, so that as soon as weather permits the place will be entirely reconditioned to the satisfaction of Timothy and his wife.

You will probably have heard through other sources that despite all the political turmoil precipitated by Japanese aggressions in Manchuria and the violent nationalistic feeling which has been aroused all over China, we have been able to carry on without interruption and with an even friendlier feeling between Chinese and Westerners, and faculty and students than before.

Timothy himself has felt the issue keenly, as you can well imagine, but instead of the superficial excitement, reckless desire to go to war, etc., which so many Chinese are showing, he has been at his best - sane, clear-headed - writing editorials in "Truth and Life" of the finest Christian quality, and in other ways realizing his best self.

Unfortunately his health seems not so good as in the past, although his physician assures us that by observing carefully certain directions for the next year or two it is possible that after then he will be stronger than before. I am doing my best to help him carry out this program and he is really taking his physical welfare more seriously than he usually does.

With all best wishes for yourself-

JLS/P

Very sincerely yours,

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