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Res. Blair
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Jan 1, 1932,

Uenching University Board,
My dear Mr Wannamaker:

In fulfilment of my recent promise to you to send \$5000.00 on my pledge of Dec 13/28, on the house for my friends, Dr and Mrs T.T. Lew in China, I will do so as soon as I can arrange my finances. I realize the extreme need and difficulty of raising money for operating expenses at this time, and so am advancing the major part of my pledge.

You recall that I was asked to donate a house that was to be built for my Chinese friends, but it was decided that their present residence was more suitable for them.

And as I am making a great and special effort at this time to send this money I request that part of it be spent for the following things that are needed:

- 1, Mending the roof thoroughly well.
 - 2, Enlarging Dr Lew's study room, thus giving more space for his books, and also serve to protect the main entrance and downstairs washroom plumbing in the cold wintertime.
 - 3, Some extra book cases made in the wall of his study.
- The gold exchange is very much more favorable than when I made my pledge; also the house is six years old.

When these things are all accomplished, I will try to finish my pledge, though not due till 1935.

With the Season's Greetings,
Very sincerely yours,

May Barbara Blair

copy to JHS 1-9-32

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January 7, 1932

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dear Leighton:

I wrote you last November suggesting that you ask Doctor Lew or his wife to write Mrs. Blair informing her that their residence was in entirely satisfactory condition, in order that Mrs. Blair might pay her pledge to us. The enclosed copy of letter just received from Mrs. Blair, seems to me to indicate that Doctor or Mrs. Lew, instead of saying that the house was in an entirely satisfactory condition, may have written her that the roof was not yet entirely water-tight, that Doctor Lew needed to have his study enlarged, and that extra book-cases are needed in his study. I see no way, whatever, of collecting Mrs. Blair's pledge without having these things done for which she makes request. Is it practicable to have this work done and inform me that it has been done, so that we can collect from her? Probably nothing will be entirely convincing to her except a letter from Doctor Lew saying that his home is a second paradise and there is nothing whatever needed even for the next life.

Cordially yours,

Dr. J. Leighton Stuart
Yenching University
Peiping, China

ODW:KK

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Jan 18/32

My dear Mr Warramaker:
According to promise,
I am now making ⁷⁴ 5000, on
payment of pledge for Timothy Linn
house.

Two cluzes, one for \$1500.
and the other for 3500. (total 5000)

I may be able to send cluzes
for the Psych. Lib and Lab. in
March, and finish that five
year pledge this year.

It is not a good year to
sell articles, but I am anxious

To complete my pledges.

A kind letter from Dr. Stuart
this morning gives me a
condition in China. I sincerely
wish that Japan's hands might
be tried by boycott, or otherwise.

Very sincerely

Mary Bantour Blair

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

Gift received, Jan. 20, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 5000.⁰⁰ toward
Pledge \$ # 550
Designation Residence T.T. Lew
Received through _____
Entered on control record
Serial number 550
Entered on record card
Pledge signal attached
Cross file card made _____
Receipt number 3176
Acknowledgment sent 1-20-32
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Mr. Wannamaker

February 22, 1932

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Blair:

The last American mail has brought the good news of your generous decision to finish up the payments on Timothy Lew's house by sending a check to Mr. Wannamaker of \$5,000.00.

By happy coincidence Katherine and Timothy Lew were at my house for lunch yesterday, the good news having been received the evening before. They were also much pleased to get this word, and assured me again that they were quite satisfied with the arrangement that had been made.

You will doubtless be hearing from him of his harrowing experience when they took their little girl to Shanghai to see Katherine's mother and brother, and were caught in the Japanese military aggression, which has wrought such havoc on innocent and unsuspecting people. Fortunately they were finally able to get a coasting steamer and arrived here safely. The little girl was ill and all of them had a severe strain, as well as a heavy financial expenditure, but it might have been much worse and it is a great relief to have them safely back.

He is now worried over his dear old mother who seems to be in danger of losing her eyesight and is under treatment at the P.U.M.C., which adds one more burden to this eldest son, who is faithful to the old Chinese tradition.

There is not much else to report about them, except to add that on the whole Timothy seems to be in better physical condition than when I last wrote you.

I had been planning to make a short trip to the States this spring but may be detained here by fear of similar Japanese attacks in this locality. If I do carry out my plans I shall hope to look in on you in passing through Chicago.

Very sincerely yours,

JLS/P

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Chicago



Dear Mr. Warrnamaker:

Please tell me the best and safest way of sending some money to T. T. Luo in China. Should it be cabled? and to what address?

Or is a cheque in a letter safe?

I am in a quandary, and the Banks here simply can't advise, under the circumstances. Your advice will be a real favor to me.

Sincerely,

May Barton Blair

February 24/32

CJS

February 29, 1932

Dear Mrs. Blair:

I should think you could send money to Dr. Lew from Chicago without special difficulty. If you purchase a draft at your bank in favor of Dr. Lew and mail it to him he ought not to have any difficulty in cashing that draft at the National City Bank in Peiping. World finance conditions are, however, extremely abnormal just now. My wife is having considerable difficulty in handling drafts in Vienna, and I am actually having money mailed to her in American Bank Notes. Because of this abnormal condition possibly it might be wiser for you to let us remit the money to Dr. Lew through our usual channels from this office. We can remit the money for you in either of two ways - by a draft mailed from here, or by cable.

If you care to have us render this service you might send us your check for the amount of money you wish to remit. We will then mail a draft to Dr. Lew, or, if you desire, we will cable the Yenching University Treasurer to pay Dr. Lew that amount in local currency which can be bought with the amount of gold you provide. We will let you know what the small expense involved may be, and you could send a later check to cover that.

It will be a great pleasure to be of any service to you in this matter.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere
Chicago, Illinois

ODW:KK

cc to JLS

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FRONTING SOUTH ON JACKSON PARK
56TH STREET AND THE LAKE

note 5/32

My dear Mr Warramaker:

Can you please explain the figures in the enclosed letter? Has Dr Luv changed the original plans of

Polit. Sc Lib 1000 (Paid)

Relig Ed " 1000 (Pd)

Psychol Laboratory 5000 (4000 Pd)

Psychol Library 4000 (3000 Pd)

Can you please check this matter and let me know and I will send the 2000. bal. due now.

Also, according to your offer in your letter of Feb 29th, will you please cable the enclosed amount of \$1650.⁰⁰ direct to Dr J. J. Luv and let me know

the expense of cabling?

I will send the \$2000. when
matter referred to above is
straightened out - I do not
understand the figures of
\$1975.50 + \$24.50!

All that ^{will} remain ~~now~~
in the \$1500.00 on the pledge
for the house at Yonkers -
payable when the house repairs
are complete. Thanking you, -

Very truly yours,

Harry Pearson Blair

How and to what address do you
cable money to Dr Hew? Or do you
cable it to the care of some bank?
Please inform me, for future
possible use.

OK

March 7, 1932

Dear Mrs. Blair:

I take pleasure in replying at once to your letter of March 5th. The fractional figures mentioned in Miss McCoy's letter to you - \$1975.50 and \$24.50-were naturally confusing. As you have made remittances here from time to time the Assistant Treasurer has always credited the remittance exactly in accordance with any special instructions sent in your letters. At the same time the record has been carefully kept so that your original instructions dividing the \$11,000 among the various special objectives should be carried out in full. These fractional items came about in connection with the adjustment made on account of the unsatisfactory management of your trip by the Travel Bureau. You will recall that this office made an adjustment and actually remitted to the field corresponding amounts because of the bad management of that trip. The amounts actually remitted to the field, so far, are as follows:-

Political Science Library	\$1,000.00
Psychological library	2,024.50
Religious Education library	975.50
Psychology laboratory	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$9,000.00

Later found to be incorrect & checked with B.G.

The unpaid balance of \$2,000 must be divided, as you see, as follows:-

Psychological library	\$1,975.50
(to bring the total given to that library up to your original stipulation of \$4,000)	
Religious Education library	24.50
(to bring the amount to your original stipulation of \$1,000)	

Doctor Low has made no change in the distribution as agreed upon by you and him, and the office here has been scrupulously careful in carrying out your directions.

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Mrs. Blair.....#2

March 7, 1932

The equivalent of your check for \$1650 Gold will be cabled to Doctor Lew immediately. There is only one safe method for us to handle the transaction. We are cabling the Peiping Branch of the National City Bank as follows:

"Pay to Timothy Lew, Yenching University, \$1650 Gold."

The bank will then, of course, take the utmost precaution to secure the necessary identification and will see that the money is paid directly to Doctor Lew. This method is entirely safe, since failure on the part of the bank to deliver the money to the proper person and to file the necessary proof of such delivery would give us ample legal ground for demanding reimbursement from the bank. We could cable differently - instructing the bank to pay the money to the Treasurer of Yenching University for Doctor Lew, but I have advised our Assistant Treasurer to use the other method because I thought it would be more to your satisfaction and to that of Doctor Lew not to have this money by any chance confused with any remittance through the Treasurer there for Doctor Lew's department.

The cost of this cablegram is \$7.68.

You may be assured that when you send us your final remittance of \$2,000, the entire amount given by you, \$11,000, will have been distributed exactly as you originally directed.

Cordially yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

ODW:KK

cc to JHS
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Yenching University
New York City

March 7, 1932

Memorandum to Mr. C.A. Evans

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair has sent us the attached check for \$1650 Gold payable to Yenching University. She desires to have this transmitted by cable to Doctor Timothy Low of Yenching University. In the light of my conversation with you, I am informing Mrs. Blair that you are cabling the National City Bank, Peiping, China, to pay to Doctor Timothy Low \$1650 Gold.

O.D.W.

ODW:KK

See letter from M.B.B. 7-5-3.
& to her today in file re
\$11,000 pledge

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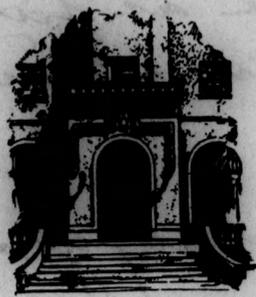
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HOTEL POLK
FLORIDA'S HOTEL BEAUTIFUL
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA

June 23/32

Dear Mr. Wannamaker:

Thank you for
cabling the \$1650. recently to J. J. Luv in
Peking for me recently; and here in my
charges for \$7.68 for the cable.

I also enclose the balance in full
of my five year pledge to Yenching
for Dr. Luv to use in his library,
laboratory etc. i.e. - \$1000 for Peking Library
and 1000 " " Laboratory
total 2000. and a grand

total contribution for the 5 yrs of \$1000.00

I am obliged to get this pledge paid up
in full, as no one knows what the
future has in store for ^{any of} us financially!
So I am paying off all pledges as fast
as I can do so.

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I trust that the Japs will not carry
their depredations as far as Peking. Do
you think the Americans there are in
any danger?

Sincerely yours,

Mary Barton Blair.

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March 28, 1932

Dear Mrs. Blair:

I thank you most heartily for your generous remittance of \$2,000, which completes the payment of the splendid gift you pledged to Yenching University, a total of \$11,000. You are an exceptional friend, especially in these abnormal times, in paying up your pledge in advance of the final due date. Such persons are extremely rare.

I acknowledge also check for \$7.68 to repay Yenching University for the cost of cabling the money to Doctor Lew recently.

This \$2,000 will be sent immediately by draft to Doctor Lew and will be accompanied by a copy of that paragraph in your letter of March 23rd pertaining to this particular remittance. It occurs to me that you might like to have in your own files a copy of your letter, since you could not take a carbon copy when writing with a pen. I am, therefore, asking the office secretary to send you a carbon copy together with this note of mine.

I am sorry to say that we feel utterly unable here to forecast what may happen in China in the coming months. The situation does not look altogether reassuring. Personally, I am inclined, however, to regret almost more the continued disunion among the political and military leaders in China than the inexcusable policy of Japan. In other words, if these military and political leaders in China will only sink their personal differences and present a united front in struggling with the tremendous internal problems of their own country, and also in defending China against outside aggression, the Japanese imperialistic policy would find itself absolutely frustrated. Feeling, as I do, the tragedy of this disunion among the leaders in China and knowing how the Chinese people are suffering because of it, I am more than ever impressed with the vital necessity for strengthening just such influences as those focused at Yenching University. It is such influences as these which will make a new citizenship in China, and only by means of such a new citizenship can we hope ultimately to have really a new China.

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Mrs. Blair.....#2

March 28, 1932

You have made a notable contribution toward that
absolutely essential creative force needed at the present
time by the Chinese people.

Gratefully yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Polk Hotel
Haines City, Florida

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cc: JRS

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

Gift received, Mar. 28, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 2000 - final payment on

Pledge \$ No. 86

Designation \$1000 to Psychol. Library & \$1000 to Relig.Educ.Library

Received through ---

Entered on control record

Serial number 86

Entered on record card

Pledge signal attached

Cross file card made

Receipt number 3557

Acknowledgment sent 3-28-32 by ODW

Entered on renewal sheet

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Contributed previously? Yes

*(#3556 was voided as
incorrect allocation
given)*

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Yenching University

March 28, 1932
G32-3-28-1

Mr. Stephen Tsai
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Mr. Tsai

We have today received from Mrs. Mary B. Blair a final \$2,000. payment on her contribution of funds toward the support of work recommended to her by Dr. T. T. Lew. Accordingly we give the following authorization:-

Authorization #3220 - You are authorized to draw at three days the sum of G\$2,000.00, being the amount received from Mrs. Mary B. Blair to complete the pledge made to Dr. T. T. Lew for support of departments in which he is particularly interested.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr. Lew for his information.

According to Mrs. Blair's letter, and according to our records, this G\$2,000. is to be allocated as follows:-

Psychology Laboratory	G\$1,000.00
Psychology Library	1,000.00

Very cordially yours

M. Garrison

BAG:MS

CC: Dr. Lew

Accounting Office

Promotional Office ✓

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EMERGENCY SUBSCRIPTION
FOR THE COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES

Recognizing the danger which threatens one of the most vital services of Yenching University to China—the training of scientists with a Christian view of life—I pledge to this end the sum of 2,000 dollars (\$2,000) to be paid as follows:

- Cash herewith \$.....
- In 4 annual payments of \$ 500.00 beginning June 1, 26 1933
- In semi-annual payments of \$ 500.00 beginning " " 1934
- In ~~quarterly~~ ^{annual} payments of \$ 500.00 beginning " " 1934
- ~~At my convenience on or before~~ At my convenience 7,500.00 1936

Signed M. B. Blair

Address Windsor
Chicago, Ill

Date May 23, 1932

Checks should be made payable to TRUSTEES, YENCHING UNIVERSITY,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

31st - continuing - on raising fee account - signed by Rockwell

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

Gift received, May 26, 1932 (date)

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Cash Gift \$ _____
Pledge \$ 2,000 payable \$500 ann. beginning
Designation Nat. Sciences Endow. June 1, 1933
Received through C&J
Entered on control record *Gift contingent*
Serial number 1409 *on our securing*
Entered on record card *entire \$250,000*
Pledge signal attached
Cross file card made
Receipt number _____
Acknowledgment sent 5-28-32
Entered on renewal sheet
Checked for office list
Checked for mailing list
Contributed previously? see renewal sheet December

Pledge card in safe

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May 28, 1932

Dear Mrs. Blair:

We are all deeply grateful to you for the pledge for \$2,000 you have given through Dr. Jenney. We have noted in our records that your pledge is contingent upon our raising the full amount required by the Rockefeller Foundation. We are doing everything in our power to accomplish this, but I have never met with obstacles quite so difficult to overcome. We have now reduced the balance required to about \$62,500.

With renewed thanks to you.

Sincerely yours,

Assistant to the President

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere
Chicago, Illinois

ODW:KK

P.S. We are enclosing a copy of your pledge for your own record.

cc to DRS

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Hotels Windermere
Chicago



FRONTING SOUTH ON JACKSON PARK
56TH STREET AND THE LAKE

Dear Mr. Wammamaker:

July 18/32

Enclosed in my
check for \$1000. on account of this
house for my friends Timothy and
Katherine Low of Garding.

The remaining balance of \$500.
will be paid when I learn that
the promised repairs etc have
been completed.

Very sincerely,

Mary Barbara Blair

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

Gift received, July 19, 1932 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 1000 To apply on pledge
Pledge \$ ----
Designation 1928 Camp - Residence T.T. Lew
Received through L.E.J.
Entered on control record
Serial number 550
Entered on record card
Pledge signal attached
Cross file card made ---
Receipt number 3765
Acknowledgment sent 7-19-32
Entered on renewal sheet
Checked for office list
Checked for mailing list
Contributed previously? See Dec: sheet

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Mary B Blair "Residence" file

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July 21, 1952.

Dr. Howard S. Galt,
Yenching University,
Peiping, China

My dear Dr. Galt:

We have now received from Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair another payment of \$1,000 to apply on the cost of the residence occupied by Dr. T. T. Lew. This makes \$7,000 in all we have received from Mrs. Blair.

According to our records as shown in my letter to Miss Cookingham of May 25, 1952 (G 32-5-25-1) Dr. Lew occupies Residence #51 for which the cost was \$10,077.11. There will thus remain a deficit of G. \$5,077.11 after this present \$1,000 has been applied. In her letter transmitting this check Mrs. Blair writes:-

"The remaining balance of \$500 will be paid when I learn that the promised repairs, etc., have been completed."

I believe that Mr. Wannamaker wrote to Dr. Stuart some time ago in regard to notifying Mrs. Blair when these repairs she refers to had been completed, so possibly the matter has already been attended to. If not, I trust that you will see that such a notification is sent as soon as the matter has been attended to, so that we may collect this final \$500 on Mrs. Blair's pledge, and coming that much nearer to clearing off the deficit in this account.

I do not know just what repairs are contemplated or how great the cost may be, but I hope that the substantial deficit already outstanding on this residence will not be greatly increased. I believe that the simplest procedure in handling the cost of such repairs would be to use the necessary funds from the residence balances you already have in hand, notifying us in due course as to the exact figures.

I do not know exactly what understanding Mrs. Blair has as to how her payments are being handled, and I am not sure whether she realizes that this large deficit is outstanding on Dr. Lew's residence, and that her gift is helping us through clearing up an embarrassing shortage of funds, rather than through providing additional money for new construction. After one or two other unfortunate misunderstandings with the lady I have become a bit cautious about raising any unnecessary questions. I am sure that in his correspondence with her, Dr. Lew will be careful not to say anything that might lead her to

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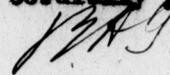
Dr. Howard S. Galt

July 21, 1952.

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feel we should have transmitted the entire amount of her gift to the field for new expenditures there.

Very cordially yours,



BAG:FW

CC: Miss McCoy

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY
Peiping, China

November 5, 1932
No. C32-11-5-119

Mr. B. A. Garside
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mr. Garside:

Your letter dated July 21 addressed to Dr. Galt in regard to Mrs. Blair's gift for Dr. T. T. Lew's residence has been waiting for attention for some time. We understand from President Stuart that letters have gone from his office and from Dr. Lew to Mrs. Blair stating that the promised alterations and repairs have been satisfactorily completed and we hope by this time you have received the balance of Mrs. Blair's gift.

On our Construction Department balance sheet as of September 30, 1932 on page 2 you will note that the expenditures for alterations on House 51 amount to \$977.77. We have disbursed this amount from our 1930 Residence Appropriation Account. The gold equivalent of LC\$977.77 is G\$267.00. This makes the total cost of the house including alterations G\$10,344.11 (LC\$20,144.44.) When you capitalize this amount we will adjust our books accordingly.

So far as we know neither Dr. Lew nor Mrs. Blair is concerned about the deficit on house 51. Since Dr. Lew is satisfied with the changes made in his residence it would not seem likely that there should be any embarrassment about the matter in the future.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ MARY COOKINGHAM

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Mrs. M. B. Blair

*CU
Jan 1
for the fine
\$500*

Copy - Promotional Office

December 10, 1952.
G 52-12-10-1

Miss Mary Cockingham
Yenching University
Peiping, China

My dear Miss Cockingham:

Let me acknowledge receipt of your letters No.052-11-5-119, and No.052-11-5-120.

Letter 052-11-5-119. This deals with Dr. T. T. Lew's residence, House No.51. We note the information that the cost for the alterations on House No.51 amounted to L.C.\$977.77 or G. \$267.00. We are at this time putting through a journal voucher transferring this charge, and a corresponding amount of residence funds, to our completed Residence Account. This will show the total cost of Residence No. 51 as G.\$10,544.11.

Thus far we have not received Mrs. Blair's final remittance of G.\$500 on account of her appropriation, but I trust that this will soon be coming in. I am passing on the information you give to our Yenching Promotional Office, so that if they consider it desirable, they can follow up this pledge.

V.B.G.

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February 18, 1933.

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

My dear Mrs. Blair:

About two months ago we received word from Yenching University that the alterations which were being made on Dr. T. T. Lew's residence had been completed, and that Dr. Lew was quite pleased with the result. Probably Dr. Lew has written directly to you, and has expressed his appreciation of the way in which your generosity has again added to his comfort and has enabled him to render a greater service to Yenching and to the Christian enterprise.

According to our records, the last \$500 on your gift for Dr. Lew's residence is still outstanding. Whenever it may be convenient for you to send this last payment on your gift, it will be most gratefully received. The amount required for the repairs on Dr. Lew's residence have had to be advanced temporarily from other sources, and it will materially relieve some of our pressing financial problems to receive the final payment on your most generous gift.

Sincerely appreciating your loyalty to the great institution which has been made possible by such friends as yourself, I beg to remain,

Very sincerely yours,

PW

Treasurer

Copy to JLS (here)

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A. L. DAWSON, Owner-Manager

BRIGHTON VALLEY HOTEL
AND
DUDE RANCH

BRIGHTON, FLORIDA RECEIVED ATTENTION

FEB 2 8 1933

Dear Mr. Mc Brier,

Enclosed in my cheque
for \$500⁰⁰, balance in full on my
pledges for \$7500. for Dr. J. J. Lewis
house in China, - with the under-
standing that the needed repairs
etc., have been done to his satis-
faction, according to your letter of
Feb 18/33 just received.

The news of the Japanese
degradation in China, makes me
very uneasy for the minority, for
the Lewis and for my friend,
Miss Cummings. Do you think
they are in danger from the Japs.?

Very sincerely,

Mary Barbara Blair

Feb 25/33



Dude Ranch - Ever Flowing Swimming Pool - Seminole Indian Village - Zoo - Hunting - Fishing

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February 28, 1933.

Mrs. Mary Harbour Blair
Brighton Valley Hotel
Brighton, Florida

My dear Mrs. Blair:

I wish to thank you sincerely for your very prompt response to my letter of February 18th, and I am herewith enclosing receipt for your generous payment, which completes your pledge for \$7,500.

You inquire in regard to the safety of the University. I can best answer by enclosing a letter just received from Dr. Stuart which was printed for the members of the Advisory Council.

Personally, I feel that even if the Japanese did attempt to coerce Pientain and Peiping and Northern China, they would not interfere with the University buildings. There is no doubt but what it would curtail the student body and perhaps would impose restrictions upon our freedom.

However, it is all a guess, now that Japan has left the League of Nations. I think the military party of Japan is riding for a fall. No one country in this world can for a long time defy the whole civilized world.

With renewed expressions of esteem and appreciation, I beg to remain,

Most truly yours,

H.M.C.B.A
Encs.

Treasurer.

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Mrs. Mary Barbour Blais
Chicago, Ill.

Temporary address:
Brighton Valley Hotel
Brighton, Florida

Gift received Feb. 28, 1933 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 500. — Final payment on pledge
Pledge \$ _____
Basis of payment _____
Designation 1928 Camp. — T.T. Lew Residence
Received through _____
Control record serial number 550 ✓
Entered on record card ✓
Pledge signal attached _____
Receipt number 3840 ✓
Acknowledgment sent 2-28-33 by E.M.W.B.
Entered on renewal sheet Dec. 1933
Checked for office list ✓
Checked for mailing list ✓
Last renewal card entrance (month and year) _____
Gift added to Cult. List..... yes

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Henrick
Camp. Reports -
Chicago

Sept. 27, 1933

REPORT OF MR. HENRICK'S CALL ON

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair

Confidential

*Hotel Waukegan
56th St - 5*

I had a very long and pleasant interview with Mrs. Blair when I was in Chicago. She said that she felt that it was unwise to send money to China as the Japanese would ultimately take over control, and she therefore had decided she would withhold payments on her pledge.

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Bayard M. Hedrick

→ Mr Hedrick, - Oct 27
Mrs. Blair has been out of city for 2 weeks.
They do not know at her hotel where she is. She has
not sent any forwarding address yet - probably will
in time. I wrote her a nice letter today, (by plane, he says)
E. M. McBrier

0945

Sept. 27, 1933

REPORT OF MR. HEDRICK'S CALL ON

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair ✓ file

Confidential

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Copy to Mr. McBrier

0946

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

Gift received Jan. 6, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 500.00 - 1st annual payment on pledge #1409

Pledge \$ 2000

Basis of payment \$500 ann. beginning June 1933

Designation Natural Science Endowment

Received through CEJ

Control record serial number 1409

Entered on record card

Pledge signal attached

Receipt number 3954

Acknowledgment sent 1-6-34

Entered on renewel sheet ----

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) ----

She wrote on the reminder card returned with check:
"Jan/34" "Sorry to be so late with this. M.B.Blair"

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0947

January 15, 1934

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Blair:

You will recall that when I was in Chicago last September I had a conversation with you about Yenching University in Peking. I am happy to believe that I allayed your fears that possible Japanese interference in China might jeopardise any educational investment made in Yenching. Doubtless you remember that I pointed out that gifts such as yours are invested in the United States, only the income being transferred to China to take care of the current budgets.

I am happy to report that the Japanese threat is rapidly receding. Also that even when the Japanese were in their greatest advance into China they left the properties of the Christian Colleges strictly alone. We all feel positive that there is no danger in future of any molestation of the Yenching property or students.

Allow me to remind you that you said you would also contribute \$250, or perhaps more, to the current operating expenses of the University. This would apply on the \$10,000 needed to balance the current budget. I hope that you may find it possible to send this contribution to this emergency fund at an early date.

I note with pleasure that you paid \$500 recently on your pledge for \$2,000 made in 1932. This money, together with your generous gift of 1928, becomes a part of the permanent endowment of the University.

Cordially yours

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Rayard M. Hedrick

*on ck
& card*

*\$250
check
rec'd 1-26-34*

0948

January 26, 1934

My dear Mrs. Blair:

Again we have occasion to express our sincere appreciation for the renewed evidence of your interest and generosity. We are in receipt of your check in the amount of \$250.00 for current operating expenses and we wish to assure you that this beneficent gift is of value beyond the ordinary, as it comes at a time of real need when income is depleted and gifts are scarce.

I personally wish to assure you of our genuine appreciation of your continued interest in Yenching University. I feel, as no doubt you do, that we are engaged in building a bulwark against the tide of disorganization and experimentation which is so rampant in these days.

I made a brave attempt to see you when I was in Chicago awaiting Mrs. McBrier's recovery, but found that you had left the city. I wrote you in care of your hotel in Chicago but they advised that you had been absent for some days and had left no forwarding address, but I doubt not that you received my letter in due time.

When you come East, plan to call on us. Mrs. McBrier and I would very much appreciate your making your headquarters with us when you come to New York.

With sincere personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

E. M. McBrier, Treasurer

Mrs. Mary Barbour Blair
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Illinois

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0949

Mrs. Mary Barton Blais
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Ill.

Gift received Jan. 26, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 250⁰⁰

Pledge \$

Basis of payment

Designation Current Operating Expenses

Received through Mr. Hedrick

Control record serial number 1690 ✓

Entered on record card ✓

Pledge signal attached

Receipt number 3961 ✓

Acknowledgment sent 1-26-34

Entered on renewal sheet

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year)

Noted on CL? yes

0950

Mrs. Mary Carbur Blain
Hotel Windermere West
Chicago, Ill.

Gift received July 9, 1934 (date)

Cash Gift \$ 500.00 - 2nd payment on pl 1409

Pledge \$ ~~500~~

Basis of payment \$500 annually

Designation Natural Sciences

Received through C. C. G.

Control record serial number 1409

Entered on record card

Pledge signal attached

Receipt number 4096

Acknowledgment sent 7-12-34

Entered on renewal sheet

Checked for office list

Checked for mailing list

Last renewal card entrance (month and year) _____

On C. L. yes

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