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January 4, 1924

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey  
c/o St. Joseph's  
Asheville, N. C.

My dear Caskey:

The enclosed letter has just come to hand as a result of my inquiry whether you care to cover the entire cost of this well or not. It would be a very pleasant reminder of your association with us to have it known by your name. I shall arrange this either by correspondence or on my return to China.

Best wishes to Mrs. Caskey and pleasure in the thought of your good times together.

Very sincerely yours

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ONE BLOCK FROM PUBLIC SQUARE

# SWANNOA-BERKELEY HOTEL

EUROPEAN PLAN  
RUNNING WATER OR BATH IN EVERY ROOM  
W.C. HAWK, MANAGER.

ASHEVILLE, N.C.

*Cosher*  
*re Youngstown*  
Jan'y 9 1924

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My Dear Strong -

Glad to have yours of the 7<sup>th</sup> and delighted about Mrs. Kinnear's gift. Part of the credit for that should go to her. The letter from Mr. Grandin came to me originally and I sent it to the office. Hope he is planning to send check tomorrow. ~~It is for \$7500.00~~ he surely ought to have a letter, or he will see the \$7000.00 from other and, lacking an explanation, will be sore.

Mr. Mary Wick's subscription  
~~to~~ for \$1500: annually for  
three years - She has sent it  
in for two years without any  
notice being sent her and has  
added \$1000: each time, and  
I expect she will do the same  
this year. I had hoped she  
would add more than \$1000:  
this time. She is in New York  
now and will be for a week or  
more but her secretary may  
send it in - Before Dr. Stuart  
returns he should ask her  
to make it an annual gift



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and she will probably agree to it.

Her son's subscription is for \$200.00 a year for five years.

Mr. Owen's pledge is, she hopes (as I do) an annual one, but she distinctly said "Now if my funds make this impossible next year I will not feel bound to pay it." There isn't any serious danger about her "funds" however. It is for \$2500.00 annually, <sup>(from July 1923)</sup> and if she

Don't send in the remaining \$4500<sup>00</sup>  
in January, possibly I'd better  
write her. I think however that  
she was waiting for her January  
dividends to come in to remit the  
balance. I don't remember what  
her letter said.

Hugh W. and Caroline Bonnell are  
for three years each. Mr. J. M. Bonnell  
their mother agreed to one year  
only but I felt certain I'd make  
it three. She promised the second  
year to Dr. Stuart and me. They  
will probably agree to keep it  
up indefinitely too after the three  
years are up.



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Our address is to be  
159 Pearson Drive - Asheville.  
Will you have some one instruct  
the Pres. Lantern Slide Dept. and  
Mr. McNeil on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor? They  
are both holding shipments for  
me -

I'm sorry to say that I left  
New York with a slight attack  
of Sciatica and have been fighting  
it ever since and have been miserable.  
If Phila. were not so far, I'd be in

Fred Erdman's care tonight  
I'll miss out though. Mr. Caskey  
is feeling fine and much elated  
over the prospects of a real home  
again. All best wishes  
Sincerely  
AKC.

Germanium Penna

January 28, 1924.

Dear Friends -

The enclosed came to me from Mr. Strong.

Hope you are receiving many such -

It would be a great satisfaction if I could know what has been received since January 1<sup>st</sup>, and there are some that I should know about and write if they have not sent in checks - If Mr. Owen and Mr. Wick of Youngstown have not forwarded remittances

I ought to write them at once. There are others who promised small gifts that no one else knows anything about. Would it not be desirable to send me about every two weeks for a time at least the record of amounts received? Of course it would be for my own information only and to make further cooperation possible! I'm very eager to know about what Mr. Davison of Pittsburgh has said or done -

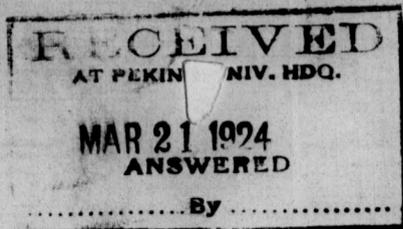
I asked some time ago that the Presbytery

Lantern Slide Department and Mr. McKie on the  
fourth floor to tell of my Asheville address so  
they could send some things to me by Express.  
I wonder if this was done - the things have not  
been received yet -

I am hoping to leave for Asheville on Wednesday  
but cannot do so unless I am much better than  
I am this morning. You had better use  
that address however after Tuesday unless  
I write to the contrary.

Cordially  
A. K. Barker

159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville N. C.



Asheville, N.C.  
March 19, 1924.

My Dear Miss Dillman -

You have been very good about sending me mail of one book and another and I am greatly obliged to you.

We have been having rather a trying experience but hope the worst is over. My daughter came down from Canada and I joined her in Philadelphia - She has been quite ill ever since she arrived, but is much better now - I am far from well but got to the doctor in a taxi this morning, so we are making progress -

I find two boxes of lantern slides here on my return but have not been able to examine them. I think they do not include the ones which Prof Porter had - There he has one very best one, and the one which I have been using, so I am anxious to keep track of them and get them here as soon as he is through with them. I'd rather not let them go much longer and I wonder if you will be willing to take the matter up with

Prof. Porter some time soon - I hope I shall  
be able to use them occasionally this Spring  
as soon as I am able to do any thing. They do  
not belong to the University and are largely from  
my own photographs. The Lantern Slide Dept. of  
the Presbyterian Board will mail them to me whenever  
they are ready. I hate to trouble you but  
will be greatly obliged -

Mr. A. H. Fuller of Cleveland died recently  
in Pasadena - Will you see that his name  
is removed from the list?

Yale University Library, New Haven, Conn.  
would be glad to have "Peking News" as  
issued from time to time.

All good wishes

Sincerely yours

Robert K. Coates

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ASHEVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA

April 2, 1924.

Dear Mr. Lewis -

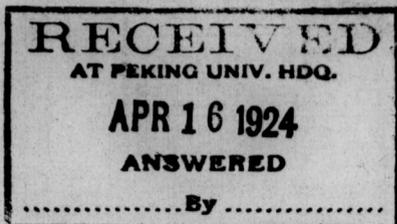
Your tackling the big job that Peking University now offers has pleased me immensely and I sincerely hope that the work will be tremendously successful under your administration - Your personality, Experience, and Everything else seem to combine to make you just the man for the place, and I shall keep on enthusing our Peking as I have done for the past three years. Conditions

in the office are such a composite  
that no one can be held responsible  
for anything, especially after a year and  
more of campaigning. Luce will tell  
you more than you can possibly remember,  
so there is no necessity of my putting in.

Please keep me in as close touch as  
possible with every detail for I want  
to feel that I am a part of it all—  
With all sincerest wishes

Most truly yours

Herbert K. Barker



Asheslee No. Car.  
April 13, 1924.

My Dear Miss Dillman -

You no doubt have your hands full and I do not want to add a single stem to the burden, but I am really counting on you to see that I get the lantern slides which Prof. Porter had for a time.

I am not much better, I am sorry to say, and the doctors tell me my nerve trouble is rather serious. I am to go into a Nerve Specialist's Sanitarium here, probably Tuesday for a month or so of absolute quiet, while they study the situation.

It is bound to be a long sleep at first but I shall be very hopeful. It will give me lots of time to think about Peking University and make imaginary speeches.

Of course now there may be no haste about the slides my be sure they are not lost -

Yours all good wishes -

Sincerely yours  
Arthur H. Caskey -

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NORTH CAROLINA

April 14 / 24.

Dear Mr. Lewis -

# 706  
Enclosed find check for \$50.00 to be  
credited to Mrs. Casky and myself, as  
our gifts have been made jointly, even  
if small - I'd like to pay for that  
myself eventually if I can afford it.

Go into a sanitarium tomorrow for  
a full month of "absolute quietness"  
Amin' hoping

Cordially yours  
Arthur Casky

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Hillcrest Manor  
Ashville No. Car  
May 6/24

Rev. James H. Lewis  
Peking University

Dear Mr. Lewis - The enclosed has just reached me and as I am still in the sanitarium I am going to ask the office to adjust it for me. These are probably my slides which were loaned to Prof. Porter when I was not in the office, and only a few of them are definitely related to the University. They are from photographs I took myself, and I paid for the slides, and I hope to use them in talks on China when I am able. The inner black case is my own too, so I cannot understand what she means about that. If these are the slides that Prof. Porter and young Mr. Warner used, the University might well pay the postage to return them to me, tho I shall be glad to refund it when I get out of bed. I would rather have Mr. Coker prepared as Mr. Coker is also in bed, with a nurse looking after household affairs and they may not have the change -

May I trouble you with this just far enough  
to get it started? If there is any more  
delay I'm afraid I may slip up on them  
entirely - it is four months now - and  
I fear some of them may be lost or broken.  
Greatly interested in taking them just here.

All good wishes

Sincerely yours

Albert K. Baskin

address  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville.

July 11, 1924

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

Thank you for your good note of the 9th, not only for the suggestions which it contained but especially because it gives us the opportunity of hearing from you. We will write these persons as you suggest.

How are you and Mrs. Caskey getting along? I hope that you are having a cool and restful summer and that your rheumatism is improving so that you can get out for a game of golf now and then. I cannot come to the office day after day without being conscious of the fact that this work here has been really your work, and that into the hardest days of the University life your own mind and effort has been put.

You will be interested in reading a few lines from a short letter which Dr. Luce wrote the other day:

"I am more than satisfied with the prospects at the new site. It will be wonderful. I never expected the ideal I have had in my heart could be so well realized. In the midst of (apparent) chaotic building materials, something very solid and very beautiful is emerging. The site itself is better than I had thought it could be. We have just passed plans for the building of fourteen residences."

One of these fine days you and Mrs. Caskey will have to journey out to see the work which your hands began.

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It is now determined that the formal opening of the University will be in September 1926. I think we can get a sufficient number of buildings completed, together with the mechanical installations, to provide for removal to the new site next fall, but it will be another year before the Administration Building and the other larger buildings are really completed, the grounds tidied up and the stage set for the formal dedication. Plan now to be present then.

Always with sincere regards,

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NORTH CAROLINA

July 15, 1924.

Dear Mr. Lewis -

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> here -

I did not intend you should write  
Mrs Paul Jones (nee Groline Bonnell) - It  
was just to correct the records and  
keep names straight - I do not know  
when her payment is due. Her pledge is  
for 3 years - Her mother Mrs. J. M. Bonnell paid  
\$1000 in 1923 and said she would repeat it  
in 1924 and we hoped in 1925. Hugh Bonnell's  
pledge was for 3 years. He is very cranky  
about the waste of postage in sending  
material to both him and his mother, if

You can indicate it in some way.

Mr. Myron C. Nick has paid in Jan'y.  
but delayed matter a little this year.

If by any chance she has not  
paid will you let me know?

Then I am concerned about Geo. S.  
Dawson of Pittsburgh. He said he  
would give me something after Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>  
and is able to give liberally.

I wonder if Otter or Luce saw him.  
I could write him with good grace.  
Tell me a little something about  
the results of the efforts of Me + Byrd -

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I did not get a receipt for my  
check for \$50<sup>00</sup> in March but no doubt  
it came all right. I'll enclose another.  
Will you tell me what this makes the total  
for Mr. Caskey and me? I want to pay for  
that bill - \$516<sup>00</sup>. I think it cost -

Mr. Caskey<sup>+</sup> and I are both gaining slowly.  
Mr. Caskey sits up in bed and I've been  
to church twice but limp pretty badly  
yet. My trouble is not rheumatism  
but they call it "Multiple Sclerosis".  
Small clots form on the nerve and cut

off their activity - it may be a leg  
or an arm - the eye or the heart - so  
you see it is fairly serious. I think  
my doctor was surprised to have me  
taken out of the sanitarium instead of  
being cured. It is supposed to be caused  
by a severe nervous strain so I'm afraid  
I'll have to blame some of it onto Amblyop. Brown  
at least. Hope to go to Philadelphia  
again in the early fall and possibly to  
New York. Did the Conference  
at Springfield continue Dr. Frank M.  
North as secretary? I saw nothing that  
told me. Dr. Eric is no doubt still  
there. I am a great admirer of Eric's.

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Was delighted to have Lucie  
word about conditions in Peking  
and how it all struck him.

I'd love to go over for Sept '26.  
I shan't forget in any way.  
Didn't plan to write a whole  
volume when I started —

All best wishes

Sincerely  
Mark K. Cassady

Mrs. Paul Jones in enroute  
to Europe now for the summer.

Youngstown O.  
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NORTH CAROLINA

Casley

July 28, 1924

Dear Mr. Lewis -

Thank you for your good letter of the 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Let us be clear about two or three things -

Mr. J. M. Bonnell of Youngstown promised Dr. Stewart and me in December that she would duplicate her \$1000<sup>00</sup> (given in July 1923) in 1924. We hoped then that she would repeat it in 1925 making \$1500<sup>00</sup> a year for three years from the family. Mr. Hugh Bonnell and Mr. Paul Jones & myself - the other two pledged their \$500<sup>00</sup> for three years, and a helper in the Dept. of

Agriculture was employed at Peking  
in the faith of the three year contribution.  
Suppose you write Mr. Bonnell and remind him  
of our call in December - Dr. Stearns and myself -  
and tell her how comfortable it would be to  
have her \$1000<sup>2</sup> at this time. A suggestion  
to Mr. Bonnell that exchange rates are  
rather favorable just now - if they are - would  
be a good thing. It helped me occasionally  
with other people -

Mr. Myron C. Nick paid \$2500<sup>2</sup> <sup>NO 10000</sup> in 1922  
and again in 1923 - I think you will  
find \$1500<sup>2</sup> credited to her in Salary account

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in the Theological Dept. and \$1,000<sup>00</sup> to the  
Building fund - Her Pension was \$150<sup>00</sup>  
a year for three years on salary - <sup>She added the</sup> \$1,000<sup>00</sup> to please me.  
Suppose you write her and ask if she will  
be convenient for her to let you have a  
check for her annual contribution to the  
work. I wouldn't mention the amount -  
She wrote me in January that she had told  
her Secretary to send it - I can't understand  
why it has not come, and I think Mr. Nick  
will be chagrined - She is usually so very  
prompt -

Mr Perry B. Owen agreed to give \$2500:-  
year to the salary acct of the seminary, but  
would not pledge it for any definite period.  
She said she would give it in 1924 and  
on if she felt able but might stop it at  
any time she felt hard up. I counted it as  
annual contribution and a permanent one.  
Ours fair to write her at once about a  
check for \$1000:- to match the one of July 1923.  
She is able to give liberally. Her Mother,  
since deceased, gave me \$6000:- for a residence.  
The first one pledged - Mr. William Scott  
Borwell - You might suggest to all  
three of them that possibly my absence from

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The office has complicated some things in  
which I had had a part. They are all  
relations of mine.

In regard to my own small contribution -  
I want what Mr. Cuckey and I have given  
and will give all to go together on  
accounts of the mill - that is we have  
paid \$400<sup>00</sup> and want to pay some more  
as we can - We paid \$500<sup>00</sup> once  
before on a mill in So. China so you see  
we rather run the mills - The other was not  
so good as that at Peking some to say -

I appreciate your concern about my head  
Luce got after me about the Whole Grain  
Wheat and I've used a lot of it.  
It is no doubt a fine thing but had no  
effect at all on my trouble. It is purely  
a nerve strain with me - I blame it on  
Famblin - Brown but that is another story.

All good wishes

Sincerely yours

Wm. K. Calkins

August 7th,  
19 24.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

I am awfully grateful for your note about Mrs. Turner of Philadelphia. I did not know it and I am exceedingly glad for your word concerning this.

I saw Dr. Goodman of the Y. M. C. A. a couple of days ago and he wanted to be remembered to you.

I do not feel happy at all over the slowness with which you recover. The thing that does give me joy is your spirit in it all. When one gets the combination of physical suffering and loss in his family as you have endured this last week and stands up under it with his face alight, his eyes clear, and his mind high, as your letter showed you to be, even though his shoulders may bow a little, they but give the indication of strength in humility and encourage those of us struggling along the path of life to walk with a little firmer step, with a higher purpose and with deeper devotion.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville, N. C.

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August 12th,  
19 24.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

In going over the cards I find a note on the card of Mr. John G. Smith of 318 Liberty Street, Warren, Penna., stating that he is your friend, that his wife is deceased, that he is a Presbyterian, "tied up now but mother will give \$250,000 when she dies".

Does this mean Mr. Smith gets this \$250,000 or the University? This is just a friendly inquiry, but we don't want to miss any of these quarter of a million lying around, if they are designated for the University.

With warm regards,

As ever yours,

Mr. H. K. Caskey  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville, N. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA

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Aug 17, 1924

Dear Mr. Lewis -

Concerning Mr. Smith of Warren, Penna.  
(I think you will probably find that  
the recollections are those of Dr. Luce. He  
went to Warren several times, and I didn't  
go at all - John Smith was a friend  
of mine years ago, and I never talked to  
him after being in China except on the  
street in Buffalo one day and then probably  
not about Peking except briefly.

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Clearly the \$250,000 - is what he is likely  
to inherit - Not Peking University - or  
you would have heard the reprobation  
of it long ago - He is a fine sort  
of a fellow though and should be  
carefully cultivated -

I've been trying the hospital since I last  
wrote - having my tonsils out - and they  
were much attached to me. The doctor  
said if all came over as hard, he would  
throw up his job, but he never knew a case  
to heal better - so there's some satisfaction  
some place -

Cordially  
Arthur K. Caskey.



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NORTH CAROLINA



Dear Friends -

There used to be on Mr. Manning's list a  
Mr. McClellan whose address I think was  
Cambridge, N.Y. some place near Troy  
any way. He was a Yale man and  
much interested in their Enterprise, quite  
rich and worth cultivating - He died  
last summer while in Europe and  
his family will appreciate it I know if

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Mail in his name is discontinued.  
Sorry I cannot be more definite  
about it.

Sincerely,  
A. C. Barkley

Will be glad to look up Mr. W. C. McConnell  
of Glen Rock Station as early as possible.



25<sup>th</sup>  
New

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NORTH CAROLINA

Oct. 30/24

Dear Friends.

Enclosed herewith is check for <sup>\$880</sup>  
Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) on  
Account Campaign to be credited  
to Mr. Casky and myself.

My plan is to make the total  
\$525<sup>00</sup> to cover the cost of the  
Arterian Mill which Dr. Stewart  
writes me they have named the  
"Casky Mill" - Cordially Albert K. Casky.

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NORTH CAROLINA

Dec 12 1924

Miss Ann Dillman  
150 - 5<sup>th</sup> Ave

My Dear Miss Dillman -

Thank you very much for your thoughtfulness  
in connection with "Peking News" -

I was evidently on the original list  
so I received two small consignments and  
of course found it most interesting -

Hope things go well with you - would  
like so much to look in occasionally.  
Trust Christmas will be a very happy

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one and the new year a good one.

Sincerely yours

Wm. K. Casky

*[Faint, illegible handwriting, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]*

I have sent "No. 1" to Mr. Davis -  
I don't know how long Mr. Davis -

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NORTH CAROLINA

Dec. 12, 1924

Dear Mr. Davis -

The enclosing envelope has been discovered  
among my belongings so I must write  
you - I had it in mind any way -

I am still quite crippled, but get about  
every where, and ought to begin to do something  
for China, especially now that the churches  
have that country for their study classes -  
I showed some slides at the Y.M.C.A.  
a week ago and want to speak in the  
Presbyterian and M.E. pulpits here as a starter.

Dr. Charles Erdman has written of his own  
accord to the Presbyterian minister here I  
know, but the man has been ill and out  
of town for some weeks - and I'd rather  
wait till after January first anyway.

I wonder if you would write to the  
N.E. man here. He has a good church,  
just now being enlarged, so they are using  
a theatre - I haven't met him!

If you feel that you care to write him  
something like the enclosed, I'll be greatly  
obliged. You don't know anything about my  
speaking but I'll try to not disgrace you -  
Sincerely yours      Arthur R. Coakley -

December 15, 1924

Dear Mr Chappell:

Mr Herbert K. Caskey was until last winter the Executive Secretary of Peking University. On account of his wife's health he went to Asheville last winter and finally felt it necessary to resign his position with the University and remain there. He is now living at 159 Pearson Drive. He himself has not been well but now is fairly recovered and is a good man for use in connection with missionary work.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Northern Church asked him to give them a month in Florida, speaking, but he was compelled to decline this through inability to leave Mrs Caskey.

Mr Caskey is a layman and has travelled recently in China, Japan and the Philippines studying missionary work. Through his connection with Peking University he spoke in practically all the large cities of the country, and in many of the largest churches. He usually used some such topic as "The Churches Investment in Missions" and his message usually appeals to business men. I particularly commend him for your use some Sunday morning along missionary lines and assure you that you will find him not only a fine type of Christian gentleman but also an excellent speaker and one who knows whereof he speaks.

Very sincerely yours,

To

Rev. Ashley Chappell  
Central Methodist Episcopal Church  
Asheville, N. C.

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NORTH CAROLINA

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Dec "You Chung Ministry"  
My Dear Lewis - January 19, 1975

Mr. Perry B. Owen of Yonkers has  
sent her contribution for Peking to  
me, and I am enclosing it herewith.  
You will write her of course, as  
I shall do -

I enclose also \$50<sup>00</sup> <sup>\$10/6</sup> for Mr. Casky  
and myself. Will you tell me what  
our little total is now? My books  
and paper are still so scattered that

I can't check up without some  
trouble.

Mr. Britton's father Mr. McConnell, is  
in Florida, and as McConnell Bro. has  
a fruit farm there he will remain  
for some months. I will try to  
cultivate the brother who is a  
Presbyterian, who alternates with him  
in the Florida trips.

Bishop Manning seems to almost have  
the right of way in Money raising just now -  
Sincerely Yours Robert T. Coakley -

January 22, 1925

Mr. H. K. Caskey  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville, N. C.

Dear Mr. Caskey:

Mr. Lewis has been out of the city almost all of January and I did not forward your letter of January 12 to him because his dates were so uncertain. He will not be back before the end of this month or the first of next - and it may be even later as he is planning to meet Dr. Duce somewhere before returning to the city. Dr. Luce arrives at Seattle January 27. In Mr. Lewis' absence may I acknowledge your letters of January 12 and 19, and the checks enclosed in the latter letter - \$1500.00 from Mrs. Perry B. Owen and \$50.00 from you and Mrs. Caskey.

I have gone over our records and following are the amounts credited to you and Mrs. Caskey.

		Cash	Total Pledge	
June 1, '25	Caskey, Mr. & Mrs. H.K.	\$50.	\$200.	} Campaign
Oct. 22	" Mrs. (note after it changing to Mr. & Mrs.)	100.	100.	
" 23	Caskey, Mr. & Mrs. H. K.	100.		
Dec. 21	" " "	50.		} allman well
Apr. 26 '24	" " "	50.	50.	
July 15	" " "	50.	50.	
Oct. 30	" " "	75.	75.	
Jan. 22 '25	" " "	50.	50.	
		<u>325</u>	<u>525</u>	

Cordially yours

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March 27, 1925

My dear Mr Caskey:

Do you know anything more about Mr J. G. Smith, 318 Liberty St., Warren, Penna? There is a statement on his card that is "mother will give \$250,000.00 when she dies." It seems that she lives in Ohio. Do you know of a way of getting after this money? Certainly if there is anything like that in sight we ought to go after it.

I am carefully going over the best prospects on our list in the hope that by abundant personal solicitation we may acquire some substantial funds this spring. Just now I am in the Warren, Pa. group and find a number of persons on whose cards your initials are written.

How are you feeling now? You have been there for over a year and it surely seem as though you must be fairly well up the ladder of recovery. Your own word, however, would be the best assurance and I should be delighted to hear it.

Very sincerely yours,

To

Mr H. K. Caskey  
159 Pearson Drive  
Asheville, N. C.

*see reply to [unclear]  
letter*

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159 PEARSON DRIVE  
ASHEVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA

April 4 1925.

Dear Mr. Lewis -

In reply to yours of March 27<sup>th</sup> let me  
say that I did not go to Warren Pa  
at all while connected with the office  
but have met several times -

John G. Smith is however a friend  
of mine of long ago - I remember  
some discussion in the office about  
the notation concerning Mr. Smith's  
Matter and the \$250,000 - I think it

was after Luce had gone to China.  
He decided that it means that Mr.  
Smith would probably inherit that  
amount from his (Father) Mother in  
case of her death. No promise  
of that amount was made to P. U.  
You can not assume of that or there  
would have been a celebration and  
we should have all known of it.

You ask about my health -  
Well, we think we gain slowly -  
My right ankle is still badly crippled

159 PEARSON DRIVE  
ASHEVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA

So I don't walk well. I don't feel  
absolutely right yet either - I'm partly  
owing to the jump from the busy campaign  
and some trouble I had to adjust with  
nothing to do but think of my wife's health  
and mine. I've started a garden to keep  
my mind partly occupied. Spoke recently  
at the Episcopal church and on Easter Monday  
go into Tennessee for a Presbytery meeting.  
Mr. Casky has had a tedious fight  
but we think is winning out -

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I'll write later about Mr. Stewart of  
Lafayette Ind - She was on the  
Wailing list and evidently some  
one did some accounting -

Let me write Mr. Graham for the  
latest facts about her. In the  
mean time better send her the Piking  
News that show the cattle etc -

Mr. B. P. Stewart - 20<sup>th</sup> & Union Sts  
Lafayette Ind

Cordially yours

Herbert K. Coakley

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159 PEARSON DRIVE  
ASHEVILLE  
NORTH CAROLINA

April 11, 1955

Dear Friend

\$50 \$1085

Just a little check to  
apply on the "Casky Mill" acc't.

I want all that Mr. Casky and  
I have paid to go toward that  
item - Dr. Stewart said it had  
cost in full about \$650.00

Sincerely  
A.K.C.

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*See of interest*  
*following*

September 9, 1925

Mr. H. K. Caskey ←  
34 Lawrence Place  
Asheville, N. C.

My dear Caskey:

I have several times started to write you about the visit I am making to the States, but have delayed partly to be able to say something more definite about my movements and the outcome of this present effort.

The Hall Estate, which you may recall, is not only prepared to do more for us than we had originally hoped, but is financing a proposed School of Chinese Studies in some sort of an association with Harvard University and the Peking Language School. This would be conducted under two divisions; the work of the Chinese being on the University campus and that for the Western people in the plant of what is now known as the North China Union Language School. It is still too early to say anything more than that negotiations are proceeding quite hopefully.

Of course I am trying to make other efforts on the side as opportunity permits and am being called on for all sorts of interviews and discussions in regard to the present very critical situation in China. Because it is so serious, I am anxious to get back there as soon as possible, and am planning to sail from Seattle on October 6.

With the hope that both Mrs. Caskey and yourself are progressing well in health, and every good wish,

Very sincerely yours

JLS:S

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HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

July 25/  
26.

Dear Mr. Lewis -

In giving "illustrated talks" several  
times recently I have been somewhat  
troubled to get a good lantern -  
Evidently there are none in town  
except some that are pretty old, and  
I have just written for Spencer etc.  
thinking possibly I ought to own one.  
It occurred to me that maybe you  
would like to see the one we used  
to have in the office - It was seldom  
used when I was there except as I  
used it myself and in Wason's Lab -

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You may not want to see it and  
I may want a better one - or  
possibly none at all. It is  
much easier to let the other  
fellow worry about the lantern.

In answer to your kind enquiry -  
I'm feeling fine again, but my ankle  
is still a little out of gear. My  
greatest difficulty is trying to keep  
busy - Dr. Chappell the Methodist  
Minister has never tackled me, and  
people are inclined to be suspicious  
of the man who is too eager to help.  
He will probably get after me  
some day. I have a good

HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Bible class for the Men of the  
Pres. Church - about 50 of them -  
and am to conduct a Lenten class  
for Women in the Y.W.C.A. on the question  
that Glenn Frank suggests a Man from  
Mars might ask if he landed on the Earth.  
It is sponsored by several rather  
prominent women of the town and ought  
to go nicely. H.K.C. will have to  
watch his steps -

Mr. Caskey is doing famously.  
T. F. Byrd of Tamboyr - Town is in town  
in connection with a Campaign

In a National Park in the  
Mountain Near Luen. It does  
me good to see him and hear  
his stories about Peking.

Very cordially yours  
H.K. Gaskin

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HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

May 18/26.

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Dear Friends -

Enclosed in check for \$50.00

Contribution from Mr. Caskey

and myself for current year -

All good wishes

Sincerely

Herbert K. Caskey

Received <sup>well</sup> <i>Artemian</i>	\$50.00
Entered	✓
Cash receipt made	✓
Pledge card	
Follow up card	
Checked on list	✓
" " Stencils	✓
Answered	
(Lion sent)	✓
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HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

July 15/27

Dear Friends.

Enclosed is check for \$50.00  
from Mr. Caskey and myself  
Wish it were multiplied  
many times

Sincerely

Herbert Caskey

#1782 - for artesian well

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HERBERT H. CARRER  
OF LAWRENCE PLACE  
BOSTON, MASS.

July 18/27

Dear Sirs,

Enclosed is check for \$500  
from the Boston Law Group

for the Law Institute

Many thanks

Courtesy

Herbert Carrer

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December 26, 1929 E. W.

July 21, 1927

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey  
34 Lawrence Place,  
Ashville, North Carolina.

Der "H.K.":

We are revising all our office records and so more than once in the last couple of weeks your name has come before me and lastly in connection with your good gift of the Artesian well.

I think that we can be profoundly glad that the plant is fairly on the way. Much remains to be done yet in a thousand little ways and in addition we need more residences and also dormitories for last year we turned away three out of four of those who were able to pass the freshman examinations.

As you know, Yenching has been favorably located geographically and things have gone on so well that we have the marked distinction of being the only institution of higher learning in China that has kept faculty and students intact during the academic year. In June we received a cable saying that the academic year had closed successfully. Of course nobody knows what the future may hold but there is a 50-50 chance that everything may be ironed out in the next few weeks, and that it will be peaceful enough to open up the University in September under normal conditions. As usual our great concern is not as much out there as here. This winter I took a journey of five or six months across the country as far as San Diego and back and in all my experience I never have known a period when people were so keen to hear about China and so unwilling to help China. This, of course, can be explained psychologically but is a very illogical position for anyone really interested in the great task there at Peking to take.

Mrs. Luce and I have been together seven months in the last  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years so you can imagine how glad we are to have a fixed abode, at least for a year, at 611 West 112 Street. Our daughter Emmavil is now in India on her way home and she and her husband will be with us this winter, he studying at Columbia. It looks as if the Luce klan might all be together next Christmas here in New York city, which will be the first time it has been possible in fifteen years.

I am hoping that the health of Mrs. Caskey and yourself continues good. I have such a pleasant picture in my mind of your home there from the photograph that you sent. Is there some place down there where Mrs. Luce and I can retire in due time? In my thirty years of Missionary life I have had ten years travel in this country and I think a year from next April when my agreement with Yenching ends, will find me turning to some form of service which will not have so much travel. If you are likely to be in New York in the near future be sure and let us know. We have much to talk over and we now have fine plans both ground plans and bird's eye view together with a goodly number of pictures. I wonder if you would like some of them?

With most cordial greetings,

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AUG 3 1927

HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

July 31<sup>st</sup> '27.

My Dear Luce -

If I was good to have a real letter from you recently, and there is no end of things I'd like to write and ask about. You remember the old song - "When once he began he never let off"? That would be my case I fear -

I do count for you and Mrs. Luce a permanent home soon for you are certainly entitled to it. Asheville is perfectly ideal except for me on two reasons - it is too far

away from all our family - tho  
the people here are delightful.  
The Northern Church agreed some  
time ago to leave the community  
to the Southern Church entirely and  
a Northern clergyman doesn't stand  
much show with Dr. Campbell the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Church pastor. Dr. Edman knows  
Dr. Campbell very well and on his  
own initiative wrote him that  
I was coming - to keep me long.  
He has now asked me to serve on  
a Committee, to speak Myself, or  
do a thing except on Wednesday  
Night to lead in prayer - I think

HERBERT K. CASKEY  
84 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

be from my orthodoxy - If he only knew you!

Years ago Leighton told me that the artesian well had been named "the Caskey well" - Whether any one else knows it or not. I said then I'd like to have our small contributions apply in the expense of drilling it and would try to eventually make up the balance. He told me that it had cost about \$615.00 as I remember it - I have felt that our total payments now aggregate more than that amount though I

came up trying to get my satisfaction  
out of Lenin about it, as about  
some other things. I was surprised  
when my recent receipt said "An  
account anterior will". It ought  
to be much easier for you to check up  
the record and let me know how it  
stands, than for me to hunt back for  
my check book. Will you do it?  
I'm delighted to see there is a  
new treasurer. If ever an organi-  
zation needed me, Peking has  
for five years - Back of which  
I'm not an authority.

HERBERT K. CASKEY  
94 LAWRENCE PLACE  
ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Had Mr. Ellis & wife here for dinner  
last Thursday and he addressed the  
Rotary Club that day at My Request.  
The Club was much impressed.  
Tomorrow I hope to get in touch with  
Secy Leung of the Canton Y.M.C.A.  
who is at the Blue Ridge Camp. If he  
is as good as I remember him I'll try  
to get him for the Rotary. I'm to speak  
myself in August on the Philippines  
showing my lantern slides. Rotary  
has meant more in fellowship than my  
Church has down here - My Mission  
Sunday School keeps me away from the

Morning services and I wish them  
to go at night. Have officiated the  
Communion for a year. Expect to go with  
the St. Andrew's Brotherhood at their next  
specimen in the P.E. Church Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>. Do  
keep me posted. I certainly do like  
to hear about Peking. See York  
occasionally.

All good wishes  
A.K.C.

H. W. Caskey  
August 5, 1927

Mr. John McGregor Gibb  
4650 Locust St.  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gibb:

Mr. Caskey has been paying for the Artesian Well and we do not seem to have any statement as to the total cost of the well so he does not know whether he is quite through paying or not. Could you tell us what the well cost? I should be glad if you would drop me a line.

Very sincerely yours,

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August 5, 1927

Status of Mr. H. K. Caskey's Account

	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Credited to</u>
	\$ 50	6-10-1921	Campaign Building Fund
	50	9-16-21	" " "
	50	12-1-21	" " "
	115	2-10-22	" " "
	100	2-25-22	" " "
TOTAL \$415	50	5-9-22	" " "
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	* 50	6-3-23	Artesian Well
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	* 50	12-27-23	" "
	50	5-1-24	" "
	50	7-31-24	" "
	75	11-3-24	" "
	50	1-22-25	" "
	50	4-15-25	" "
	50	9-14-25	" "
	50	5-23-26	" "
TOTAL for WELL	50	7-18-27	" "
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	\$ 725		

\* Item originally credited to Campaign and on April 23, 1925 transferred to "CASKEY WELL"

NOTE: We can find nothing in our files to indicate the exact cost of this well. Mr. Caskey on July 15, 1924, stated he thought it cost \$516.00, but in his last letter he was under the impression it had cost \$615.00. At any rate he has more than paid for it.

However, See Mr. Libb's letter  
 9-11-27

*file-Caskey well*

4650 Locust Street, Philadelphia,  
August 9th, 1927.

My dear Dr. Luce:-

Yours of the Fifth reached me Yesterday. I have looked the well up in the May 31st, balance sheet where it stands at Chinese Dollars 1396.36, which at the rate of 1.88 which was the average rate for a long period at the beginning of the work comes to Gold Dollars 743. This includes the well digging, and casing but very little else connected with the well, as all the other expenses are included with water mains and power station. If Mr. Caskey is willing to give more than that amount as much more as he will give can go against the power station, water main etc account which is, I believe again overspent.

very sincerely yours

*Geo McGovern Gibbs*

*Mr. Caskey's payments  
amt. to \$725 to date*

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August 11, 1927

Mr. Herbert K. Caskey  
34 Lawrence Place  
Asheville, N.C.

Dear "H.K."

When I got your letter of July 31st, with its inquiry about the "Caskey Well" I immediately tried to find out the situation. I sent to Mr. Gibb who happens to be in this country at the present time and I have just received word from him. He says the actual digging of the well and the casing cost \$743. There are other items which are connected with the Pagoda and the Power station but this is the actual cost of the items which are mentioned.

I also enclose a statement of your gifts to date, which you see leaves a small balance for the well proper. I think it was a very fine thing to do and a very lovely thing that you thought of doing it. If it chances to be Spring when you are in Peking you will know what a well like this means. For all that compound to be able to drink water without boiling is certainly wonderful--an experience I have never had in all my time in China.

I have been working all through July up to now endeavoring to get our list notes in better shape. Among other items that come to us is an old memory of Glens Falls and the church that supports Professor Wolfers. I think nothing has ever been done since you were there. I have a dim memory of the situation but I would be glad if sometime at your earliest convenience you would jot down in brief form what the situation is and what you think the chance might be for getting them to put up a house for Wolfers. We now have enough of the large size houses so we are now endeavoring to get some from \$3000 to \$5000 for the future residences.

I also would be glad if you would send me Byrd's home address; I am under the impression he is not far from you, am I right? He blew in here a few moments the other day and it was indeed good to see him.

We are wondering what the outcome of the next twenty-four hours will be in connection with the Sacca-Vanzetti matter.

At this writing there seems to be little change in the Chinese situation and a general impression seems to be that it will be some time before there is very much change in Peking.

Ever most sincerely,

HRL/MS  
Enc.

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Cavert, Twila Lytton  
(Mrs, Samuel McCrea)

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July 24, 1940

My dear Mrs. Cavert,

You have probably already received intimations that by the first of July, we had secured in cash and pledges the \$23,000 needed to meet the conditional endowment pledges for \$47,000, and thus to round out the \$100,000 endowment unit for the Yenching Women's College. We hope to have during September a meeting of the Yenching College Committee, at which a detailed report can be presented.

Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Parlin, and Mrs. Moore are all away from the city just now, so I am writing you in their behalf to give you this good news, and to thank you for all that you did, both through your own gift and through enlisting the support of others, to make this undertaking a success. We know that Miss Speer and all of her assistants on the Women's College staff are gratified and encouraged by the success of our efforts to provide increased income and security for the work of the College at a time of special difficulty both on the field and here in America.

Very cordially yours,

B. A. Garside

Mrs. Samuel McCrea Cavert  
1 Glen Washington Road  
Bronxville, New York

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August 5, 1940

Dear Mrs. Cavert:

I think you will be interested in seeing a list of the Bronxville gifts which came as a result of the tea you gave in May, or from your earlier efforts on behalf of the Women's College Endowment. With the exception of Mrs. Colt, Mrs. Best, and Mrs. Shaffer, who asked that we do not put their names on our mailing lists, I imagine all of these can be continued on our list of friends to whom we send appeals every year, and most of them will perhaps make gifts to the work on an annual basis.

Mrs. Ferris J. Meigs	\$ 35.00	
Mrs. A. E. Stratton	5.00	
Miss Mary R. Morton	10.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tenksbury	10.00	
Mrs. Hubert Abbe Howson	5.00	
Mr. and Mrs. Clement M. Biddle	20.00	
Mrs. William E. Tucker	25.00	
Mrs. Donald D. Van Slyke	5.00	
Mrs. R. S. Crawford	5.00	
Mrs. Harold M. Bixby	10.00	
Mrs. E. A. Baily	5.00	
Mrs. Charles A. Sweet	5.00	
Mrs. Frederick G. Clapp	2.00	
Mrs. William L. Colt	5.00	
Mrs. Charles B. Best		}
Mrs. Howard C. Shaffer	15.00	
Mrs. Henry E. Cobb	10.00	
Mrs. Fleming Carrow, Traverse City, Mich.	10.00	
Mrs. J. Arthur Singmaster	2.00	
Mrs. D. F. Webster	10.00	
Mrs. Ralph H. Stearns (two gifts)	50.00	
Mrs. Otto S. Schairer	5.00	\$249.00

I think this shows a genuine interest among our friends in Bronxville in the Women's College work, and you are to be congratulated upon the results obtained for the endowment fund.

With best wishes for a pleasant summer, I am

Mrs. Samuel McCrea Cavert  
Bronxville, New York

Sincerely yours,

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December 11, 1940

Mrs. Samuel McGree Cavert  
1 Glen Washington Road  
Bronxville, New York

My dear Mrs. Cavert,

Most of us who made our pledges for the Yenching Woman's College Endowment Fund indicated that we would try to see that they were paid by December 31, 1940. It would, of course, bring great joy to our friends on the campus if we could report to them at the close of the year that the entire \$70,000 is now in hand and earning income for the support of the College.

I believe that the amount of your pledge is \$25.00. Our office machinery is all oiled up ready to receive it at your convenience.

All good wishes for a pleasant holiday season.

Very cordially yours,

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Ret to ELS  
MRS. SAMUEL McCREA CAVERT

161 Boulder Trail Bronxville, New York

June 6, 1941.

Dear Miss Van Siver

Here is the check of  
which I spoke to you today. It  
is to be credited to Bryn Mawr  
& Watehurst's quotas for the  
United China Drive and is  
to be given to the Women's  
College of Yenching and to be  
used where Mr. Evans and any  
others - such as Mr. Fawley -  
feel that it is most needed.  
It was so pleasant to

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see you today. You were very  
kind and generous with your  
time when I came in so un-  
expectedly.

Cordially yours

Twila Lytton (aut.)

(Mn. S.M. (aut.))